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## Cover

The weather has taken a decidedly summery turn, and yachts are beginning to reappear in strength on Hazelwood Pondage.

Fourth-year silk screen printing apprentice Harry Wissmer was on hand to take our cover shots with a 1930's vintage Franka folding vest pocket camera. Harry is spending six weeks with the photographic section in Yallourn.

The yachts gave a touch of color to offset the drab day for members of the Environment Protection Council, who spent two days in the Valley.

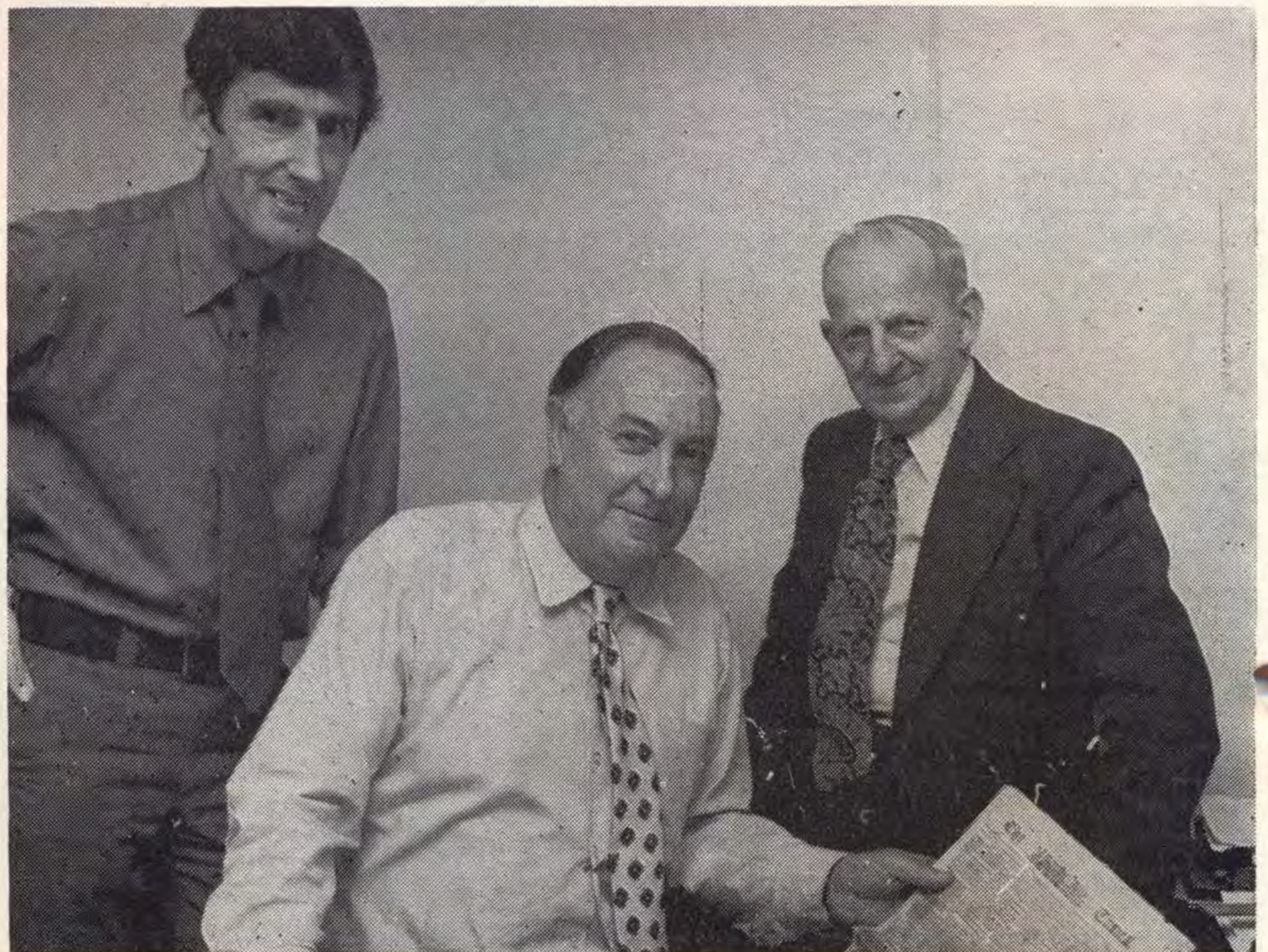
Conditions were a little better on October 27 when AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo officially opened the 1974 season for the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club.

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# Records section take the job seriously



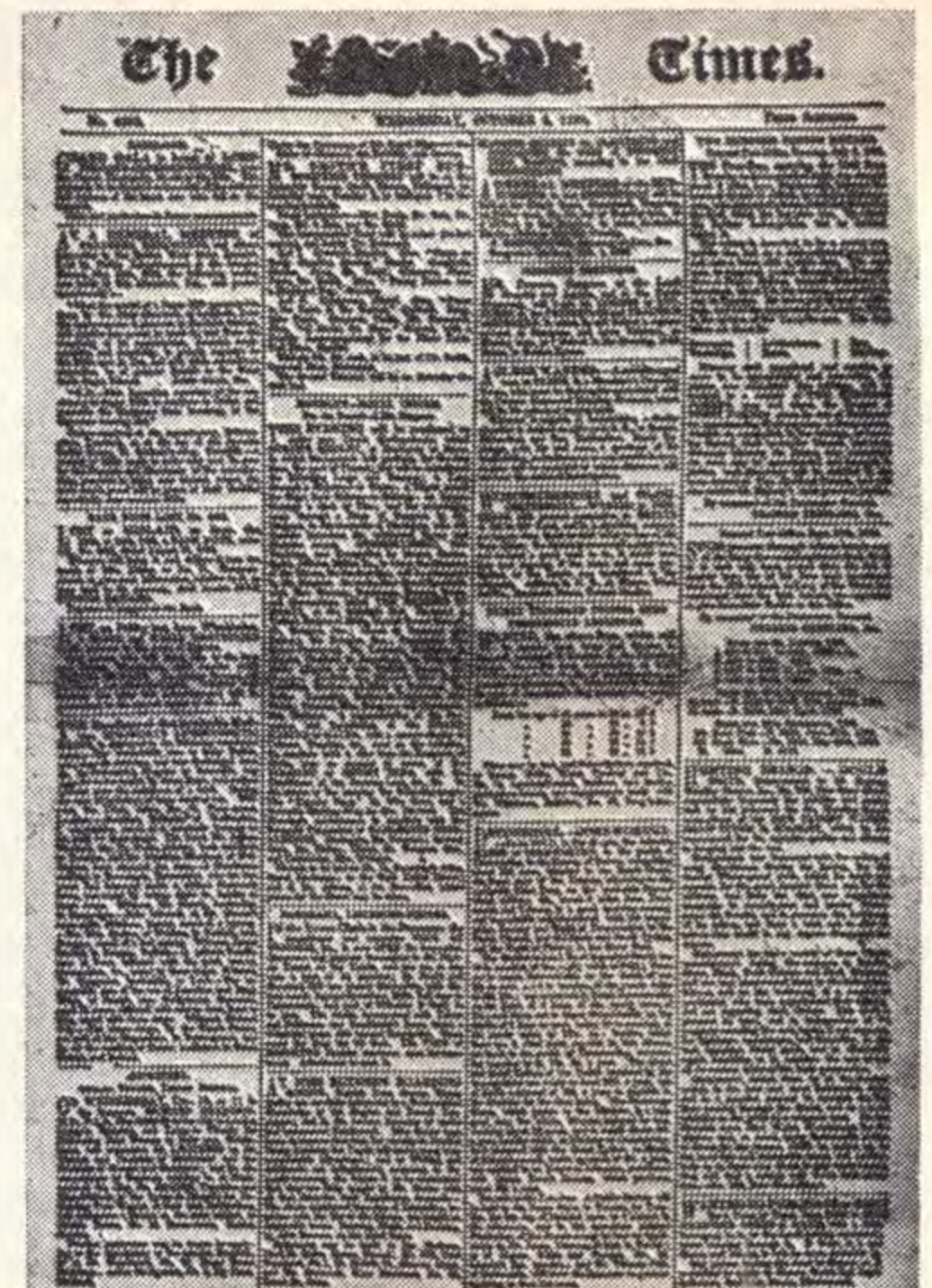
Arch Porter has been in Records for a long time . . . but not THAT long. He certainly wasn't keeping record files on October 3, 1798, the date of the newspaper he is pictured studying above, with colleagues Jim Willis (left) and Harry Wilson.

