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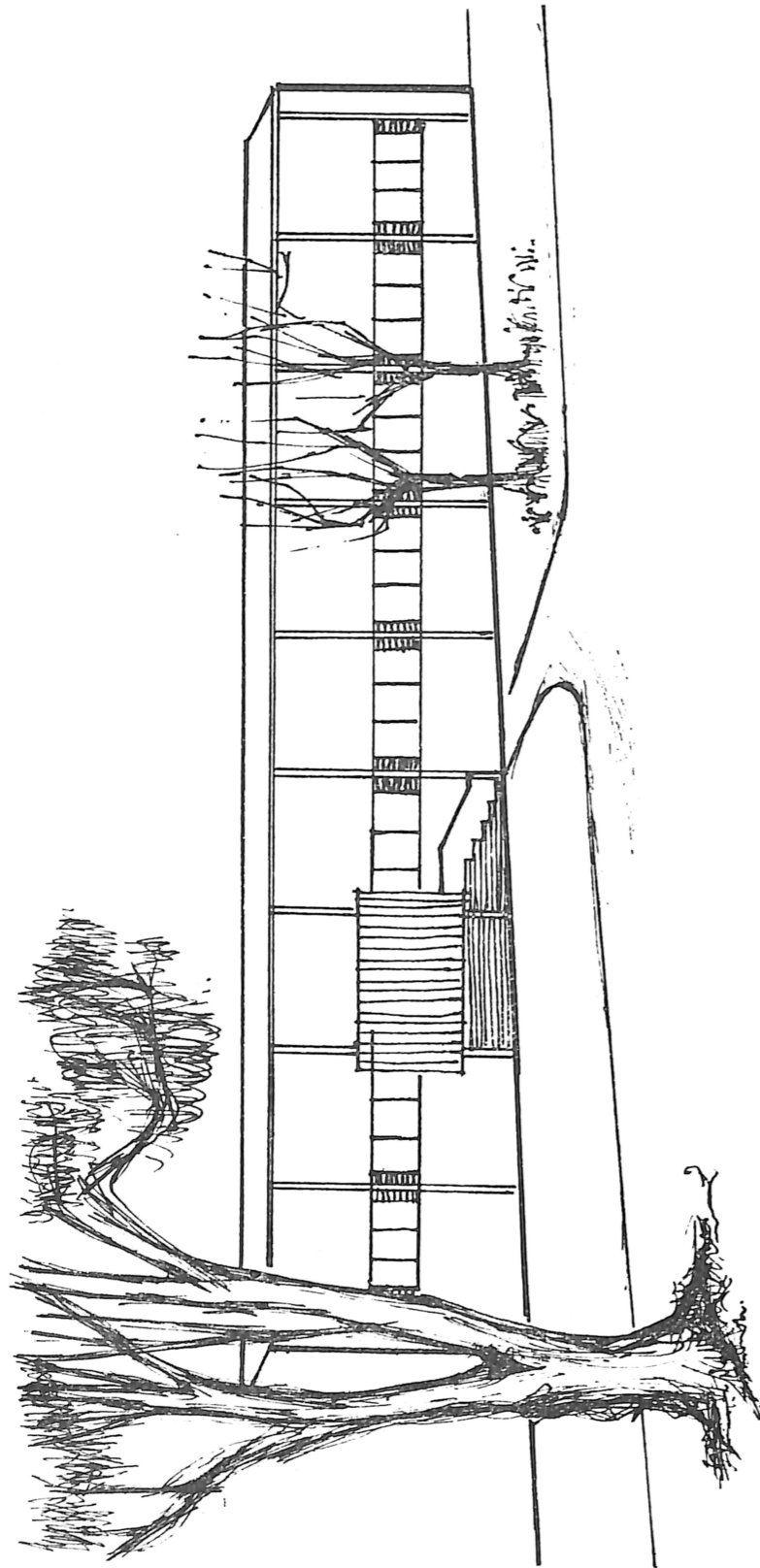
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The "H" for Hall Project

This will be our Hall



On April 3, 1964, the School Council was advised: "The Minister has approved of a special grant of up to £22,500 on £3 to £1 basis towards the cost of the erection of an assembly hall-gymnasium in the 1965-66 financial year, or earlier if required."

"It is understood that for the time being the School Council is prepared to forego previous grants allocated to the school for the construction of the oval and the provision of a gymnasium."

At that stage the school had:

1. Raised £1,000 towards the construction of oval No. 1 and applied for subsidy on the £1 for £1 basis.
2. Applied for a subsidy of £1,500 on the £1 for £1 basis for the construction of oval No. 2.
3. Applied for a subsidy of £7,000 on the £1 for £1 basis for the construction of a gymnasium.

Elementary arithmetic was all that was necessary to decide that this offer of £22,500 on a £3 for £1 basis was a better bargain than the other three, and probably the best bargain that we would ever be offered. School Council, therefore, decided to accept the assembly hall-gymnasium offer, and the Education Department was advised forthwith.

Funds in hand for the previous drive "O" for oval, canteen and book stall profits, and miscellaneous school revenues amounted to £4,000, leaving a balance of £3,500 to be raised as our quarter share of the projected £30,000 building.

A twenty week period was set aside for an all out effort to raise the additional money, and with the full support of the Parents, Citizens and Teachers' Association, the drive was launched.

The drive for funds followed three main avenues:

1. Letters were sent to all firms connected with the supply of goods and services to the school, and to local businesses soliciting donations to the fund.

2. The Parents, Citizens and Teachers' Association and the Mothers' Club devoted all their efforts, including the annual school fete, to the fund.

3. The students, working on a Form basis, raised money by the sale of "bricks", by the activities within the school, and personal donations.

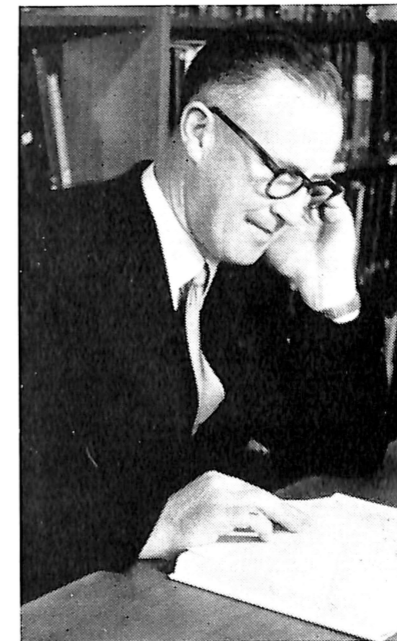
Each Form was set a nominal quota of £1 per head. Thirty-eight out of the forty-two Forms reached their quota, ten Forms more than doubled their quota and four Forms raised over four times their quota and exceeded £100. They were 1H £154, 1B £104, 3A £106, 4F £121.

Much praise is due to the staff for the wholehearted way in which they gave their support to the drive.

The results of the twenty weeks' effort were as follows:—

Cash donations from firms and well-wishers	£890
Money raised by P.C.T.A. and Mothers' Club	960
Money raised by the students	1,449
Special effort by members of the Ladies'	
Staff Room	81

Total to date £3,370



Mr. E. J. Heard, Principal.

The Education Department has recently advised the School Council that: "Present circumstances have made it necessary for the School Council to enter into a written contract with an architect before proceeding with . . . the proposed assembly hall-gymnasium at Ringwood Technical School. Such a document is being prepared on the advice of the Crown Solicitor. Your school may . . . proceed as planned when the contract document is finalised."

An architect has been consulted and has prepared tentative plans, and it is anticipated that other formalities will be completed in the near future and that the building will commence early in 1965.

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Head Mistress: Miss McLure

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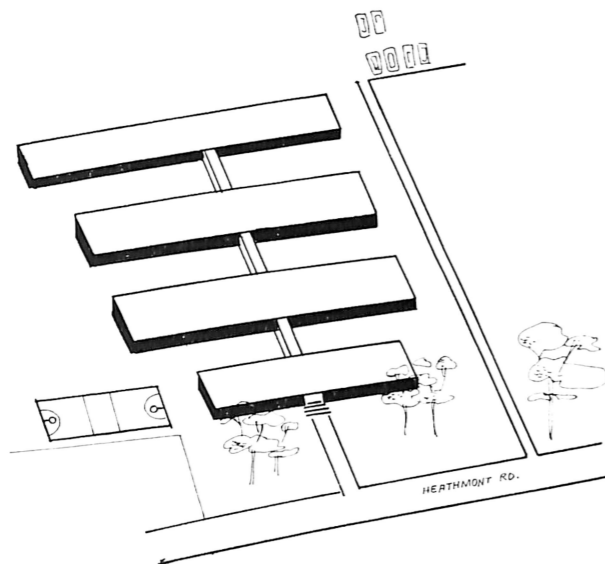
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School Prefects—1964

The school is once again heavily indebted to the girls and boys appointed School Prefects during the year. Their task involved heavier responsibilities than usual, for the school has been under severe test, because of the exciting fund-raising activities and the building of additional class rooms.

Despite the increased difficulty of the task, our Prefects continued to carry out their duties cheerfully and unselfishly.

On the school's behalf, I offer to the Prefects a very sincere thanks for a job well and faithfully done.

—D. J. Thomas, Teacher in charge of Prefects.

GIRL PREFECTS, 1964

Back Row (l. to r.): R. Kennedy, L. Kiker, L. Clarke, J. White, Derry Trueman, J. Stephens, A. Van Der Spek, C. Powell.

