

# MURAL IS UNVEILED AT

DISCUSSION  
ON DESIGN

## TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Two prominent Melbourne artists, both of whom are known in Ballarat as Crouch prize winners, were associated with the unveiling of a mural at the Ballarat Teachers' College yesterday.

One was Leonard French, who was commissioned by the 1959 students to paint the mural, which was their gift to the college, and the other was Charles Bush, who unveiled it.

A number of visitors, including the Mayor, Cr F. W. Oliver, the Town Clerk and members of the council of the Fine Art Gallery, were guests of the college for the ceremony.

At an assembly of students and visitors, who were welcomed by the principal, Mr T. W. H. Turner, and the president of the Students' Representative Council, Mr Bruce Vandenburg, Mr Bush commended the 1959 students on their choice of a good and practical gift.

Ballarat was known culturally for its South Street Competitions and Crouch prize, but Geelong had already left it behind in the addition of sculpture and murals on public buildings, he said.

### An Influence?

"I hope the 1959 students have not only started a tradition in the college, but by this gift will influence the public of Ballarat in doing this sort of thing," he said.

"You have left behind you an object which will be full of interest to a lot of different people.

"A work of art, so long as it is in existence, is constantly under review. Most of the good things that keep on going are usually to the uninitiated a little worrying," he said.

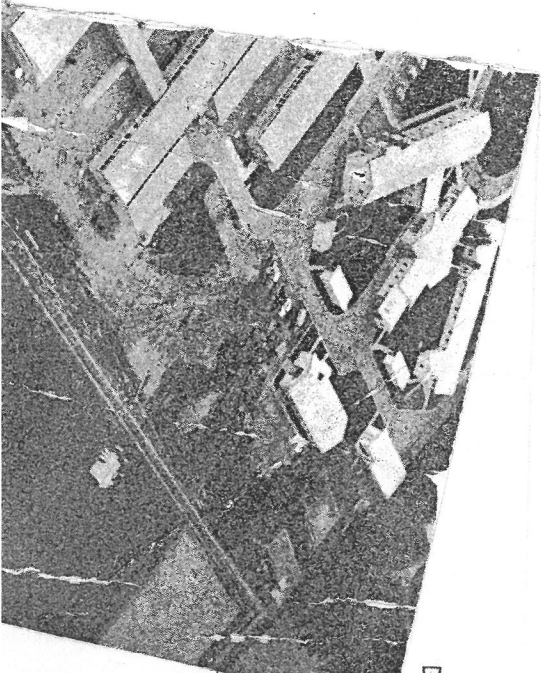
"Many of you will be worried by this, because it does not make its message immediately clear. But come back and assess it again and again."

Mr Bush spoke briefly of the meaning of the four panels, the first of which represents a dove. In the second is a tree full of birds, in the third the earth, with a hand clutching a bird, and in the fourth a garden with a group of suggested figures.

The mural has been placed in the foyer of the college building, where members of the general public have been invited to view it.



Melbourne artist, Mr Charles Bush, who yesterday unveiled a new mural at the Ballarat Teachers' College, discusses its design with a group of students. The mural is the work of Leonard French, and was presented to the college by its 1959 students.



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