The newspaper is England's most famous, The Times. Of special interest is the main news item, referred to briefly on page 1 and expanded on pages 2 and 3 of the four-page issue—the decisive victory of Admiral Lord Nelson over the French near Rosetta, on the Nile. The dates illustrate the changes which have occurred in the speed and style of world communication since 1798.

Nelson's historic victory occurred on August 7. News of the victory reached the English public on October 2. In the words of The Times— "The official news of the GLORIOUS VICTORY obtained by Admiral Nelson over the French Fleet, near Rosetta, arrived at the Admiralty yesterday morning, at a quarter past 11 o'clock. It was brought by the Hon. Captain Capel, one of Lord Essex's sons lately made Master and Commander of the Mutine cutter, from the Admiral's flagship. He was detained at Naples one day, owing to some necessary ceremonies of quarantine. The Park and Towers gun soon announced the happy news to the public. Lord Spencer wrote

Records Officer Harry Wilson (right) and Records Clerk Jim Willis look over the shoulder of Arch Porter as he keeps abreast of the "latest" world developments in *The Times*.

A reproduction of a page from the newspaper, which carried the first news of Nelson's historic victory over the French Fleet, a victory which played a decisive role in frustrating the 18th century territorial ambitions of Napoleon Bonaparte.



# AGM (Ops) back from US....

AGM (Operations) Bill De Campo has come back from the World Energy Conference in Detroit, USA, with a heightened awareness of the world role of the electricity generation industry.

The message was spelled out loud and clear for the 4,000 delegates from 69 countries at the conference—demand for electricity will rise rapidly, until at least the end of the century.

With the drain on rapidly depleting resources such as oil and gas, the spotlight is focussing more and more on coal.

More effective use of coal is the key to America's attempts to achieve

fuel independence under an ambitious plan announced at the conference by President Gerald Ford.

Target date for independence is 1985, and in President Ford's words, the Americans are willing to invest a financial stake at least equal to their efforts to land a man on the moon.

And of interest to Victorians — particularly those living in the Latrobe Valley — is America's decision to accelerate research into methods of obtaining oil from coal.

Which all adds up to increasing development and a bright future for the Latrobe Valley.



Bill De Campo

## ....and new departments are under way in Operations area

The Operations Group's four-department structure, which came into being on October 28, is nearing the end of its first month of activity.

The changeover brought with it some title changes — and some new names — but little change in actual operation for most people.

At a financial level, some senior commercial officers have been secon-

ded to temporary positions to ensure that budgetary functions for 1975/76 are effectively carried out within the new departmental organisations.

They are:

- David Davies — Coal Production.
- Les Hunt — Power Generation.
- Kevin Gould — Engineering Services.

The commercial group from Transmission Operations Department will provide oversight and assistance to commercial personnel in the Transmission divisional unit in the Latrobe Valley.

Permanent appointments will be made to the senior commercial positions as soon as possible.



Members of Yallourn Resettlement Committee and the Yallourn Town Advisory Council make an on-the-spot check of plans to provide accommodation for the elderly at Newborough. See story page 5.

# valley visitors

The Australian countryside gained fervent admirers in American visitors Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roed, and both were astonished at the scope of SEC activities in the Latrobe Valley.

Mr. Roed, a former chief of police in San Diego, was given a close look at the Commission's Morwell undertaking, and in view of his law enforcement interest, a meeting at Morwell Police Station with Chief Superintendent McBride was arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Roed are pictured above with patrolman Ralph Allen and Roy Carter (right).



There was a cosmopolitan flavor about visitors to the Latrobe Valley last month.

During the month, the SEC came under the scrutiny of visitors from Iraq, Switzerland, India, Japan, Italy, Indonesia, Finland, Kenya and Holland.

Iraq scientist Roy Quanessian started the ball rolling on October 1 when he accompanied CSIRO officers Julius Baretla and Trevor Brown in a tour of the area.

Ash disposal and fly ash dumps were the major interest.

Kurt Leutjen, of Switzerland, joined BHP chemist Gordon Anderson and the chief chemist for Koppers (Aust.), John Watkins, of Newcastle, for inspections here on October 2.

The party, which looked over the Australian Char Pty. Ltd. Plant, focussed attention on coal tars, pitch and protective coatings.

The char plant was also of interest to Italian businessmen Mr. E. Valla—who was accompanied by Mrs. Valla—and Mr. S. Valli.

The firm with which Mr. Valla is associated has coal mining interests in Italy, and has expressed an interest in the purchase of briquettes.

Jananese visitors included the coal purchasing manager for the Mitsubishi company, Mr. Terra Oka and bank trainees Mr. K. Hatanaka, Mr. T. Inoue and T. Ari.

Indonesia was represented on the SEC guest list by bank trainee Rusman Davani and Bill Tupamahu, a mechani-



*Left: Indonesian engineer Bill Tupamahu makes a point about the Latrobe Valley's brown coal reserves.*

*Below: Special Officer, Latrobe Valley, Graham Black (right) pictured with Environment Protection Council party visitors who inspected part of the SEC's works area.*



cal engineer whose work involves him in oil development projects in South East Asia.

The SEC's safety policies and pro-

grammes were of particular interest.

The scale and complexity of the SEC's mining and generation complex made a deep impression on the Consul General of Italy, Dr. Ignazio Argento, who undertook an extensive tour of Morwell Open Cut and the Yallourn "W" and Hazelwood Power Stations.

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# Visitor from Kenya looks us over



Gippsland Apexian Barry Baker (left) and Kenyan Joe Kibutu — in Australia as a guest of Zone 12 of Apex — are given an outline of SEC activity in the Latrobe Valley by Public Liaison Officer Mike Answerth.

The huge mining operation of the SEC, and industrial development in the area generally impressed Kenyan visitor Major Joe Kibutu, who spent a day in the Latrobe Valley last month as guest of the No. 12 Apex District.

Major Kibutu, a member of the Round Table — an organisation similar Australia's Apex — has criss-crossed Victoria since arriving early last month on a month-long tour of Australia.

He returned home on November 8, after visiting Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

The visit of Major Kibutu stemmed from an Apex international relations project in Kenya.

Environmental aspects of the SEC's operations in the Latrobe Valley interested Major Kibutu, who said Kenyans were extremely conscious of the need to protect the environment.

Kenya is the headquarters of the United Nations Commission on the Environment.

However, Kenya's environment problems are relatively minor when

compared with those in highly industrialised countries.

Because Kenya has no coal resources, power is provided by giant hydroelectric stations.

When he returns to Kenya, Major Kibutu will retire from the Army to take up a position as manager of a factory manufacturing tin products.

## VALLEY VISITORS

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Finnish journalist Helka Kahkonen, of one of Finland's largest morning newspapers, Aamulehti, virtually began a seven week tour of Australia.

Helka, accompanied by Australian Information Service journalist Charles Berger and photographer Terry Rowe, spent a day inspecting the Morwell and Yallourn Works Areas.

## YALLOURN RESETTLEMENT

Yallourn Resettlement Committee, after discussions with the Latrobe Valley Village (for Senior Citizens) Society, has reached general agreement for the SEC to contribute toward the cost of some units in a proposed village at Newborough — and eight units will be reserved for Yalourn residents.

Construction of units at the Village, which is beside the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital, is under way and some units are expected to be available in March next year.

Yallourn Resettlement Committee members Neville Thompson, Jack Penney (secretary) and Geoff Coulsell — accompanied by SEC Estate Officer Roy Morrison and former Mayor of Moe, Joe Tabuteau — inspected similar units at Healesville late last month.

It was after the Healesville inspection that discussions on the units reached finality.

At Newborough, two blocks of four flats each are under construction, with each flat fully self-contained and including a small yard area.

The flat units are the first stage in a scheme to provide accommodation for single and married people; a 64 bed hostel and hospital accommodation.

Work is expected to begin next year on the first stage of the hostel.

In addition to the village for the elderly project, the SEC also is involved with the Housing Commission in a scheme to provide flats for elderly people leaving Yallourn.

The flats will be constructed on land provided by the SEC, which also will meet extra costs involved in providing larger-than-usual units.