Front Row: J. Read, A. Newett, D. Young, J. Hartley (Head Prefect), Diana Trueman, A. Mawston, P. Bulstrode.



BOY PREFECTS, 1964

Back Row: (l. to r.): J. Aitken, R. Tann, T. Kane, T. Keatch, R. Gardner, D. Gray, K. Hone, G. Miller.

Front Row: J. Talia, B. Armstrong, J. Morris, T. Derham (Head Prefect), J. Pill, G. Dewar, M. Shield.

Scholarship Holders—1964

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R. Birchall, G. Millar, P. Poole, R. Tann, M. Bassett, M. Robins, J. Stephens, B. Armstrong, C. Birchall, K. Houghton, A. Junge, T. Kane, T. Keatch, J. Morris, R. Olsson, I. Parsons, J. Pill, P. Bulstrode, C. Powell, J. Savage, L. Switzer, D. Trueman, J. Moyle.

Congratulations also to the many other scholarship holders.

Parents, Citizens and Teachers' Association, 1964

Policy: The policy of the Association this year has been to co-operate with all other school organisations to raise funds with which to finance the school assembly hall project.

Nevertheless, a concrete cricket pitch was provided for the No. 2 school oval and an attractive cabinet purchased for display of various trophies.

Membership: The total number of member-families for 1964 was 360; the highest number of members in any one year since the inception of the school.

Committee: The executive committee responsible for the success of the year's activities is comprised of: President, Mr. L. Tann; Vice-President, Mr. M. Patten; Treasurer, Mr. H. Robinson; Secretary, Mr. D. Thomas. Members: Mrs. B. Miller, Mrs. H. Williams, Mrs. World, Mrs. V. McHarry, Mr. K. Washfold, Mr. L. Ryan, Mr. R. Short, Mr. T. Stewart and Mr. D. Foot.

Fete Report: The Association, working in co-operation with the School Mothers' Club, held its Annual School Fete in the grounds of the school on Saturday, 24th August, 1964.

The Fete was organised by the above Associations as their contribution to the school hall building project.

The central axis around which the Fete proceedings revolved was the arrangement of various stalls. These stalls provided cakes, scones, sweets, groceries, tinned foods and goods, fancy goods, books and secondhand articles. Refreshments such as tea, coffee, soft drinks, ice-cream and other confections were abundantly available.

The staffing of the large number of stalls was made possible by the ready co-operation of members of the School Mothers' Club, Parents, Citizens and Teachers' Association, and the teaching staff and students of the school.

A helicopter provided joy-rides for patrons during the afternoon. No difficulty was experienced by the pilot in landing and taking off in the confined space of the school grounds.

The Ringwood Marching Girls' Association provided a splendid display of marching and the girls were accompanied in this by the Ringwood Citizens Brass Band. The Band later contributed a recital of their rousing music.

The Thunderbirds, Rod and Custom Club, a South Melbourne organisation, presented a display of their cars and also screened films of topical interest to those interested in motoring.

Model railways, pick-a-box, tractor rides, shooting gallery, pony rides and dancing were among other features which created a great variety of interests.

Gross takings amounted to approximately £900; the exact total cannot be determined until the sale of surplus goods has been affected. Expenditure is expected to amount to £300 and the profit margin therefore is expected to be £600.

In comparison to previous Fetes, the following are considered to be factors which contributed strongly to the success of this venture:

- (1) There was **more** willingness by parents and teachers to act as sales people.
- (2) There were **more** teachers assisting and directing the pupils of their Forms.

- (3) There were **more** pupils working at Form activities.
- (4) **More** people attended the Fete than on any previous occasion, and they paid **more** into gross takings.
- (5) There was **more** profit. It is expected that the profit margin will be almost double that of 1963.
- (5) All organisations within the school co-operated together with a determination to succeed. —D. J. Thomas, Hon. Secretary.

Mothers' Club Report

During the year 1964 the Mothers' Club meetings have been held monthly at the school, although not very well attended (25 to 30 being average), they were enjoyed by all present. Demonstrations were held on varied subjects, ranging from millinery to Dr. Cass explaining the methods used in research for The Children's Hospital.

We had two very well attended meetings during the year, the first in July when over 60 mothers celebrated our 5th Birthday; Mrs. Matthews from the "Brown Study" spoke and displayed some of the beautiful books now being printed. Then in August we held a Smorgasbord Luncheon, with members of the staff and office. 103 enjoyed a hot lunch and the mothers present stayed for the meeting and hat parade which followed.

The Canteen has been staffed by mothers, led by the able Manageress Mrs. Wright. We hope the mothers will continue the good work in the year ahead.

Two outings were held during the year, one to the School for Deaf Children, the other to Henley's Beauty Bar where several of the mothers and teenage daughters were given a bit of glamour.

The Mothers' Club stalls at the Fete raised the sum of £124/15/0 and a further cheque for £55 was handed to the Principal (Mr. Heard) at our Annual Meeting, like all funds raised this year, to go towards "H" for Hall.

The office-bearers for the years 1965 are: President, Mrs. World; Vice-President, Mrs. Tann; Secretary, Mrs. Birchall; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Grant; Treasurer, Mrs. Robins; Canteen Secretary, Mrs. West.

I would like to thank Mr. Heard, Miss McLure, Mr. Holmes, teachers, students and office staff for their help and co-operation in the past year. We have an interesting year planned for 1965—plan to be with us.

—M. World, President.

The School Social

This was the most successful school social yet held when over 100 senior students and 10 members of staff gathered together on 26th August at Ringwood Presbyterian Church Hall.

The programme proved to be varied and entertaining. At one stage during the evening many ow's! etc. were yelled. Yes! The girls were taking revenge on the boys by stitching patches to the seat of their trousers.

A very friendly atmosphere was created by the attractive decorations and an excellent band, who joined in with the fun of the evening.

We would like to express our thanks to all who helped to organise the evening and make it so successful.

Music Notes

For the first time, a Music Festival for local schools was held at the Croydon High School in Education Week. Ringwood Technical School was invited to take part and our choir of forty Form 1 girls and boys, the maximum number allowed, sang two numbers—"The 23rd Psalm" and "The Water-Fay's Song". We were very proud to hear that the District Inspector (Mr. Chapman) had written to commend our singing. A tape recording of these and other songs was made during practice time and played to the parents on Open Day.

Our activities this year have included attending Orchestral Concerts for Schools in the Melbourne Town Hall and singing at the Technical Schools' Music Festival at Storey Hall. At the moment, we are hoping that a record will be made of this Festival so that our school and others will have a permanent reminder of the occasion.

I would like to thank all choir members for practising so willingly in their leisure time and for representing their school so well. Special thanks are given to Mrs. Nelson who has always helped cheerfully and ably as accompanist.

Television Receiver

One of the most valuable and useful pieces of equipment acquired by the school this year has been a 23" Television Set donated by Mr. Jack Taylor, of Hannams. The set was installed free of charge and free service is provided by Hannams.

Mathematical programmes have been viewed regularly throughout the year by approximately 200 Form One students and some science programmes have also been most valuable.

As the lessons provided by ABV2 increase in scope more and more students of the school will benefit from Mr. Taylor's generous gift.

Library

This year has seen considerable expansion in library facilities. Five hundred new books have been added, including the World Book Encyclopaedia and the ten-volume Australian Encyclopaedia. The reference section is used a great deal for project work, particularly in Social Studies, Science and Music, and borrowing figures show an increasing interest in reading.

We are glad to have Mrs. Fox as part-time librarian this year. Thanks are due to the members of the Library Committee for their help during lunch hour and on Monday mornings.

By the end of the year we hope to be settled in the extended library room. We should then have ample room for future expansion.

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Social Service

Although our efforts for this year in raising money for charity have been somewhat curtailed by the tremendous drive for the hall, we have managed to collect a total of £170.

This has been our lowest annual total, but an excellent school effort in self denial with the majority being collected by Forms in the first term.

Many local organisations in the Ringwood district have once more benefited with financial aid from this school. All have been extremely grateful and all have acknowledged our usual £10 donation.

I mark down as highlights of this year's social service the following features:—

1. The judicial meetings held by the Finance Committee.
2. The final attainment of Form 2B in winning the shield. (The Form Master has been trying for four years.)
3. A total of £50 has now been sent to the hospital at Bright. (A £10 donation each year for five years.)
4. A grand total of over £1,200 since social service started at the school.

My personal thanks goes to every contributor for their unselfishness, and to the representatives, but in particular to the generosity of the Forms listed below that forwarded to me their hall fund dividend: 5A, 4A, 4B and 4F. Last, but not least, to the office staff, a big thank you for counting so many pennies.

—J. M. Montgomery, Teacher in charge.

Crusader—Inter School Christian Fellowship

Our I.S.C.F. group has been in action again this year with the usual run of films, speakers, quizzes and bible studies. This year the meetings have been controlled by the committee with the assistance of our two councillors.

This year the group's numbers have been boosted by a large influx of first formers, which gives us hope for next year. The average number turning up at our meetings had been between twenty and thirty. Our group is said to be the only one in the State which has more boys than girls, usually the ratio is three to one. All girls take note.

We would like to thank all members of staff who, throughout the year, have made our meetings possible.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our invitation to anyone who may be interested in attending our meeting to feel free to do so.

Committee: A. Van Der Spek (Secretary), C. Powell, V. Powell, A. Martin, K. Houghton (group leader).

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Educational Tours

This year two new trips were included in our Educational Tours:

- (a) A girls' trip to the snowfields.
- (b) A special outdoor sketching trip for art students.

Unfortunately some students desirous of taking part in the camps booked for this year found difficulty in producing the finance, so if you intend going on a tour start saving now, and I mean now, don't leave it until a few weeks before a camp commences.

This year more variations in the itinerary were noted, and it is expected that further variations will be included for 1965, possibly involving the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

I am indebted to the assistance of Mr. Nelson over the years and also to those members of staff that took parties away: Mr. Butcher, Mr. Moore, Miss Arnold, Miss Glenn and Miss Cicuto.

It is considerable reward to me to know that the boys and girls of this school are held in high esteem by camp owners and bus service lines.

Thanks must go to the parents, staff and the Principal (Mr. E. J. Heard) in making it possible for these educational camps to take place.

—J. M. Montgomery.

The Girls' Trip

On Saturday, 12th September, a group of 25 girls left Ringwood for Bennett's Camp, Bright, on a six-day Educational Tour of the Ovens Valley area.

The weather on the journey to the camp was far from promising, but this did not affect the high spirits of the travellers who were absorbed in the driver's commentary on wayside items of interest.

Trip diaries were kept and this, along with the many enquiries made of the guides, helped the girls gain a great deal from the various interesting excursions. The highlights of these were the tour of the Hydro-Electric Scheme, a visit to the fish hatchery and a visit to the Beechworth museum.

Camp leisure time afforded much fun for the students, and although the staff were frequently made the object of this fun, it is believed that they enjoyed the camp's lighter side too.

The highlight of the leisure time could have been the dances in the evening with Preston East, the visit to the local theatre, or prank night. Perhaps even more deserving would be the concert with the "Can Can" girls and the "school day" group. Then, of course, one can't forget the laughs when Bill the bus driver masqueraded as "Wilhemena".

There were many things which contributed to a really wonderful tour and our thanks go to a kind and helpful driver and on the whole a well behaved group of girls.

It was a sad thing when all the "Happy Little Vegemites" had to return to Ringwood, but surely the memories will linger for quite some time. There will surely be many wishing to take a similar trip next year.

The Bush Walking Club



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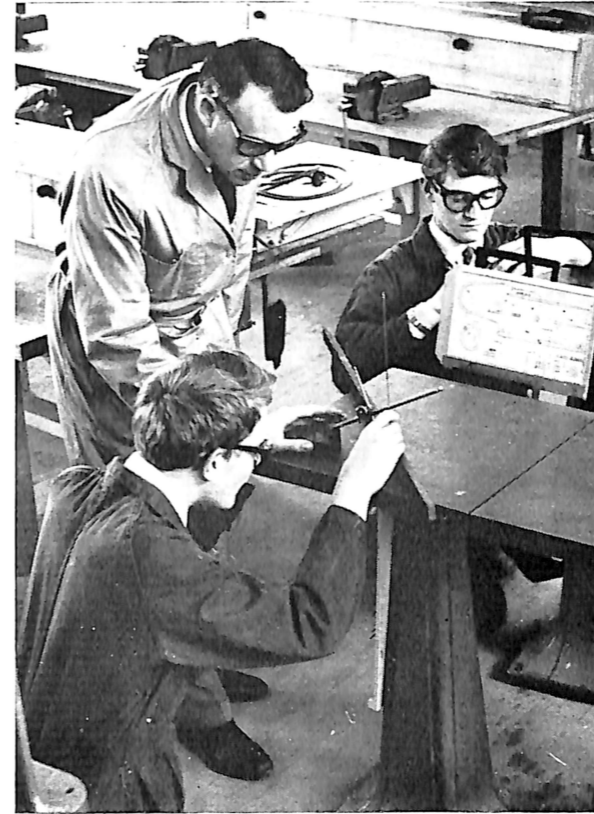
We don't pretend to be as tough as this character shown above, but we can at least say that we have conquered a 2,200 ft. height on at least two occasions. All the more surprise for both Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Nelson managed to keep up with us.

Perhaps this year could be called the graduation year for the excellent ground work put in by the National Fitness Council in the person of Mr. Brian Scott has paid dividends and four hikes were arranged.

Our mountaineering efforts to the Cathedral Range including the straddling of Mount Sugarloaf early in the year was a tough graduation, but even though the boys were held back by the girls, all decided to have another try. This we did just after correction day.

This co-educational activity has also been a weekly interest for boys and girls who meet each Tuesday in a room suited for showing slides. A

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Students working in the Machine Shop under the direction of Mr. Davidson and Mr. Schaffer, respectively.

Shavings by Termites

The woodwork department has completed a year of plain sailing skippered by Mr. Brittingham, with the able assistance of Mr. Butcher and Mr. Mc-Harry. A most successful year's work was done with great aid being given to Operation "H" and other departments in the school, enabling them to function smoothly.

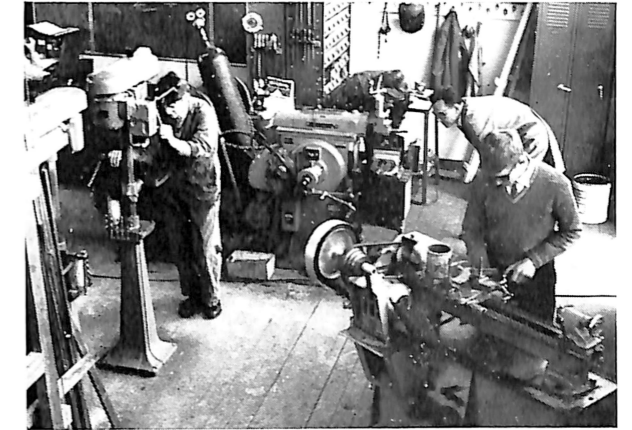
Form 1B under Mr. Brittingham's guidance did a fabulous job in the workshop, making commodities that netted well over £100 towards the appeal.

During the year crowds of awe-stricken boys have been seen staring, open-mouthed, as the monster machines devoured huge quantities of sawdust food, with a large helping of shavings to supplement the diet. A typhoon created havoc with these monster machines by sucking large

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quantities of sawdust and shavings away before they could devour everything. This typhoon is commonly known as "The biggest sucker in the school".

Until this occasion arises again, this is the "Termites" signing off.



THE BUSH WALKING CLUB

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great number of teachers have given talks on their travels and the Bush Walking Club is indebted to them.

I am told that Mr. Montgomery spent a weekend in the Adelaide hills early in December and stayed with Mr. Oliver Moriarty, the South Australian author-bushwalker. He returned, having caught the train by the skin of his teeth, with a large bushwalker's map of the Flinders Ranges—so here's hoping.

The club has voted Anne Vanderspek, bushwalker of 1964, for her great popularity.

It is hoped our group will become a larger group next year, but bear in mind that if you intend joining us you should have an additional interest—such as photography, sketching, bird watching, camping or the like.

Our two teachers concerned in this co-educational activity have felt for a long time that many boys and girls are excluded from educational activities and tours through financial difficulties, hence the reason for forming this club.

A great proportion of our members will be leaving this year and we are particularly keen to recruit new members. What are the requirements?

You must have a good pair of legs, whether boy or girl.

—One of the Gang.



Students listening attentively to a lecture at the Showgrounds Branch of the State Savings Bank.

During the year we have dreamed and planned towards that great day when we move into our new rooms, including our model office. New equipment has been purchased with this in view, also new class sets of the very latest and best type-writing text books, and we are now only waiting for the advent of 1965 to commence with premises and equipment second to none.

Much of our work in General Business Education this year has been done through excursions including visits to Parliament House, the Law Courts, the Harbour Trust (when we combined business with pleasure on a Harbour Cruise), the Ringwood Court of Petty Sessions, a local factory, and the special branch of the State Savings Bank at the Showground. At this bank our girls actually manned the Branch, taking all positions from Manager downward and, to their credit we record, not a penny was lost.

This has been our first year with a Leaving Class and we have been agreeably surprised at the improvement in the standard of work being done in this year. The necessity for the final year will be felt progressively as the better jobs are now only available to girls with the additional qualifications.

To meet the changing needs of business, all syllabuses were revised at the end of last year and we now feel that thorough study along the lines provided will give our girls a first class basis for entry into the commercial world at the end of Leaving year.

Rumour has it that there will be a greatly increased enrolment for this course next year and we have high hopes that the future will see Ringwood turning out a continuing stream of top-line junior secretaries and typists.

R.T.S. VISITS STUDENT-OPERATED BANK



Opening a new account.



Girls learning to use an accounting machine at the same branch.

Girls' Sports Notes

The first sporting fixture for the girls this year was the Annual House Swimming Sports held in March at the Ringwood Baths. We were fortunate in having perfect swimming weather and altogether it was a most enjoyable day—especially for Blue House who won the Cup! This is the third time in five years that Blue House has been successful at the School Swimming Sports. The final points were: Blue 131, Gold 119, Green 108, and Red 54.

Each House, combined with the boys, met again a week later to compete in the Annual House Sports at Jubilee Park, Ringwood. Perhaps the event which aroused most interest was the staff versus students relay which (fortunately?) had to be cancelled last year because of bad weather. Results of this year's race are not at hand! The successful House this year was Green 281 points, next came Red 253½, Blue 209, Gold 194½.

In April our girls competed in the Girls' Technical Schools' Swimming Carnival at the new Olympic Swimming Pool. The senior girls swam strongly and did well to finish in third place for the Senior Cup. Congratulations to Lorraine Furner who won three of her races—the 55 yds. freestyle senior, 55 yds. breaststroke senior, and 55 yds. backstroke senior—and was placed second in the open individual medley. Sue Beck is to be congratulated also for gaining a first place in the 55 yds. freestyle under 15 and third place in the 55 yds. backstroke under 15. Our other successful competitor was Elizabeth Hill who came third in the junior diving. The school, which was competing in Division A, finished in fourth place in the Aggregate Cup.