The SEC is likely to continue its emphasis on Newborough in its efforts to meet the wishes of residents leaving Yallourn.

Findings so far available from the recent survey of Yallourn tenants indicate that with the removal of Yallourn, more than half of those employed by the SEC or retired from SEC service wish to move to Newborough.

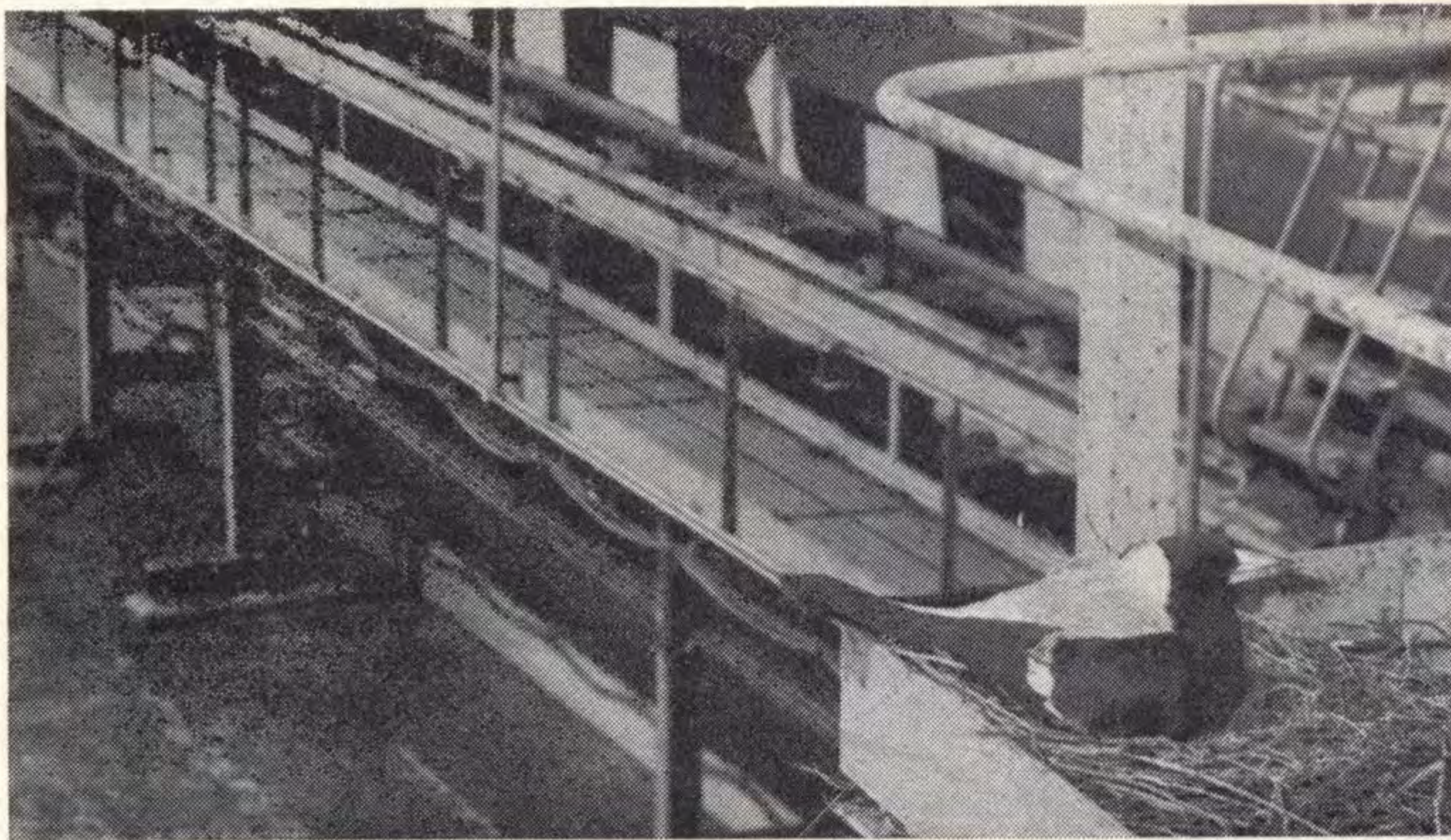
The finding lends weight to SEC efforts to subdivide land in Newborough and to have flats made available for the elderly.

Resettlement Committee secretary Jack Penney last week called on SEC employees who had not replied to complete and return survey questionnaires as soon as possible.

# Home is where the nest is...

*Home and hearth mean a lot to your average Englishman, but its odds-on he would be reluctant to live in such an exposed and uncomfortable spot as this magpie, which settled on a conveyor line beside Morwell Open Cut. The bird's nest, on the outermost post*

*on a walkway, seemed homely enough with the weather fine and the conveyor at rest — but in the near-constant rain of September — and with the conveyor line rattling and rumbling — it provided an uncommon sight.*



*Patience and fortitude are virtues highly developed in birds, but in this case it was well worth it for the proud mother and her offspring.*



## New L.V. control Centre

A new \$2 million Latrobe Valley Control Centre is to be built at Morwell.

The control centre, focal point of the SEC's transmission operations in the Latrobe Valley, replaces the existing centre at Yallourn.

Preliminary site works worth \$86,000 will be carried out by the Morwell firm of Sola Construction (Gippsland, Vic.), which will clear the site and build a retaining wall.

The site is between the Morwell administration building and the Hazelwood Power Station in the Morwell Works Area.

Tenders for construction of the building, which will cover an area approximately 44 x 26 metres, have just been called.

The centre will house remote control and monitoring equipment for the three major transmission stations in the

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official information for the Lord Mayor and a messenger was sent off express to the King at Weymouth, in order that His Majesty might learn the glad tidings before he went to rest".

From a reading of The Times, the time-lapse between victory and public announcement did not detract from the fervor of the national celebrations.

Reading of a line of battle revives memories of some of the famous ships which gave rise to the proud boast that "Britannia rules the waves" — names such as Vanguard (Nelson's flagship), Culloden, Theseus, Minotaur, Leander, Audacious, Majestic, Bellerophon and Swiftsure.

For the student of history, the report carries some interesting detail.

For instance, the English fleet of 14 ships was manned by 8,155 men and carried an armament of 1,012 guns, compared with a 17 ship French fleet of 9,840 men and 1,186 guns.

The English captured nine of the French ships; burned or sank four and four escaped.

No English ship was lost.

English casualties were 895, including 218 killed, while the French casualties were estimated at 5,000.

The French fleet had just disembarked 22,500 men at Alexandria to provide reinforcements for General Napoleon Bonaparte, and according to The Times report, only half survived to reach Cairo.

As a well preserved relic of the past, Arch Porter's newspaper is a valuable — he's already been offered (in Times' parlance), a good sum — and interesting window on a great era for England.

Arch regards the newspaper, which was among the effects of his late father, as so valuable that he keeps it in a bank vault.

Latrobe Valley, which connect the generators to the metropolitan load centre.

The Assistant General Manager (Operations), Mr. Bill De Campo, said today the centre would increase security of the transmission system and reliability of distribution to all Victorian customers.

The centre is the second to be built in the State. The other is at Keilor.

# SHOW - AND SHARK - DAY



Show Day is looked on as a blessing by many people, but no-one could possibly have more regard for it than Hazelwood Power Station fishermen, Ron Hart and Neville Brydon, proud captors of a 2.4 metres bronze whaler shark.

Ron, a dumper driver, and Neville, a cleaner landed the shark at Walkerville South on Show Day after an exciting 3 hour battle. It was the first time either had tried his luck in this particular spot — and the catch was by far their biggest.

Ron was holding the rod at the time of the strike, but — as he puts it — "it was only through teamwork" that the catch was landed.

Neville played a major part by dashing into the ebbing surf with gaff hook raised (when it was all over, they found that the weight and efforts of the shark had actually bent the gaff) and together they pulled, prodded and coaxed the shark on to dry land.

Throughout the three-hour battle, the boys must have displayed a deal of fishing finesse; the line had a breaking strain of only 10.8 kilograms (24lb).

Ron paid a tribute to Mick Cini, of MB and PI, maker of the tailormade one-piece rod used in the catch.

A conventional two-piece rod would never have taken the strain, Ron believes.

Obviously, Ron and Neville are now confirmed surf-fishing addicts.