The girls at our school do not have weekly competition in sport with other schools. Instead, a day is set aside each year when all the Girls'

Technical Schools meet and play softball, basketball, hockey and tennis matches. This day is known as Field Day and is held late in Term 2. 6th August was the date for this year's Field Day, but, due to heavy rain, it was impossible to play at Fawkner Park and Field Day had to be postponed and finally cancelled.

During the September holidays, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Norris gave up their time to coach our girls for the Inter-Technical School Athletics Carnival which was held in October. Their efforts were rewarded, for Ringwood moved up one place from last year in the Aggregate Cup, Division I. Our junior team performed well, particularly in team events, to finish in fourth place in the Junior Cup. Next year we will be trying to improve on our number of fourth places in events (7) and so boost the final points.

Once again Mrs. Goss trained girls for the Marching team. Altogether, fifteen schools were represented and although Ringwood did not gain a place, we were very proud of our marchers. We thank Mrs. Goss for her work and interest.

House matches in basketball and softball were continued this year. In addition to these sports, the girls participated in swimming, volleyball, tennis and squash in their two sport periods.

Points for House Matches to date are: Red 385, Green 310, Gold 285, Blue 220.

In conclusion, Mrs. Scouler, the Assistant Sportsmistress, and I would like to thank the House and Vice House Captains, the House Mistresses and the teachers for their co-operation, and Miss Glen for her work with the Saturday Morning Softball team.

—Mrs. G. Woolrich.



Girls' Swimming Team



Girls' Squash Team

SATURDAY MORNING SOFTBALL

It was never a difficult task to know at what diamond R.T.S. softballers were playing each Saturday morning, as one could hardly miss those gay yellow blouses and the blue track suit trousers. Yes! This was the uniform chosen by the group of girls selected, after many training periods, to represent our school in the Saturday morning inter-school softball competition.

Matches commenced on 6th June and were played at Fawkner Park until the end of August.

As the season progressed, the girls could see that their chances of reaching the finals were quite real and although many of the games were difficult the team spirit and "will to win" attitude of the girls was most commendable.

It was decided by the Association that the top two teams at the end of the season should play

in the final. Imagine the tension after the last game when the schools concerned were to be contacted during the school week! The tension became great excitement when Ringwood received a call and knew that it had succeeded in making the final by 2%!

Unfortunately Ringwood was defeated in the final by Murrumbena High School, but the experience gained by the team will be invaluable for next year as it is rumoured that R.T.S. intend to take the cup in 1965.

The 1964 team comprised Bev. Hodgetts, Ruth Tozer, Denise Young, Marilyn Berry, Annette Newett, Julie Stephens, Ann Mawston, Magdalena Padjasek, Lynette Bangay, Judith Danby and Derry Trueman. Thanks to the following girls who acted as emergencies when required: Marion Kiker, Lyn Estaugh and Janet Cullen.

—Miss B. Glen.

Girls' House Notes

RED HOUSE

House Mistress: Mrs. P. Howard
House Captain: Julie Stephens
House Vice-Captain: Janis Hartley.

The Athletic House Sports this year were very close between Red and Green Houses. Red House won the composite relay which increased our score greatly. This, however, was not good enough and Green won by a narrow margin.

The Swimming Sports were not quite so successful for us and we came fourth. However, we tried very hard and next year we hope to do better.

The girls have done a very good job in helping to organise functions and taking part in both sports.

For our Dance in aid of Operation "H" in August we raised over £20, which was a very good effort. We also collected a lot of money from weekly collections and penny votes.

TREE TOP

We have done extremely well in the weekly sports of softball and basketball. The Second Form girls have won softball and basketball nearly every week and credit must go to them.

We would like to thank all teachers and students for their support throughout the year.



Girls' Basketball Team

GREEN HOUSE

House Mistress: Mrs. Jonson
House Captain: Eileen Mackey
House Vice-Captain: Annette Newett.

We have been particularly happy this year as we have had one major success and this was when we gained first place in the Athletic Sports. We were not so successful in the Swimming Sports as we only came third.

Our basketball and softball teams have tried hard throughout the year. The senior teams have been more successful than the junior teams, but this did not matter as the junior teams tried their hardest.

The House has not done very well in the citizenship award as many girls have lost too many points. The girls of Green House have tried hard in the Queen Competition which was to raise money for Operation "H".

We would very much like to thank our House Mistress (Mrs. Jonson) for the help she has given to us throughout the year.

Thanks to all the girls for the co-operation they have given throughout the year and I would like to wish the new Captain and Vice-Captain the best of luck for the coming year.

GOLD HOUSE

House Mistress: Mrs. Hartigan
House Captain: Diana Trueman
House Vice-Captain: Derry Trueman.

At the beginning of the year we saw many young and new faces come into Gold House. Everyone was eager to be the top House in sport and behaviour. Most of these good intentions have been carried out and we thank you.

The weekly House sports, basketball and softball, have been played successfully throughout the year.

Gold House swam very well in the House Swimming Sports and finished in second position with only a few points the difference between the winning House and our House.

You all did your best in the Athletic Sports, but we are sorry to say that we did not get a satisfactory placing.

Earlier in the year it was decided to run a Queen competition with a Queen from each House, the Queens being the House Captains. It was up to each House to raise money for the new Assembly Hall and, the Queen of the House that managed to raise the most money, became the Queen of

the School. Gold House held a barbecue. Everyone in the House contributed to this fund by giving a penny each week at House meetings.

During the following years I sincerely hope that the House Spirit will grow and that everyone of you will be eager to assist in its activities. The secret of a successful House is unfailing co-operation. When this is achieved, then, and only then, can we be proud to be in Gold House.

BLUE HOUSE

House Mistress: Mrs. Greig
House Captain: Patsy Bulstrode
House Vice-Captain: Lorraine Furner.

Sixty-nine very sport-minded juniors and 32 seniors go together to form Blue House girls.

All our members are enthusiastic about athletics. Our position in the House Athletics was third. We managed (without great difficulty) to take away the cup for the House Swimming Sports in which our leading lights were L. Furner and S. Beck.

Our one big effort for raising funds for the new Assembly Hall was a Dance with Green House. Other donations were made by the sale of toffees in House assemblies and with a little persuasion from Mrs. Greig we managed to collect 10/- at every meeting.

Looking back upon the year we are proud to say that we did not disgrace ourselves by losing too many Citizenship points and our teams have won a total of 20 softball and basketball matches.

It was a great effort by all in the swimming and athletics House Carnivals.

Our thanks go to all who helped to make it such a successful year for Blue House.



Girls' Tennis Team

General Sporting Activities (Boys)

HOUSE SPORT

Sport this year was again organised into three divisions, and for the first time our Fifth Form boys were officially included in all competitive sport. The divisions were: 1st Form, 2nd Form, with 3rd, 4th and 5th Forms combining to form a senior division.

Green House, for the fourth consecutive year, is once again leading the field in the points competition, and even though they are being followed closely by Red House, it would certainly appear at this stage that they have established a firm grip on the Championship Cup. **Progressive Totals:** Green 1872, Red 1799, Gold 1443, Blue 1398.

CRICKET

At the commencement of the first term, Ringwood again entered an eleven in the Inter-Technical Schools' Association. The matches for this competition were played during February, March and September. Unfortunately, the team had only two wins and one draw out of five matches, and consequently just missed the semi-finals.

The team, coached by Mr. T. Butcher, again this year contained a number of all rounders rather than star batsmen or bowlers. One player in particular though, David Beith, is to be congratuated on his sterling efforts, which ultimately helped him to win both the batting and bowling averages.

STAFF VERSUS STUDENTS CRICKET MATCH (Played in December, 1963)

The day had finally come, and under a greyish sky with scattered clouds blotting out any beams of light from the sun, the Staff team walked out on to the damp green carpet of H. E. Parker Reserve accompanied by spectators' cheers and mingled with comments to the effect: "Gee! Mr. — has filled out with age. Mr. —'s sandals ought to throw a party and invite his cuffs down. Mr. — looks as though he will be a valuable asset to the side, and it is about time you discovered "Super Rinso" for those ageing cream trousers, Mr. —."



Boys' Cricket Team



Boys' Football Team

After tossing a coin the Staff team went into the field under the wily captaincy of one of its senior players. With much confidence, the Staff looked forward to some quick wickets from their fast bowlers. But alas! The local Council employee had sabotaged the area around the wicket with the water sprinklers and one particular bowler was unable to avoid slipping in his sandals when running up to the crease.

At the completion of the lunch adjournment, the Staff set out to pass the one hundred and twenty-odd runs hit up by the boys. However, this was not to be, and although a couple of teachers showed some dogged batting, the Staff were bundled out for a mere sixty-odd runs.

To all the boys, we offer them our congratulations for a well earned victory, and we would like to thank both the School Cricket team and spectators for a most enjoyable day's cricket.

FOOTBALL

Seniors: During May, June and July of this year, Ringwood entered a football team in the Inter-Technical Schools' competition and, under the experienced coaching of Mr. P. Guinane, completed the season with two wins and eight losses.

In the pre-season training, it was thought that we would be able to field a likely premiership side. Nevertheless, throughout the season the boys battled relentlessly for victory, but were unfortunate to lose some very close games. The Best and Fairest award was won by J. Aitken.

Juniors: During the latter part of term two this year, three inter-school football matches were again arranged for the 2nd Form boys. The team, captained by Alan Falkingham and assisted by Andrew Mueller, played Blackburn Tech. once and Ferntree Gully Tech. twice. Accompanied by their enthusiastic coach (Mr. Westcott), the boys tasted success only once. However, the competitive sport and inter-school relationships was enjoyed immensely by players and officials.

SOCCER

Senior: Ringwood Tech., for the first time ever, decided to enter a team in the Inter-Technical School competition this year.

Coached by Mr. O. Norris and captained by Malcolm Shield, an enthusiastic team was unfortunately beaten in all ten games. Nevertheless, the boys enjoyed the keen competition and were proud to be the pioneers of Ringwood's entrance into the abovementioned competition.

Although a "Best and Fairest" award is not voted for in this team yet, congratulations must go to Malcolm Shield for his outstanding and courageous play, also the handling of his team throughout the season.

Junior: Form Two boys this year again participated in three inter-school soccer games, once against Blackburn Tech. and twice against Ferntree Gully Tech. Ringwood Tech. won only one of these games, but, although we were not as successful as last year, the boys, accompanied by Mr. Kazenwadel, still enjoyed being representatives of their school.

BASEBALL

A team was entered, for the second time ever, in the inter-technical schools' competition this year. With great enthusiasm the boys, coached by Mr. L. Benn, aimed at enjoying success on many occasions. But unfortunately, even though four games were highlighted by very close scores, the team did not taste victory in any matches. However, with the same enthusiasm and thorough preparation, the team hopes to perform more creditably next year.



Boys' Soccer Team

SWIMMING

Ringwood City Baths was again the venue for the House Swimming Sports, which included a 26-event programme. This annual event was highlighted by the most even and keen competition of all four House teams throughout the afternoon. With only three events left, and only a few points separating the first three placings, the boys of Green House (winners for the past five years), Blue House and Red House swam tenaciously to try to gain the cup for their respective Houses. However, in a very exciting last race, Blue House just managed to snatch victory from Red House.

During the afternoon the annual staff versus boys relay was held. This event proved to be a much more evenly contested race than the previous year, but the boys were again able to show their superior swimming ability by a comfortable win.

Our school team was selected mainly from the first and second place getters in the House Sports and was capably trained by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Benn. For two weeks, under the guidance of Mr. Mitchell, the team practised approximately an hour each morning before school in preparation for the Inter-Technical Schools Swimming Carnival at the Olympic Pool. However, when "C" Day eventually came our boys were out-swum by the opposing competitors. Nevertheless, Ringwood acquitted themselves well and still enjoyed the keen competition.

Points for Boys' House Swimming Sports: Blue 103, Red 92, Green 83 and Gold 72.

Swimming Classes: Throughout the first term this year, Mr. Benn, assisted by Mr. Mitchell, taught many of our 1st Form and 2nd Form boys to swim. These classes were held during the boys' particular sports periods at the Ringwood City Baths on Thursday afternoons of each week.

The aim of these sessions was to give the boys an opportunity to qualify for their Junior Swimming Certificate. All those boys who wished to try for this qualification were thoroughly tested by our examiner (Mr. Benn) who holds the Award of Merit and is an official examiner of the Royal Life Saving Society of Victoria. Although some pupils failed the tests, the final results yielded eighteen successful applicants.

To Messrs. Benn and Mitchell the school offers sincere thanks for a worthwhile contribution to boys' sport.



Boys' Baseball Team

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

During Term 2 the annual Cross Country Race was held, on a Wednesday afternoon, and started at 2.20 p.m. With the exception of those boys with notes from home asking to be excused from competing, all boys in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Forms took part. The boys were divided into four age groups for this event: Open, Under 15, Under 14 and Under 13.

The Open age group "galloped" off five minutes before the Under 15 group, followed by the Under 14 and Under 13 groups at 5-minute intervals. Although the course had been strategically altered from that of last year, all competitors were still required to cover a course of approximately three miles.

To increase the boys' interest in the already popular event, Mr. Norris allowed them to have trial runs over the course during P.E. periods for several weeks before the event. As an added stimulus he recorded their individual times and the fastest ones were listed on a chart displayed on a notice board for all to see.

On the day of the race, the runners careered around the course, jumping or falling over strategically planned obstacles and slipping or sliding through some damp and muddy sections. Despite these sometimes hazardous conditions, the boys finished the race with much zest, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

To the boys who became stuck in the mud in the "Great Canyon Creek Crossing," Mr. Norris and myself offer our condolences and wish you "happier landings" next year.

Finally, our sincere thanks to the "Mums" of those boys "From Out of the Mud," who faced the task the following day of washing their muddy clothing.

As an added incentive, all boys who managed to run the course in forty minutes or less were awarded House points.

The first four place getters in each of the four sections were noted and results were as follows:

- Open:**
 1st — A. Falkingham Green
 2nd — P. Ireland Red
 3rd — D. Beith Green
 4th — P. Weir Red

- Under 15:**
 1st — H. Vloedmans Green
 2nd — V. Powell Red
 3rd — G. Knox Blue
 4th — G. Foot Red

- Under 14:**
 1st — M. Martin Green
 2nd — G. Lucas Blue
 3rd — W. Madden Red
 4th — A. Dear Green

Under 13:

- 1st — T. Bryant Gold
 2nd — R. Powell Red
 3rd — L. Stocks Red
 4th — N. Eddy Gold

Team Winners:

- Open Green
 Under 15 Red
 Under 14 Green
 Under 13 Gold

Outright Winners Green

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year our combined Athletic Carnival was held at Jubilee Park on the 25th March. The Carnival was held under ideal weather conditions, despite some light showers of rain on the eve of the Sports Day.

The 77-event programme started with a "bang" at approximately 10 a.m. Throughout the day competitors from all House teams competed most enthusiastically, and certainly provided plenty of excitement for the spectators.

As an added highlight, the staff challenged the students in a relay race, the staff team being represented by four of the lady teachers, and four of the men teachers. Although the students, represented by four senior girls and four senior boys finished first, the event was declared a "no race" as the first runner of the staff team had "zip" trouble and ran the remaining length of her lap under difficulties.

The day resulted in a comfortable win for Green House, forcing Red House (last year's winners) to occupy second place throughout most of the Carnival.

The individual place getters in each event are too numerous to list here, but congratulations must go to the following individual champions:

Individual Champions:

- Open—T. Derham (Red) 20 points
 Under 15—J. Deacon (Red) 21 points
 Under 14—B. Beard (Gold) 13 points
 Under 13—G. Earls (Green) 19 points

House Points:

- Green 281 points
 Red 253 points
 Blue 209 points
 Gold 194 points

INTER-TECHNICAL SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school athletics team was selected mainly from the 1st and 2nd place getters in the House Athletics and was capably and thoroughly trained by Mr. Norris and Mr. Davidson.

In preparation for the above Carnival the coaches made available much of their time, after school hours and during the September vacation, to help the boys with their training.

TORQUAY TRAINING CAMP

Mr. Norris and Mr. Davidson also arranged a training camp one week-end at Torquay during the second term in an endeavour to get the boys fitter for the above Athletics Carnival.

This type of camp had not been experienced by most of the boys before, and they quickly accepted the opportunity of being able to attend and participate in the week-end activities that had been planned for them.

The week-end proved to be very successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

To give you some idea as to how the week-end was organised, Mr. Norris has compiled the following notes:

The Athletic Training Camp week-end venture at Torquay proved most successful. However, when we left Ringwood on that Friday night we had our doubts because it was raining "cats and dogs". Twenty-two boys and two teachers (Mr. Norris and Mr. Davidson) made up the training squad.

On the first morning all were up bright and early for the pre-breakfast run. This was an exhilarating jaunt along the beach and over sand dunes which lasted from 7.30 a.m. until 9 a.m. After the boys had cooked and enjoyed their breakfast there was a well deserved rest period. Then at 11 a.m. it was over to the adjacent oval for athletic practice. Though it hadn't rained, it was cold, but nevertheless the boys derived great benefit from the coaching they received from Mr. Davidson and Mr. Norris during the training session. This was followed by a short discussion on training techniques, proper eating habits and general hints on physical well being. Lunch followed, which was again prepared by the boys. All meals had been planned and designed to suit the purposes of athletic training.

Saturday afternoon, and the feature was a six-mile jaunt across the beaches, over rocks, cliffs and sand dunes. Rivers had to be jumped and those runs to the top of sand dunes which looked as high as sky-scrapers, provided a commando-like course which even the redoubtable Percy Cerutti would have found tough going. Believe me, it was a tired and weary training squad who wended their way back to base. This time cooking our own dinner required extra effort. Who said, "Wish Mum was here?" and Mum was really appreciated when that huge pile of dishes had to be washed.

Saturday night was film night and Mr. Davidson was both narrator and operator. Some very interesting and helpful coaching films on athletics were shown and Mr. Davidson made things easy to understand with his remarks and comments on important points. After the film there was no trouble getting the boys to bed. It had been a hard but refreshing day.

Sunday morning—but not such an early start this time as it was a struggle to get out from that lovely comfortable bed! Still with Mr. Norris and Mr. Davidson showing the way, we managed to get off for our pre-breakfast run by 8 a.m. There we were splashing through the edge of the surf still only half awake. However, the briskness of the air and the tang of the sea soon woke us up—or was it that sprint along the beach and the sight of Mr. Norris and Mr. Davidson flashing past us in a scintillating dash to the sand dunes? Who knows! After breakfast it was over to the oval again and techniques were practised and then another discussion regarding the future plans for training.