*Landing this giant bronze whaler made Show Day a memorable occasion for Hazelwood Power Station fishermen Ron Hart (left) and Neville Brydon.*



## Fistful of dollars

A hazardous operation made simple — that's the result of an idea put forward by L/H blacksmith Matt Kelly, an idea which has netted him an award of \$250 through the local Suggestions Scheme. Matt (right) is pic-

tured below receiving his cheque from a smiling Manager Engineering Services, Max Gray. Matt's suggestion concerned a vastly improved method of handling worn mill blades when they are sent to the Workshops for repair.



# Improvers of 1973 are 1974 'top dogs'

Running a tight ship has become second nature to the officers and cadets of T/S Latrobe, the Naval Reserve Cadet unit based at Yallourn.

The Navy League obviously thinks so . . . it has conferred on T/S Latrobe the title of "Best Unit in Victoria", a title which carries the privilege of being custodian for 12 months of the Navy League Colors.

Winning of the title follows a great effort last year, when the Unit was adjudged the most improved in Victoria.

Municipal leaders, representatives of ex-servicemen's organisations, and parents of cadets attended the colorful transferring of the colors ceremony.

Reviewing Officer for the formal transfer, a ceremony unfortunately marred by heavy rain, was the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Victoria, Commo-

dore B. S. Murray, R.A.N.

T/S Latrobe, formed in 1963, has its headquarters in the Yallourn Army Depot.

Training programmes are geared to a five-point programme to:—

- give cadets a foundation of naval knowledge and discipline;
- develop qualities of leadership and self-reliance;
- develop character and good citizenship in the widest sense;
- develop an interest in the role of the Navy and Merchant Service, instil a knowledge of their traditions and;
- encourage cadets to continue some form of sea-going service.

Commanding Officer of T/S Latrobe is Lieutenant Brian Gregory, who is an assistant charge engineer at Yallourn.



Naval Officer-in-Charge, Victoria, Commodore B. S. Murray, R.A.N., carries out a formal inspection of T/S Latrobe, Yallourn's Naval Reserve Cadet Unit. Since its establishment, T/S Latrobe has built up an

enviable record, due in no small way to the leadership of SEC personnel involved in its activities. The cadets share the Yallourn Army Depot, which has guaranteed tenure for the next seven years.

## A helping hand

Most members of Construction Division engaged in operations at Yallourn "W" Power Station have been financial supporters of a needy child in India for the past eight years.

And they have been contributors to the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, an organisation founded by former wartime ace Group Captain Leonard Cheshire and his wife, Sue Ryder-Cheshire, to help the chronically ill throughout the world.

Last month, Construction Division staff who have contributed more than \$2,000 since 1966, met the man who inspired it all — Group Captain Cheshire.

With his wife, Group Captain Cheshire enjoyed afternoon tea with construction staff, discussing informally with them aspects of the Ryder-Cheshire organisation's work.

The possibility of a Ryder-Cheshire home being established in Australia — perhaps at Moe, where land is already available — was raised in the discussions.

It was only by chance that the SEC Construction Division became involved at all; electrical supervisor Dick Swainson saw some leaflets on Raphael at the Moe Trade Fair in 1966.

The leaflets — and the cause — grabbed Dick's attention and led to formation of the Ryder-Cheshire SEC Construction Group.

The Group has accepted financial responsibility for the care of a child whose parents are in the Raphael leper colony, and "excess" funds are contributed to Raphael for general use there.

The way the Construction Division men see it, a group donation of \$130 per year is a small price to pay for the satisfaction of providing another person with the opportunity of a new way of life — a life with dignity.



Group Captain Cheshire points to the Construction Division noticeboard under the approving eye of his wife, Sue Ryder, and the SEC's Dick Swainson, while below, the visitors enjoy a cup of tea with Construction Division personnel.



## On the social club round

### Yallourn Power Station

The Power Station Social Club, Yallourn, will hold a social evening at the Newborough Public Hall, on November 22, while December 15 is the date set down for the Christmas picnic to be held at the Yallourn No. 2 oval.

Further details can be obtained from club secretary Jack Davis.

It is also expected that a car rally and smoke night will be held early in the New Year.

### Yallourn "W"

Yallourn "W" Social Club's annual Christmas Picnic will take the form of a bar-b-que tea, rather than the usual bar-b-que lunch.

The picnic will be on December 15 on Neil Ipsen's farm, just off Becks Bridge Road, but — because of the late finish — the festivities will not begin until after lunch.

### Transmission

The Transmission Social Club will stage its Christmas Picnic at Willow Grove on December 8.

Club secretary Ivan Harris has pointed out that plans for a Christmas social are currently in the melting pot; details will be released soon.

### MB and PI

Plans have been made by Morwell Briquette and Power Installation Social Club for a big year in 1975.

Scheduled events include a beach picnic, two cabaret socials and a smoke night, with more details becoming available early in the New Year.

Closer to home, the Christmas picnic will be held on December 8 at the Churchill soccer ground—a date no member will want to miss.

### Hazelwood

Hazelwood Power Station Social Club members are facing a busy pre-Christmas festival season.

On November 15, there will be a dinner dance (\$8 double) at Shaws Ballroom in Moe, where members can swing to the strains of a top Melbourne group, while on December 8, the Christmas Picnic at Yinnar Recreation Reserve will provide great enjoyment.

"Informed" sources have indicated that this year's picnic may have some special surprises in store.

### Morwell Staff

Morwell Main Office Social Club members are reminded of the children's Christmas party on November 24 at Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

Committee member Jan Cuthbertson has another reminder—the Social Club is involved in a wide range of activities, but is always open to suggestions, especially from younger members of the Club.

New ideas mean added interest; so members with ideas should not delay in making it known.

### Yallourn Staff

The new Parkside Restaurant is the place to be for Main Office Social Club members on Friday, December 13, —the night of the annual Christmas Social.

At \$8 double for members, it is a function which should not be missed.

Of course, some Mums and Dads may not have recovered from chasing after their "little darlings" at the Christmas Picnic on the preceding Sunday, December 8, at Mirboo Recreation Reserve.

Main Office personnel are obviously in for a busy December.



*Top: Foreman Albert Tyrer uses a testing instrument to demonstrate the use of an elaborate, SEC apprentice-made electrical panel to third year apprentice refrigeration mechanic Vince Fernleigh.*

*Below: Nick Solohub (right) watches as L/H electrician, special class Ern Sharman, of refrigeration field service (left) and charge hand special electrician (rolling stock) Leo Donovan complete a testing procedure.*

# Mini - Conveyor a 'model' teacher

struction period, were Alan Fankhauser, Malcolm Charles, Keith Griffiths, Geoff Steer, John Soppe, Gary Rose, John Vella, Ken Flanagan, Ron Lee and Mike Meany.

It is expected that the model will be of value to conveyor operators, although at this stage it has been

used only by Transmission personnel for electrical apprentices and tradesmen engaged on fault-finding courses.

Transmission people have no doubts about the machine's future.

"It will become an integral part of all future courses," Albert Tyrer commented.

**M**ODEL making could be regarded as child's play . . . but for the engineers, tradesmen and apprentices involved in constructing a model conveyor now in use at the Departmental Training Centre, it was anything but childish.

For the apprentices, the work of building components—including gears — and assembling the working conveyor and its electrical control panel had obvious merit.

However, it is as a training tool that the conveyor has its greatest value.

As foreman instructor (electrical) Albert Tyrer points out, the model has already proved itself as a "teacher" of apprentices and tradesman alike.

"You can't teach schematics thoroughly unless you can show the student what is actually going on — you must be able to demonstrate."

**The conveyor control panel can simulate any fault on the machine, giving the student the opportunity immediately to translate theory into practical experience.**

Based on the M166 conveyor system in Morwell Open Cut, the model is 3.5 metres long, but the control cubicle and electrical gear is identical to that used on the actual conveyor.