Sunday afternoon, and beach games, relay sprints and a swim by the brave were the order of the day. Those boys who had a quick swim (in and out) looked as though they belonged to "Blue House".

All in all, it was a most enjoyable camp and it is to be hoped that next year we will have another one. However, only those boys who work hard and train hard will be selected.

The Athletic Carnival was held during the third and fourth weeks of September at Olympic Park. Ringwood Technical School competed in "E" Section on Friday, 18th. Eight Technical Schools took part in this Section and the day was carried by Blackburn Technical School who gained 243 points. However, Ringwood's training programme had not been wasted as our boys acquitted themselves well and fitted into third place by gaining 183 points.

Only competitors who gained 1st places in "A" section on the days of section competition were invited to compete in the Championship Day, held on Wednesday, 30th September.

The day resulted in our representatives creating Ringwood Technical School history. At the completion of the Championship Day, we had gained a total of 7 medals: 1 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze.

To the boys who represented Ringwood Tech. on this Championship Day, the school offers its congratulations on such a splendid effort.



Boys' Athletic Team

Boys' House Notes

RED HOUSE

House Masters: Messrs. D. Webster, O. Norris, J. Westcott, F. Mitchell, L. Womersley.

House Captain: Tom Derham.

House Vice-Captain: Terry Keatch.

This year of 1964 has seen many good individual efforts from Red House. We are proud that our popular Captain was also chosen as Head Prefect and we congratulate Tom on bringing this honour to our House. He has been a good leader, both on and off the field, for us. We will miss him and those other great athletes Terry Keatch, Bill Van Zatten, Philip Ireland, Richard Gardiner and the other boys who will be leaving at the end of this year. Our good wishes go with them for their success in the future.

The "future" 1965 presents a challenge to the boys who will represent Red House. At the time of writing we are making a very determined effort to overhaul the leaders (Green House) and take out the honours as top House. In the last few weeks we have seen a wonderful burst of enthusiasm which augurs well for 1965. Our first and second formers especially are really firing in all cylinders, and our future looks assured in their safe keeping. In fact it is with confidence that I predict 1965 will see the beginning of a new era in sport for Red House. I know we have the boys who can follow on in the footsteps of those great athletes who are leaving and take Red House to the top. It requires teamwork, however, team spirit, 100% effort at all times, and the will to win. Go out to win but remember also to be a good loser.

Just before going to press it looks as though Red House will win the Citizenship award. Your House Masters offer their congratulations to you all for a great effort.

Finally, let us thank Mr. Webster for his service and leadership to Red House for the past few years. He takes up a new position next year and we wish him good luck and best wishes for the future.

—O. Norris.

GREEN HOUSE

House Masters: Mr. P. Guinane, Mr. D. Donaldson, Mr. L. Boucher, Mr. R. Stevens, Mr. J. Venema.

House Captain: Gavin Miller.

House Vice-Captain: Dennis Gray.

Throughout the history of Ringwood Technical School Green House has established a superiority over other Houses in the field of general sport. 1964 has proved no exception. We took out the coveted shield again, although perhaps not as convincingly as in past years. Reference to the results of the major sporting activities held throughout the year will indicate predominance of this House.

Special mention must be given to the junior members of the House, who were responsible for gaining most of our points, particularly in the weekly inter-House competitions. This was due mainly to the enthusiasm shown and the inspiration given by Mr. Boucher, an extremely keen House Master.

TREE TOP

At his meetings, the boys receive thorough grounding in House Spirit and what is expected of them in competition matches. As these juniors will probably be at school for another three or four years, the strength of the Green House teams seems assured.

The senior boys also played a very significant part in our victory. Perhaps not quite as successful as our junior counterparts in winning matches, they gave great examples of loyalty and determination, particularly in fixtures such as the swimming carnival, athletics and the cross country run.

Congratulations must be offered to the following boys for their successes:

David Beith (cricket and football), Alan Falkingham (athletics and cross country), Herman Vloedmans (athletics and cross country), Michael Martin (athletics and cross country), Peter Evans (swimming), and Gavin Miller (House Captain).

May we express our appreciation to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Foster for the wonderful job done throughout the year in organising sport with such efficiency and endeavour. May we also express our commiserations with other Houses who had to be content with filling the minor placings once again, but also to thank them for the great spirit into which they entered the competition.

With 1964 now behind us, we look forward most anxiously to the renewed battles which face us again next year, confident that we can continue to build the tradition, so firmly created by our boys in the past six years.

—House Master.

GOLD HOUSE

House Master: Mr. T. Butcher.

House Captains: Steven Alsop, Trevor Kane.

House Vice-Captain: Frank Van Praet.

The Gold House boys have completed a reasonable year's sport. However, at the end of the second term, we suffered a great loss as Steven Alsop, our House Captain, left school and we sorely missed this dynamic sportsman. But Trevor Kane took over Steven's reign as Captain with Frank Van Praet filling the Vice-Captaincy.

This year we were well represented in the Inter-Technical Athletics by N. Eddy, G. Pels, L. Maggs and K. Walton; and in the Inter-Technical School Swimming by N. Eddy, T. Martin, W. Spiteri and J. Galtier.

We have also gained many points from our boys in the inter-school football, soccer, baseball and cricket teams. In House cricket, Gold is dominating with A. Batten and T. Kane in dynamic form in the seniors, ably assisted by L. Maggs; in the second form, G. Pels, A. Hoffman and N. Eddy, and in the first form by Bryant, Guthrie, Costello. In football, during the absence of the school team, the senior team was a strong combination with Alsop, Eddy, Walton, Van Praet and Wilson forming the backbone, and in the first and second forms Rice, Terrill, Pratt, Cullen, Eddy, Hoffman and Pels were good players.

Softball was also a happy hunting ground for Gold House with N. Spiteri, R. Trowthe, P. Baker, J. Parsons in the seniors, and Reid, Christensen and Heron in the first and second forms standing out.

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Volleyball was as strong as ever with J. Glenwright, F. Van Praet and G. Birchall forming the basis for a strong team in the seniors, and Terrill, Moore, Arnold, Morgan, Preston, Sykes and Ennis in the first and second forms.

The introduction of the Citizenship Cup this year has proved very worthwhile. Gold House has a strong chance of carrying this off for 1964.

In closing, we would like to thank Mr. Butcher for his 100% effort to make Gold a top House, and also to his most capable right-hand men Mr. Beulke and Mr. Alkemade for their efforts this year. We would also like to wish the best of luck to the boys who will leave this year, and to those who will return: we are sure you will make Gold House the top House next year.

BLUE HOUSE

House Master: Mr. Nelson.
House Captain: Gary Dewar.
House Vice-Captain: James Aitken.

This year Blue House has been both lucky and unlucky. The first major sporting event this year was the inter-House swimming sports in which Blue House came out the victors, especially over Green House which has held the swimming trophy for the past few years. We didn't win the athletic sports unfortunately, but our athletic team tried and put everything into it. We then progressed into the football season. Although having a fairly small senior team, we reached the grand final and

were defeated by one point by Red House. In the other sports, volleyball and softball, Blue would be the best. The junior teams have also had their ups and downs in football, volleyball and softball, too.

Altogether, Blue House this year has put up tough opposition to the other Houses, and I feel that with the leadership from the senior members and House Masters, Blue House will go a lot further in the sporting field.

—G. Dewar.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During the year many of the boys have represented the school in a number of competitive sports, and to these students the school offers its congratulations on their creditable performances. We also thank those boys who acted in some official capacity with the teams.

The boys of Ringwood Tech. are to be complimented for their good behaviour too, when travelling to and from all sporting functions.

To conclude, both Mr. Thomas and myself must pay tribute to the teachers for their loyalty and co-operation, and to the boys for the keen interest they have displayed. This has enabled all sporting activities to function smoothly throughout the year. We would also like to offer our personal thanks, and look forward to a continuance of this support in 1965.

—B. W. Foster, Asst. Sportsmaster.

FORM 5A



Form Notes

The school having now concluded its first year with a fifth form, is about to say farewell to the eleven intrepid girls who braved the unknown terrors of a leaving year. For a form which is supposed to have a commercial bias, we seem to be very successful in turning out girls with a variety of interests other than commercial ones. Their aims and ambitions are still changing from time to time, but as this goes to press are as follows, taking the girls in alphabetical order:—

Carol Broadhurst: We have heard varying rumours from an English teacher to a convent, but understand the final choice is to be a "vets" assistant.

Pam Cullen: Has done noble work during the year as our Form Captain and bearer of our "weighted" bag of social service money. She has never swerved from her intention to be a nurse and has even booked in at Box Hill Hospital. Future patients please note!

Paula Faulkner: Paula hopes to go on to the Dental Hospital and train as a dental nurse.

Cheryl Finger: Here is a girl with an unswerving allegiance to science in some form, although it seems to have varied a little during the year. At present she wants to do "something connected with botany" and is considering attending Burnley Horticultural College.

Janis Hartley: Janis has been a very charming Head Prefect this year and is thinking of using that same charm on air travellers when she is 19 and can train to be an air-hostess. In the meantime she will settle for being a lab.-assistant.

Roma Kennedy: Roma also has been a cheerful Prefect and is bound for an office where she will work for one year while she saves frantically to go to Tahiti.

Margaret Robins: Margaret is bound for Melbourne Tech. next year on the first stage of the journey towards being a maths. teacher.

Julie Stephens: Julie has been an efficient and loyal Prefect. Her real ambition is to "join the army". However, as this is not possible, she has settled for second best and intends to be a commercial teacher. She goes to Swinburne next year for the first stage of this training.

Diana Trueman: Diana also leaves us for a stenography position. She hopes however that after a year she will be able to train as a commercial artist.

Joan White: Joan, a quiet steady worker, has her eye on a secretarial job and is sure to achieve her ambition. She already has a job and commences on 4th January.

Eileen Mackey: Eileen was hoping for a bank job, but says that so many girls with Matric. are applying that she may have to settle for something else. She intends to have some type of office job however.

FORM 5B

Form Notes

5B, the senior form of the school, is composed of the first boys to attempt the new Technical Leaving course. They are a mixed bunch who have provoked many emotions in their teachers during the year but never boredom.

We bid them adieu and wish them well in their future courses.

Jim Aitken: Travels by mountain mule, bus, train and foot from the far mountains of Healesville. Determined one day to be something or other (he's not quite sure what), he quietly and unobtrusively works, much to the amazement of his class mates.

Robin Birchall: Robin is obviously cut out for management; he likes to arrive after everyone has started work. It is fortunate that he is leaving, as ceiling heights would have needed to be raised if he were returning.

Tom Derham: The winner of any contest in cheerfulness, Tom is Head Prefect and will try anything from swimming to football, cricket, athletics, even study. Tom blushes easily and has hair to match. Cuts a nifty rug on the dance floor.

Trevor Ellis: An import from Essendon, Trevor has quickly made a name for himself because of his mathematical wizardry and long flowing mane. Hopes to be a chemist and is one of the chief contenders for Dux of the School.

Rod Faudell: An expert dispenser of hot dogs, who can ease burning fingers with one lick on the tongue. Intends to be a civil engineer but is definitely not interested in bridge building.

Jim Glenwright: Dark eyed and smiling, Jim intrigues his fellow students because he seems to know what he's doing. He wants to count money so has decided to become an accountant in a bank.

Laurence Godfrey: Another cheerful and good humoured fellow who thinks that work is a necessary evil. Is believed to provide pocket money for himself by acting as a model for electric razor advertisements—before!

Dennis Gray: The possessor of the rare gift of humility, Dennis has on occasion surprised his class mates and teachers by admitting that he does not understand. A handsome lad, he has lately found it necessary to shelter behind dark glasses.

Gavin Miller: Controller of the roll and other official records, has learnt to overcome his natural inclination to work and relies upon his native wit to fool the examiners. He is going to learn to be a civil engineer at Castle-maine.

Ken Percy: Ken is the original cheerful fellow. Thinks that five hot dogs is a nice snack for play lunch. An incurable optimist, he doesn't believe in assisting examiners. Says that they asked the questions, let them find the answers.

Peter Poole: Peter is the original Daddy Long Legs; they just don't make desks for his proportions. He enters into his work with light hearted enthusiasm, but has been known to study when no one is looking.

Robert Tann: Robert continues to please his teachers with the same combination of thoroughness and skill that earned him the reputation of the best bead stringer in the kindergarten. He is entering the world of insurance next year and we hope he doesn't get burned up.

Will Van Zettan: Will is a country lad from the plains of Lilydale who believes in the direct take it or leave it approach. If he can fool the examiners this year he may go on and be a civil engineer.

Chris Williams: Curly headed but not curly minded, Chris sees straight through his teachers' mistakes and politely informs them of their errors. Is not worried about his future, believing that something will always turn up, even if it is only the noses of his friends.

Ian Wood: Baby of the class, Ian has tried earnestly to appear older even growing his hair long enough so that it may look like a beard. He has patiently borne with his teachers' efforts to impart information which he knows intuitively. An embryo industrial chemist and chief contender for Dux.



Original Contributions

"THE SEA"

The sea was rough,
Like hills and mountains,
With huge waves,
And fountains,
Pounding on the sands,
Like giant hands,
There wasn't a bird on the ground,
Not even a sound,
Except the pounding of the waves,
Making ghosts rise from their graves,
And everybody stays at home.

—P. Starks, 2B.

THE ATOM BOMB

The Roar, the Flame, the blinding rays,
All in its reach it slowly decays.
The mushroom blooming in the sky
But for others it means—they die.
First they are blinded, senseless, deaf,
Then they are in the arms of death.
Radio-active, air sea and land,
Turning everything to dust and sand.
It's spreading ray for miles around,
No life but death for others found.
All life is gone
This land upon,
Once the life was lively here
But now its end is very near.
The atomic rays have killed all life,
The flames of hell leave woe and strife.

—P. Starks, 2B.

"THE SECRET STORY OF A WEIRD EXPERIENCE"

For a week of my school holidays, I went to a seaside cottage that was owned by my Aunt Jess and Uncle Bart. George, their son, was to stay there with me. It was already arranged that the lady who lived next door, housekeeper when my aunt and uncle were home, was to cook our meals and clean the house.

I arrived by train and at the station waiting for me was a boy in a cart, pulled by a broken-down horse. The boy, I noticed, had a shock of dark curly hair. He was tall, well built, and over this a dark tan which I admired because my skin was a dazzling white. Something told me that this was my cousin; he approached me and confirmed my thoughts.

The trip to the cottage was a pleasant one, for George was a very energetic and talkative boy, who was always hopping from horse to cart and back, sometimes walking, sometimes running. He seemed to be a perfect male specimen.

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When we reached the cottage, it was round about midday and food was ready for us on the table. We completed our midday meal and went down to the beach. After swimming for a while, I realised that George was an abnormally strong diver and could swim underwater for an amazing distance.

Then it happened. Following a shout from the shore, he dived deep down into the ocean, swimming strongly. My attention was caught by a movement on the shore; I immediately recognised it as my aunt and uncle. What were they doing here, and who was that boy with them? I rushed out of the water and up to the shore to greet them. I said:

"What are you doing back?"

"Back from where? I don't understand, what are you doing here?" my aunt asked.

"Didn't you invite me?"

"No."

This was all a puzzle to both of us, so we went up to the house, and by the time we had reached it, I had learned that the boy with my aunt and uncle was George, not the boy I had gone swimming with.

I described the boy who had greeted me to my uncle and aunt. They said they knew of no one who answered the description; so I decided to drop the subject altogether. My aunt and uncle thought that as I was there, I might as well stay for my planned visit. I went to bed. I woke at about 12 o'clock (midnight), to hear a scraping noise on the window.

It was the boy that I had been dreaming of. But this was no dream. To satisfy my curiosity about him, I went to the window and let him in. He put a thin transparent suit of very light weight on my arm, and bade me to accompany him. Once down by the shore I put the suit on.

He explained that this suit would enable me to breathe underwater and to communicate with him also. Without question, I dived into the water with him. It was an uncanny feeling as we plummeted down the sixty fathoms or more, to our destination. A feeling that gave me added curiosity and courage. Upon reaching the ocean bed, he told me who he was. This is what he said:

"I am MON-EL of the water world of Atlantis."

"But I thought that Atlantis was only a legend," I quickly replied.

"Come with me," he said.

We proceeded along the ocean bed till we came to a large bank some hundred feet high covered with a mossy type of substance. MON-EL uttered some words. The ocean bed opened just below the bank. We went down a flight of stairs.

Before us was a cavern lit by great shiny pearls embedded in the roof. There were a lot of buildings made of shells, ores, pearls and other beautiful things, before us.

I stayed with him for the whole night admiring the chasms, buildings, and palaces surrounding us. We then went to the surface. He bade me good-bye, and told me to return whenever I felt like it; he showed me where he hid the plastic-like costumes and also asked me to tell no one about my adventure. This I promised.

Now, every chance I get to visit Atlantis, I make my way to the sea, knowing that before me lie many hours of enjoyment.

—T. Payne, Form 3.

“SHORT CUT TO A WEIRD EXPERIENCE”

One night my mother asked me to go over to my Uncle's house and see if he was all right, because Mum had received a mysterious phone call from Uncle Jack.

There was a raging thunderstorm outside, but Mum knew that I could look after myself, so I put on my rain-hat, coat and boots and set off. It was about two miles to my Uncle Jack's by the road, but I knew a “short cut”. It was a bit risky though, because I had to “cut” through Madam Weidenfield's property. She owned one of the biggest estates in France and had let it become rundown and overgrown with weeds, roses and wild thorny creepers. I had not been through this place in years, but I still knew the way; at least I thought so.

I climbed over the wire fence and jumped to the ground. I walked on. As I did so a weird looking man with a long thin face, wearing a top hat and dinner suit, crossed my path and just kept on walking. I wondered why he had not taken any notice of me, so I followed him. He walked into an old half-demolished building and disappeared. After searching for a while, I fell through the floor, cobwebs were everywhere and the scene included men of the same character I had seen before. They hated me; I could see it in their eyes and as they began to close in on me, I searched frantically for a way out. I pushed, terrified, against the wall and it began to cave in. Dust, bricks, rotten weather boards, all came falling down around me and I began to run out of the rock and dust and away from the building. While I was running so hard I ran into a sheet hanging on the line. I thought it was a ghost; my heart thumped and I ran in another direction. I finally found the way out after meeting up with a few more sheets. There and then I made up my mind that I would rather take the long way round than a short cut to death.

However, after all that trouble, I found out that Uncle Jack was holding a party and a guest sent a hoax call to our place. So the guest who phoned said he would drive me home. So from that weird experience I learned a lesson.