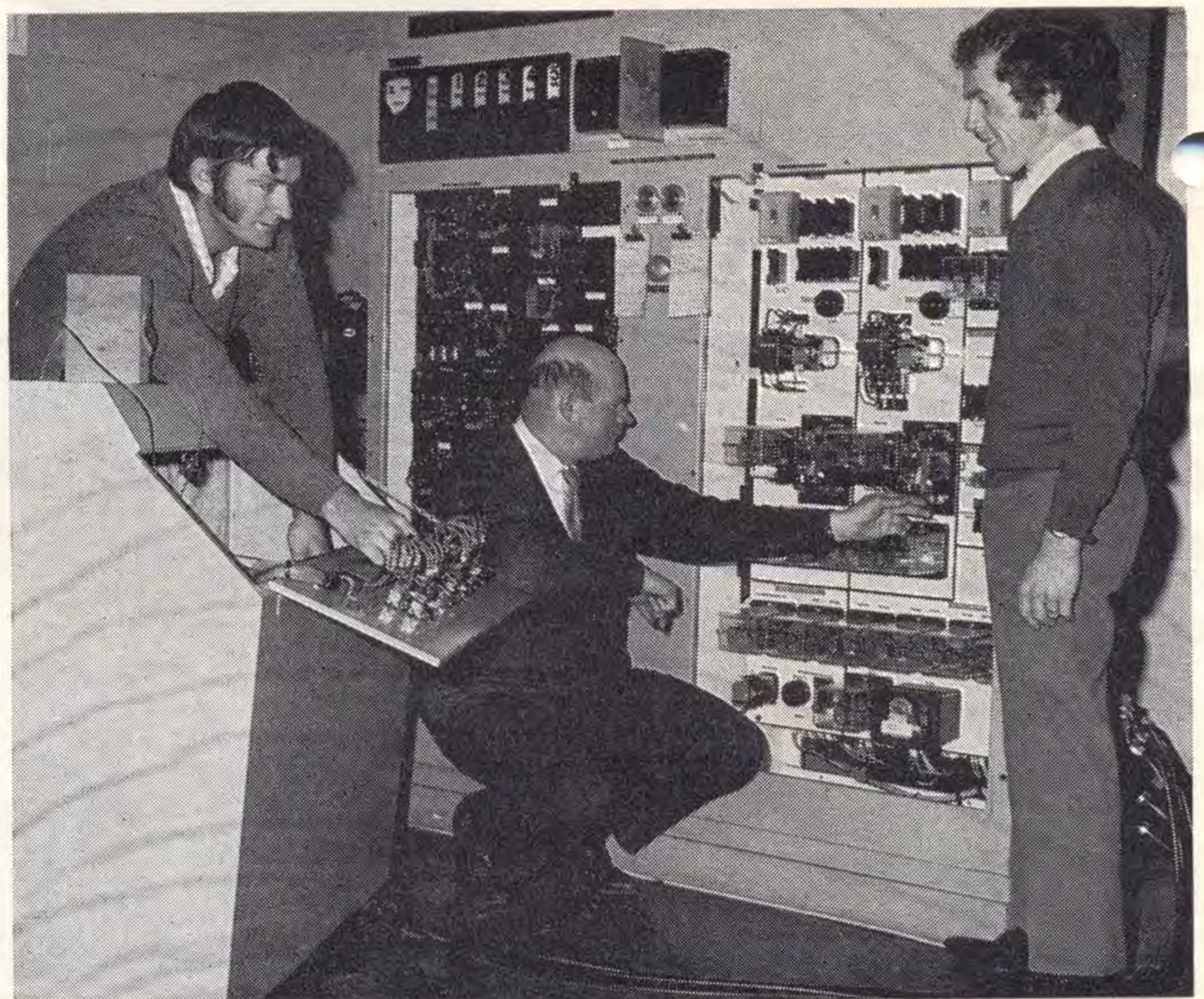
Construction began in 1972, with apprentices working from modified drawings to build the model, making most of the parts and adding specialised electrical equipment.

It was a real team effort, with various electrical sections throughout the Valley contributing either cash or kind to the project.

Scrounged second-hand materials kept the cost of the machine to a low \$1,200, remarkably cheap for a teaching aid which carries virtually all types of controls the tradesman is likely to encounter in the open cut.

**And most faults can be simulated for teaching purposes, or as a demonstration of the effects of misuse or incorrect operation.**

People closely associated with the project, apart from individual apprentices involved in the 2½ year con-



# Art display uncovers hidden talents

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder . . . and the range of works on display at the first SEC arts and crafts festival at Monash House last month contained something for all tastes.

The exhibition of works by SEC personnel or their immediate families, included paintings — in oils, pen and wash treatment, acrylic and watercolor — sculpture, wood engraving, etching, copper wall plaques, embroidery and photographs.

Latrobe Valley artists made a significant contribution to the showing, providing 24 of the 125 exhibits.

Two of the three works entered by Special Projects Officer Stan Salmon — a watercolor scene at Dawes Point — were bought by SEC Commissioner Sir Roger Darvall for his own collection.

Other LV exhibits which more than held their own in a high-standard display were by MB and PI production and safety supervisor Gordon Dadge (3 acrylics), Coal Production Department electrical maintenance engineer Bill Verhagen (3 photographs) and the wives of five SEC employees—Audrey Conrow (3 oils), Pam Lethlean (3 oils), Joan McCowan (3 oils), Yvonne Voysey (3 oils) and Beryl Walsh.

The exhibition, which was highlighted at Monash House by musical performances by SEC personnel and several outside musicians — including the Frank Traynor jazz group — lived up to the organisers' expectations.

The festival wound up on a satisfying note with a concert on November 1.



AGM (Personnel) Peter Duncan and Special Projects Officer Stan Salmon (left), pictured at Monash House with the two drawings which captured the interest of SEC Commissioner Sir Roger Darvall.

## CAMPBELL HUGHSTON NAME LIVES ON IN ART PRINTS

The late Campbell Hughston, the engineer who earned the utmost respect for his direction of Hazelwood Power Station construction, was equally well known for his love of the arts.

On his retirement from engineering, he became the first full-time director of the Morwell Art Gallery.

Now his memory is to be perpetuated at the gallery by a permanent display of prints gathered from a widely representative range of artists throughout Australia.

SEC colleagues of Campbell, who died in February, 1973, were major

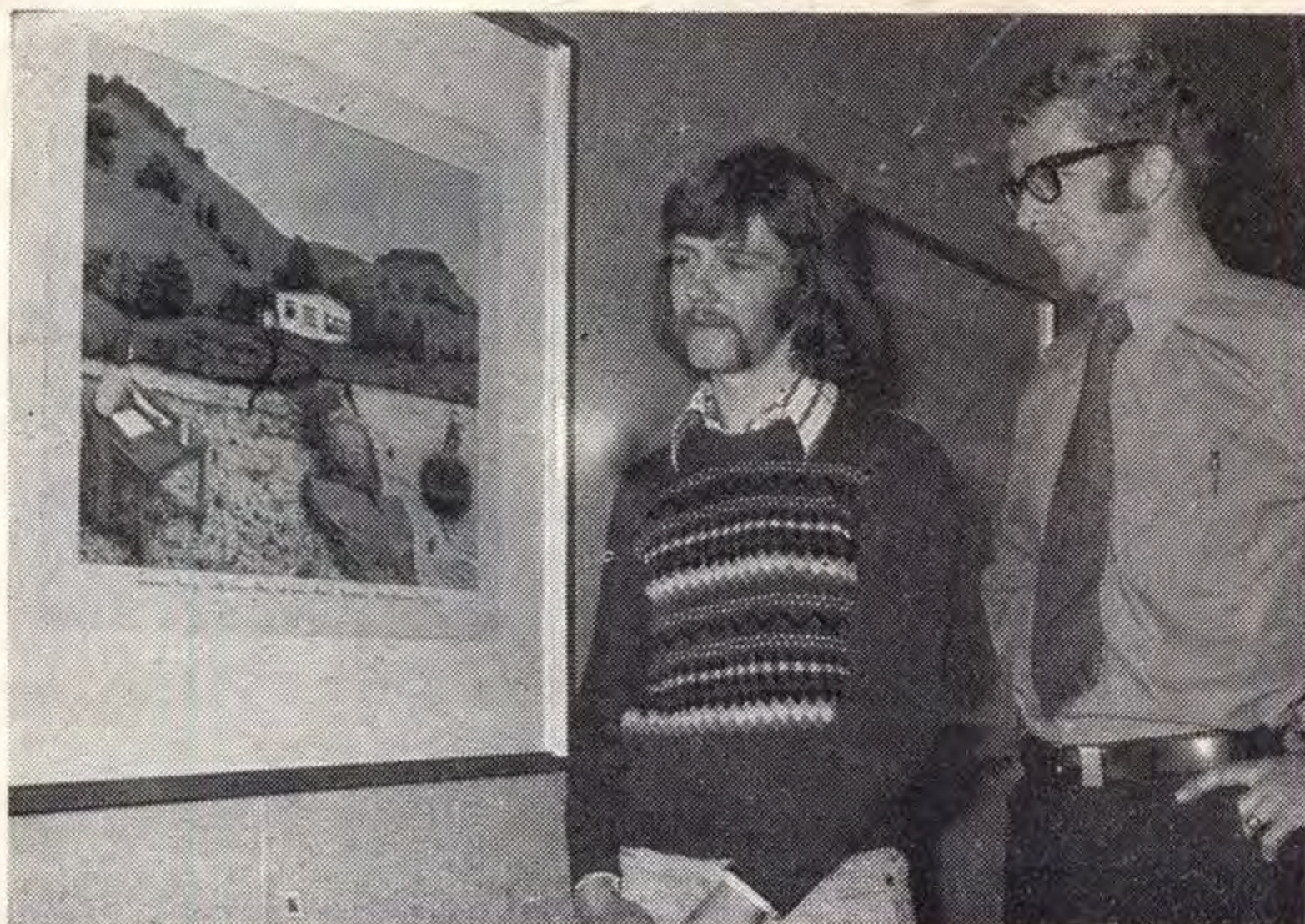
contributors to a public appeal which raised \$2,500 towards the cost of a permanent display.