—R. Guscott, 3E.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MEDIEVAL LADY

I arose early one morning because it was a big day and there was a lot of arranging to do. I quickly slipped on my clothes and went down to the courtyard. Sir Rodger was already up and greeted me a good morning. Our son, young Peter, was

busy polishing Rodger's armour when Cooky called us to breakfast. As soon as I got to the table I looked to see if everything was set as I had given directions for it to be the night before. It was dark in the main courtyard as it was not yet quite six o'clock, so I ordered more torches to be brought in. After all was set, we sat down to breakfast.

Now that breakfast was over I had to see all the family's clothes were ready and Rodger's armour properly prepared. Then I called one of the man-servants to take the animals out into the open courtyard and prepare their feed. When trumpets sounded, the draw-bridge opened and a cry of “Sir Edmund Malgwn and the Lady Mary have arrived.” Sir Edmund was a tall, handsome and well built man of about forty, who was lord of Malgwn castle and one of the most honoured knights in the territory, feared for his bravery and loved for his nobility. He was one of the knights who had come to take part in the tournament. The Lady Mary was one of the most honoured and beautiful ladies in all England, kind at heart and always willing to assist. I knew that this was why she had come early, to help me prepare the guest chambers while the men prepared the grounds for the tournament.

It was soon afternoon and all the lords and ladies had arrived for the tournament. The trumpets blew and my husband Rodger flew on his magnificent horse to the middle of the grounds. I rode close behind him and presented him with the list of events and entrants. “The first event, Sir Rodger De Blois and Sir David Welch in a round with sword and shield,” rang out Rodger's voice and so on, and so on, till the last event. Meanwhile I had been inside the courtyard preparing the banquet and a change of clothes for the knights who had taken part in the tournament. It had been a glorious afternoon, full of excitement and intensity, but now the sun was beginning to set and everyone gathered in the courtyard.

After the banquet all was cleaned up, there was music and dancing, the jesters performed and everyone gave goodnight wishes and went up to their chambers. Rodger and I went to bed and talked about the hawking trip, listened to the dogs howling in the courtyard and the people dozing, and that was the end of my day.

THE MYSTERIOUS PASSENGER

It all started a few days after the ship had sailed, when stewardess Sally Parker noticed that Mr. Harding never left his cabin except for meals. Quite often he didn't even come out for meals, but had them sent up. Sally was a very curious girl so she decided at once to find out why. Early the next morning Sally crept out of her cabin so that she would not wake her room-mate Penny, and into the hall where the cooks were only just starting to get up. Sally was so intent on being quiet that she did not hear John, one of the ship's stewards creep up behind her. She received a nasty scare when John yelled, “Boo!” in her ear. John asked Sally where she was going.

“Nowhere,” stammered Sally.

“Don't give me that,” replied John. “When you creep out of your cabin at 5.30 in the morning

there must be something wrong.” So Sally told John her suspicions and oddly enough John had been wondering about Mr. Harding too. John and Sally decided that two heads were better than one, so they went on to investigate together. They reached Mr. Harding's cabin and John knocked on the door. From inside a voice grumbled, “Go away I want to sleep.” Thinking tactfully, John said that there was a telegram for Mr. Harding.

Mr. Harding could be heard getting up, but to Sally's and John's great disappointment, Mr. Harding told John to push the telegram under the door and leave him alone. John and Sally went away downheartedly. They would have to think of some other way to get into his cabin.

That afternoon Sally was so busy with the passengers she did not have time to think about Mr. Harding, until John came up to her and said he had found a way of getting into his cabin. This set Sally's mind at work wondering what John's plan was. Sally didn't have long to wait, for straight after she came off duty, John took her by the arm and led her to the dining room. Telling her at the same time to sit down and order some tea. Sally ordered a cup of tea and a couple of scones, but was too nervous to eat anything. So John refused to tell her anything until she ate it.

After Sally had managed to gulp down her cup of tea, John started to tell Sally his plan. “Tonight there is going to be a masquerade party and the Captain wants everyone to be there, even Mr. Harding. So when Mr. Harding goes to the party we'll go to his cabin and look around.”

“All right,” said Sally. “When will we leave and where will we meet?”

“Leave about 8.30 and I'll meet you outside your cabin. See you later.”

Sally was very excited and she could not hide her excitement from Penny. “What are you so excited about?” inquired Jenny.

“Oh, nothing,” replied Sally casually.

“I believe you, now tell me, what's the big secret?” asked Penny.

“I can't tell you right now, but after it's happened I promise I'll tell you,” assured Sally.

“Oh! all right, but don't take too long to do it or I'll die of impatience,” said Penny.

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When she arrived at the dance Sally looked around for John. After a second she spotted him on the other side of the room talking to a waiter. John saw Sally and walked over to her. “Mr. Harding isn't here yet,” he said.

“Yes he is, he just walked in the door,” laughed Sally.

“We'll wait for about quarter of an hour, and then you leave, I'll follow after a few minutes.”

Sally left after a quarter of an hour and went to her cabin. Soon after John arrived, and they set off for Mr. Harding's cabin. John took a skeleton key out of his pocket and opened the door of the cabin. He turned on his torch and Sally shut the door behind them. John started going through the drawers, but all he could find were clothes. Suddenly the light went on and there, looking rather amusing in clown costume, stood Mr. Harding.

“What do you two think you're doing here?” he demanded.

Sally started to explain, and when she'd finished Mr. Harding laughed so much he went blue in the face.

“I'm a movie director and I came on this trip to get away from people. That's why I stay in my cabin.”

Sally and John apologised. Mr. Harding said he didn't mind, and he'd like them to look after him personally.

“Well we certainly found out about our mysterious passenger,” said Sally with a smile.

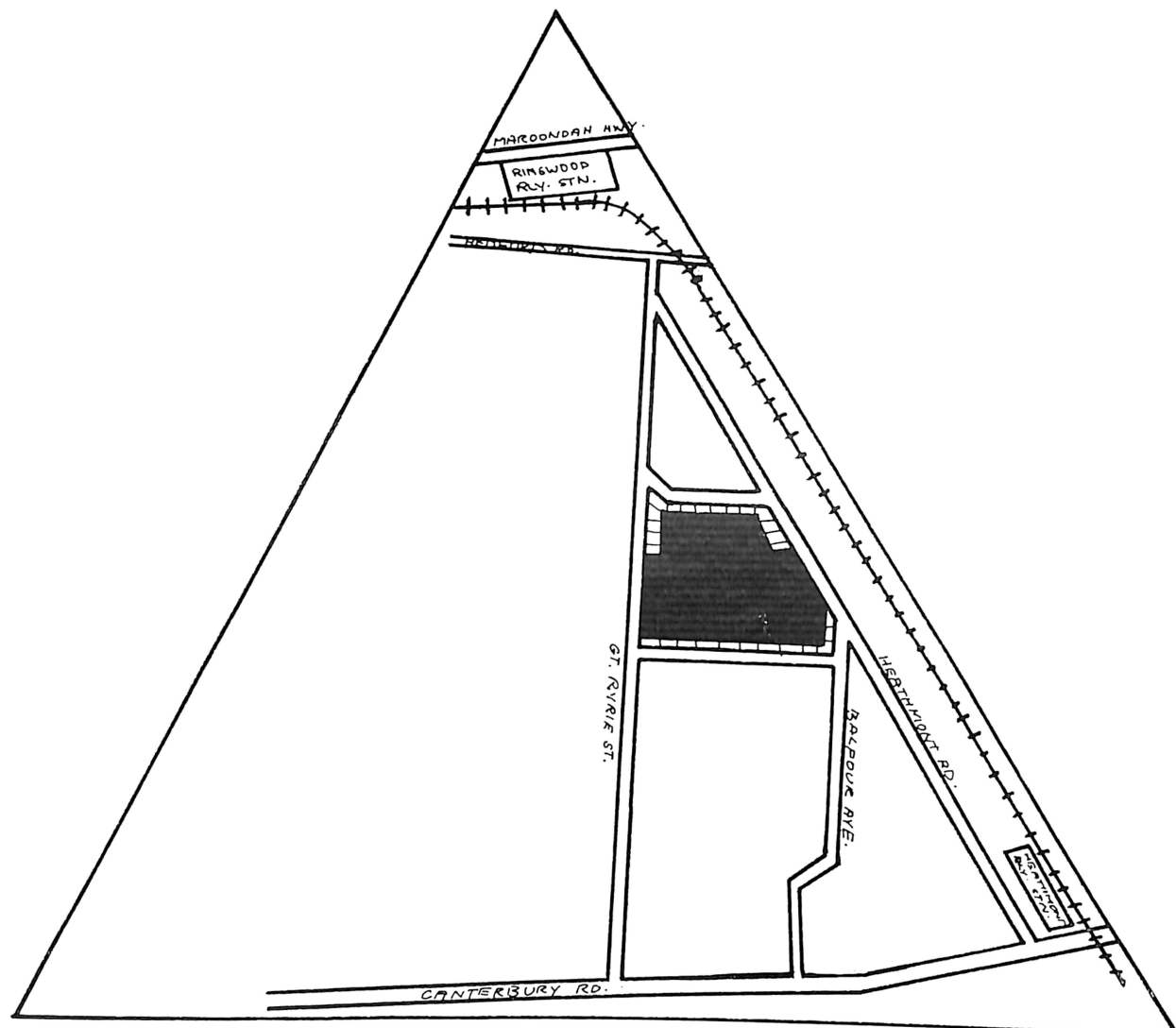
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—J. Westcott, Editor.

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