The display, opened last month by Essendon Grammar School Headmaster Mr. H. Stevens — a close personal friend — was on exhibition in the main gallery during October.

It has since been established in the small gallery.

Gallery officials hope to add to the 37 prints in the display, but will be relying largely on additional donations to finance any additions.

Morwell Art Gallery director Tony Hanning admires works in the Campbell Hughston Collection with Carol Cornthwaite and PLO Mike Answerth.



**focus on safety**

# The long arm of 'coincidence'

Did you know that . . . President Lincoln and President Kennedy were both concerned with Civil Rights.  
 Lincoln was elected in 1860.  
 Kennedy was elected in 1960.  
 Both were slain on a Friday, in the presence of their wives.  
 Both were shot in the head, from behind.  
 Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southern Democrats and were both in the Senate.  
 Andrew Johnson was born in 1808.  
 Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.  
 John Wilkes Booth, who killed Lincoln, was born in 1839.  
 Lee Harvey Oswald, who killed Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Booth and Oswald were both killed before trial.  
 Both Presidents' wives lost children through death whilst at the White House.  
 John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a warehouse.  
 Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.  
 Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theatre.  
 Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

**N**OW that sounds like a lot of coincidence.

Enough, in fact, to make one wonder whether there isn't some unseen stage manager manipulating the scene, to create a grand drama.

Perhaps Lee Harvey Oswald, had he known about the chain of coincidences, would have pleaded in his own defence that he was simply a pawn in the grand scheme, and it was all "just an unfortunate set of coincidences".

He would have found it difficult to convince a jury of his innocence on that basis, but some people still use the same sort of reasoning when investigating injuries/accidents.

The occurrence of an injury is a

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'bothersome interruption', and the aim seems to be to identify some traditional scapegoat we can quote as the cause of the accident, and that fixes that!

If we really care about the injuries suffered on the job in our area, we can use the investigation process not as means to whitewash the issue, but to identify real causes and contribu-

tory factors, thus educating ourselves to be wiser next time.

The whole purpose of the investigation should be to avoid a similar set of circumstances occurring in the future.

To do this, we must not just ask the usual WHY?, but also the more scientifically searching question, HOW?

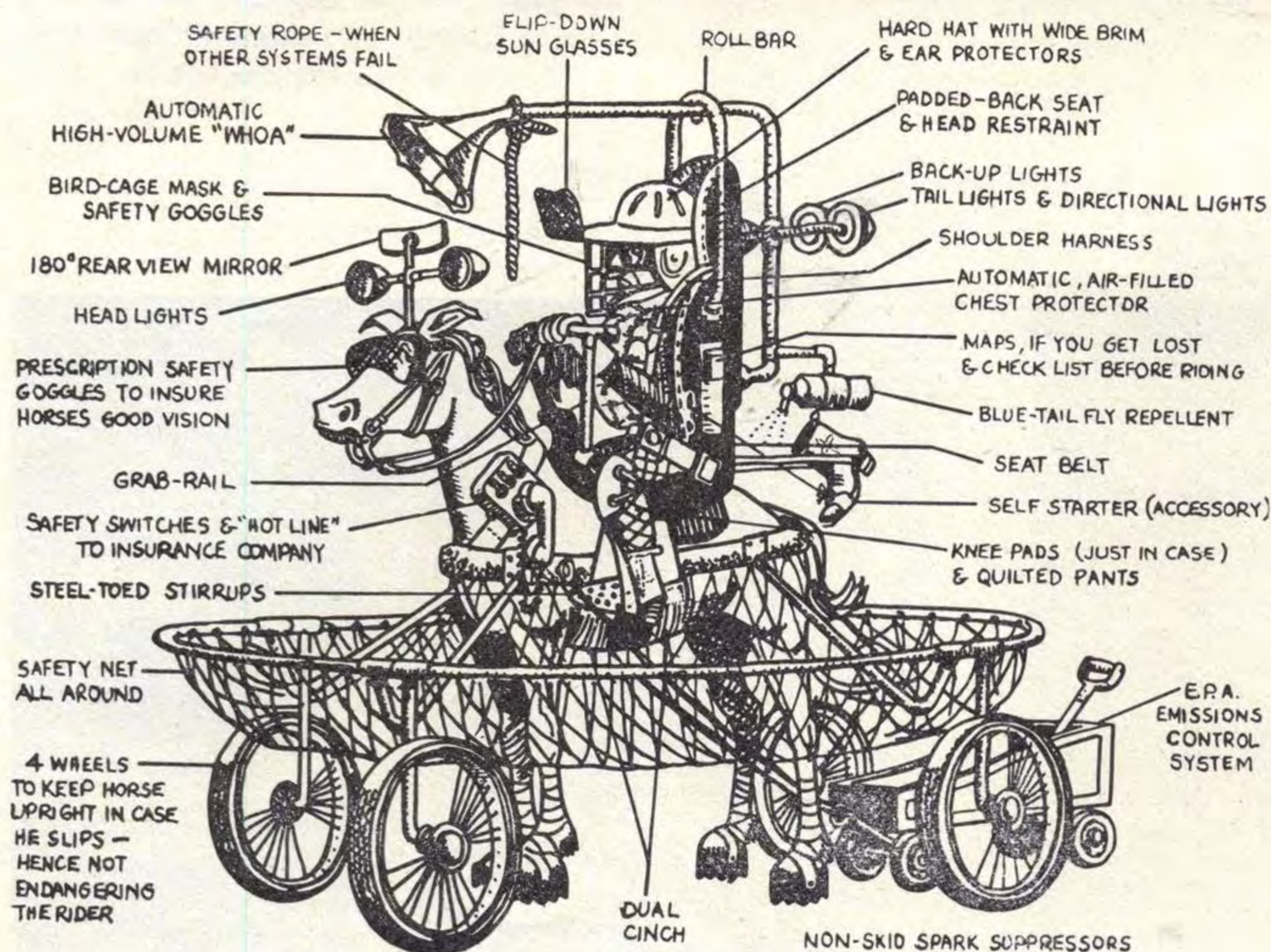
**In particular, look for the human factors in the incident — the plant may not have failed, but:—**

- Was the **person** operating effectively?
- Was he **aware** of hazard?
- Was he properly briefed?
- Was he operating under stress —from home or work situations?

REMEMBER injuries aren't caused by coincidences, but by unsafe acts and conditions.

By asking the right questions, we can identify these acts and conditions and remove them from the scene.

# Super safe cowboy



TRANSPORT — Traralgon-Yallourn-Traralgon.

Wanted' Personnel interested in joining car pools to Eastern Road or Main Gate car parks during staff hours. Contact Stan Bennett, extension 2161.

For Sale — Weston Master 11 light meter; Perfect order — \$10. Apply Morwell 34 1407.

Wanted — Bicycle suitable for girl, aged nine years, phone 3734.

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# TAKING THE 'STING' OUT OF THOSE PRESSURE CANS

Flying sparks and perhaps singed eyebrows are accepted hazards when using outdoor open fires or incinerators . . . but exploding cans are in the definitely unacceptable category.

An article in the 1973 issue of CONTACT demonstrated the danger of placing pressure pack cans in rubbish bins or directly into incinerators.

That article followed a near-miss which could have been tragic for Yallourn Administration Building cleaner Bob Wohlhagen, who was only a few inches from the firing line when a pressure pack can was hurled with great force from an incinerator he was filling with rubbish.

Since then, Yallourn Workshops personnel have devised a handy instrument for puncturing the cans, relieving the potentially dangerous pressure.

The steel can which almost entered Bob's name into the accident statistics struck a steel ladder and ricocheted six metres, a clear indication of the pressure build-up.

For people who could have a use for the handy puncturing instrument, a detailed working drawing is available from Senior Draftsman (Mechani-

cal) Neil Harwood.

In the meantime, don't mix pressure pack cans with combustible refuse such as waste paper and paper towels.

*Pictured at right is the can which caused all the fuss, while below, Bob Wohlhagen demonstrates the new "de-pressuriser".*



fortunate not to have received a serious injury recently when an unguided missile narrowly missed striking him. Bob was emptying rubbish that had been collected from office



bins, into the incinerator at the rear of the Administrative Building. He bent down to pick up another bin when there was an explosion and the remains of a pressure pack can flew out of the incinerator over his



## When vehicles go astray

SEC personnel in the Latrobe Valley contributed 347 accidents to the overall Commission total of 3273 during 1973-74 . . . and about half of them are regarded as avoidable.

This is one of the important statistics in a yearly report which shows the LV accident rate as .659 accidents per vehicle.

This compares with the SEC rate of 1.0368 accidents per vehicle.

However, the significant statistic in the report refers to the high number of accidents involving the striking of stationary vehicles and objects.

One hundred and fifty one vehicles were involved in such accidents, with only two incidents conceded by claims officers as unavoidable.

When the 50 cars damaged while parked, and a further 82 damaged "in unknown circumstances" are taken into account, a picture emerges of a considerable waste of SEC resources — much of it clearly avoidable.

In vehicle repair costs, accidents cost the SEC \$234,819, with the Latrobe Valley adding \$21,612 to the bill.

However, visible cost is thought to be little more than the tip of the proverbial iceberg, with vehicle "downtime", the need for replacement vehicles, loss of manhours as a result of accident and associated costs

adding to the wastage.

The answer to the problem is improved driving techniques and elimination where possible of the hazards which most often contribute to accidents.

Which spotlights the value of the claims office statistics — as a means of isolating and dealing with the problem.

### Accident statistics

	VALLEY		SEC	
	NUMBER	AMOUNT	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Collisions .....	13	3 667	423	81 649
Stationary vehicles, objects .....	151	9 415	1 261	76 047
Skidded, overturned, left road .....	2	371	8	4 457
Damaged whilst parked .....	50	2 407	493	20 610
Damaged, unknown circumstances .....	82	2 882	384	11 697
Thefts and losses .....	11	358	87	2 056
Miscellaneous accidents .....	34	2 608	251	16 590
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21 612</b>	<b>3 273</b>	<b>234 819</b>

## retirements

### PETER VANDEZANDE

The usual hum of Yallourn machine shop activity came to an abrupt halt on September 14 when workmates took time off to farewell crane-driver Peter Vandezande, who has been with the Commission for the past 18 years. Peter's foreman "Zac" Forbes and fellow workmate Dave Quinn both spoke of long associations with Peter, while Workshop's Superintendent Charlie Prust presented him with a large parcel of tobacco and a screen projector. Peter

originally worked as a fitters assistant at the Yallourn Power Station, and in 1961, transferred to Yallourn Stores, for almost one year. Peter intends to caravan his way around Australia.



### ALEXANDER WILLETT

Whenever class 3 machinist Alexander Willett reaches for his hip pocket or is looking for the time of day, he may well be reminded of his nine year stay with the Commission and his farewell presentation held in the Transformer Repair Bay messroom at Yallourn on October 3. Workmates were on hand at the farewell to wish him well, and on their behalf, Stations Engineer Ted Thompson presented Alex with a wallet filled with notes and an

electric clock. Alex won't have too much time to admire the mementos; his fruit trees and vegetable gardens in Trafalgar will take a lot of looking after.



### TED VILA

The reading of a poem, "Pancho Vila", composed by Assistant Charge Engineer Brian Gregory, highlighted the retirement function on October 24 for YPS identity Ted Vila. The poem humorously outlined the characteristics Ted has displayed since joining the Commission in 1944 with Electrical Services. He transferred to YPS as a shift electrician; was appointed to staff as an Electrical Operator in 1950 and won promotions in 1954 and 1966 to reach the post of Electrical Operator

Grade 3, the position from which he retired. Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson congratulated Ted on his workmates' gifts of a lampshade and field glasses, both of which will be useful when Ted moves to Mornington.



### HERBERT RAYMOND ANDERSON

Workmates of Ray Anderson crowded into Morwell Workshops Shift Locker room on August 21 to farewell Ray, who has been a motor mechanic with the Commission

Workshops Superintendent Morwell, complimented Ray on his work over the period before presenting him with fishing reels for both himself and his wife and a special set of candlesticks for Mrs. Anderson. The reels will get a lot of use; Ray who has a holiday house at Inverloch, intends to do quite a bit of fishing around the Mollymook area popular figure. Bruce Reynolds, on the N.S.W. South Coast.

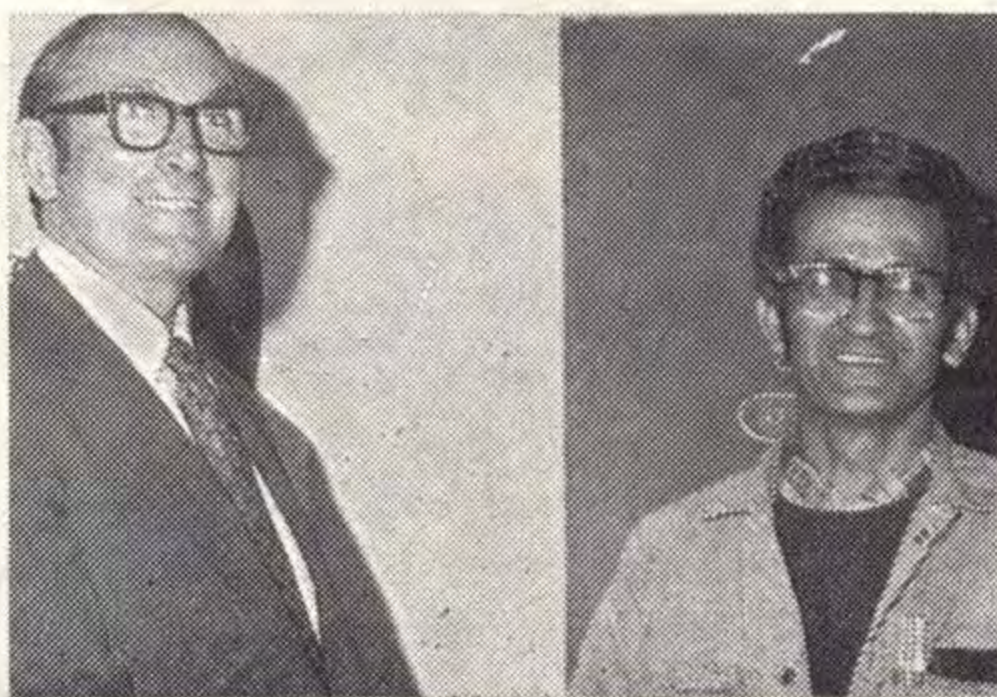
# Ideas pay well at Hazelwood

The Hazelwood Power Station lecture room took on the appearance of the Royal Mint on October 3 when Power Generation Department Manager Jack Robertson presented suggestion awards to three very inventive people.

Werner Arheidt, foreman, and Alan Northover, L/H electrician special class, shared an award of \$1,000 for the design and construction of a new type of dust level detector for use in the electrostatic dust precipitator hoppers at Hazelwood Power Station.

As well, an award of \$500 was presented to fitter Eddie Martini for developing a new type of lifting gear for removal and replacement of soot-blower carriages.

Bob McPherson and Peter Shaw, engineers at Hazelwood, outlined workings of both suggestions and their obvious advantages.



Left: Power Generation Department Manager Jack Robertson was almost as pleased as Eddie Martini when he presented the inventive fitter with a \$500 cheque.

Below: A \$1,000 cheque to be shared by Werner Arheidt and Alan Northover was the reward for another outstanding Hazelwood Power Station suggestion.



## retirements

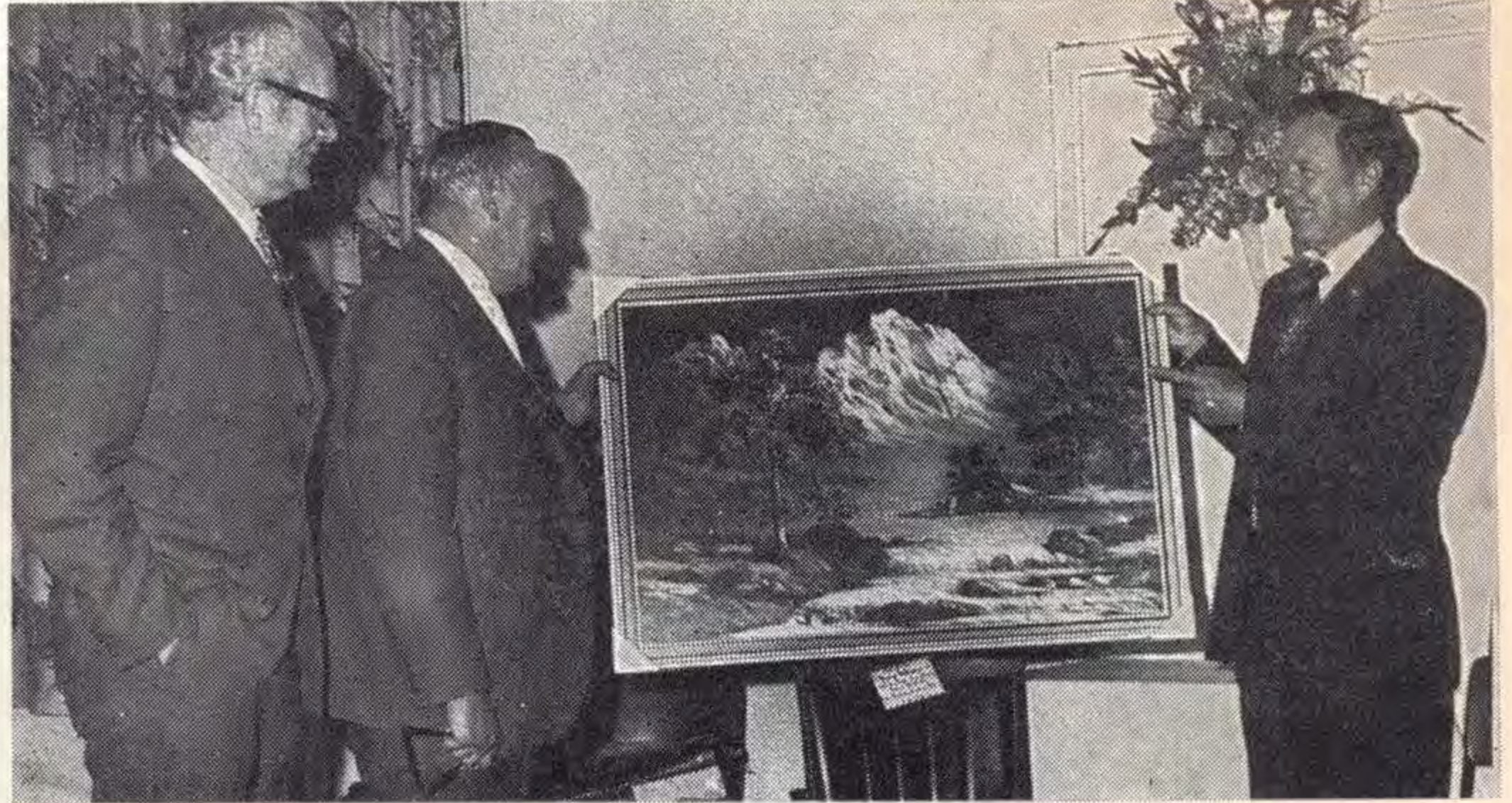
### BARRY CALLINAN SNR.

The SEC lost a real personality on October 18 when Barry Callinan, renowned for sporting "achievements" — both on and off the field — ended a career spanning almost four decades. At a well attended farewell function in the West Mess, Yallourn, Departmental Commercial Officer Ron Osborne and Departmental Accountant Neil Hustwaite both paid tribute to Barry, who began as a laborer in 1936, and was quickly promoted to staff at the Yallourn Construction Depot. He transferred to the Accounting area in 1953 and made his way through various posts in the Costs and Bookkeeping section, attaining in 1970 the position of Assistant Superintendent, Costs and Bookkeeping, later re-titled Assistant Cost Accountant, the position from which he retired. The feelings of his many friends were echoed in the words of a poem penned by members of the Data Processing section.

Special Officer Graham Black also spoke, congratulating Barry on the four chairs and wall-painting he received at an office presentation earlier

in the day, while Barry's son, Barry Jnr. paid a special tribute to his father.

*Special Officer (LV) Graham Black admires gifts presented to Barry Callinan.*



### EUGENE MAIER

#### GOOD LUCK TO YOU, EUGENE

was the phrase splashed over the blackboard of the Services Training Centre on September 14 when Eugene Maier, a plumber with Civil Works, Morwell, for more than 17 years, was farewell-ed. Morwell Civil Works Engineer Graham Teese added his best wishes before presenting a gold watch to Eugene and a sheaf of flowers to Mrs. Maier. Later at a less formal function in a Morwell hotel, Eugene's health was toasted well into the night.



### KINGSLEY SPEAIRS

Building Inspector Kingsley Speairs, a familiar figure to many Latrobe Valley area residents, left the Commission with fond memories when he retired on October 18. During a 35 year career, Kingsley was closely associated with the building game — he began in 1939 as a technical assistant with Municipal Services; was re-classified Building Surveyor in 1947, and a few years later became Building Inspector, Property Section. At a farewell send-off in the West Mess, Departmental Administrative Officer Neville Thompson and Property Officer Alf Heskey, each commended Kingsley on his contribution to the SEC, while Special Officer Graham Black presented him with a screen projector and a cheque for \$25. Kingsley retires to Lakes Entrance where he has bought a new home.

**the sporting scene**

# Mid-week cricket in action

WEEKEND cricket is out for most of the SEC's shift personnel, but the mid-week cricket competition which has operated successfully for a number of years is still effectively filling the gap.

There are five SEC teams — Yal-lourn "W", Central Workshops (Morwell), Hazelwood Black, Hazelwood

White, Morwell Briquette — in the seven-team competition.

1973-74 premiers Police — they defeated Yallourn "W" in the grand final — and APM are the two "outside" teams.

Play since the current season opened on October 2 gives every indication of an interesting year of cricket.

Mid-week cricket affairs are in the capable administrative hands of Yal-lourn Power Station Assistant Charge Engineer Des Dalton, who is president, Lloyd Lewis (vice-president), Harry Smith (secretary-treasurer) and Dennis McAuley (publicity officer).

Matches are played each Wednesday and Thursday.



## TABLE TENNIS IS THEIR SPECIALTY

*Table tennis stars, from left, Wayne Hawken, Ken Woff and Russ Puckridge.*

SEC personnel were prominent at the Morwell and District Table Tennis Association's annual presentation ceremony last month.

'A' grade singles champion is Property and Accommodation Superintendent, Ken Woff, co-winner of the title last year.

The award, decided on a basis of matches won throughout the season—Ken won more than 90% of his matches—was followed by a trophy for the handicap championship, which Ken, on a handicap of minus 35, added to an already overloaded mantel-piece.

Unfortunately, Ken was unable to scoop the pool completely.

His team, Magpies, finished second to the strong Rangers combination of championship, runner-up, Wayne Hawken, a painter with Civil Works, Yal-lourn; Coal Division Administrative Clerk Russ Puckridge, and schoolboy Phillip Davis.

It is the first year in which Wayne and Russ have operated as a doubles combination.

Practice is the secret of success in table tennis, and Ken and Russ can be found most lunchtimes enjoying a "quiet" game in Morwell Administration building.

