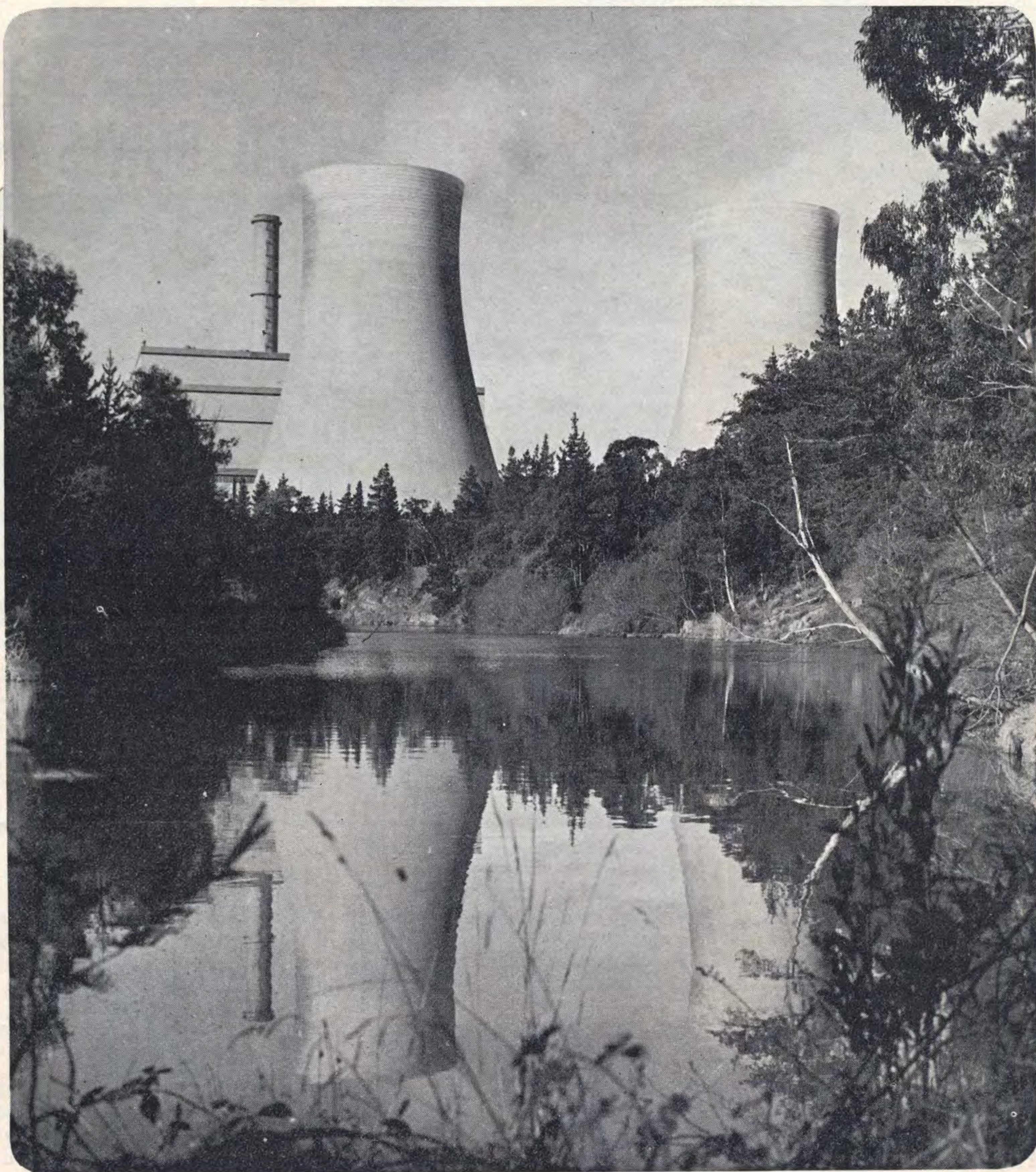




CONTACT

JULY, 1975



Newcomers for Credit Co.-op.



The SEC Social League Credit Co-operative Limited has always been proud of its competent staff, and the two recent attractive additions to the staff of its Morwell office will certainly not let the team down.

Rhonda Read, formerly of Melbourne, and Heather Eddy are the new faces ready and willing to help Co-op. members.

Heather is not such a complete stranger.

She previously worked at the Yallourn Showrooms for a period of six years.

Bowls, one of the Latrobe Valley's (and Australia's) most popular sports, takes up a lot of the off duty time of SEC employees seeking healthy outdoor recreation.

The strength of the almost exclusive SEC "industrial" competition conducted during the season underlines the keen interest shown in the sport as this competition is played almost exclusively by SEC employees.

Senior Draftsman (Mechanical), Neil Harwood certainly believes there is room for the sport to be played more within the SEC, which explains why he is trying to arrange a match between teams of LV based SEC employees and others from the SEC Bowls Club in Melbourne.

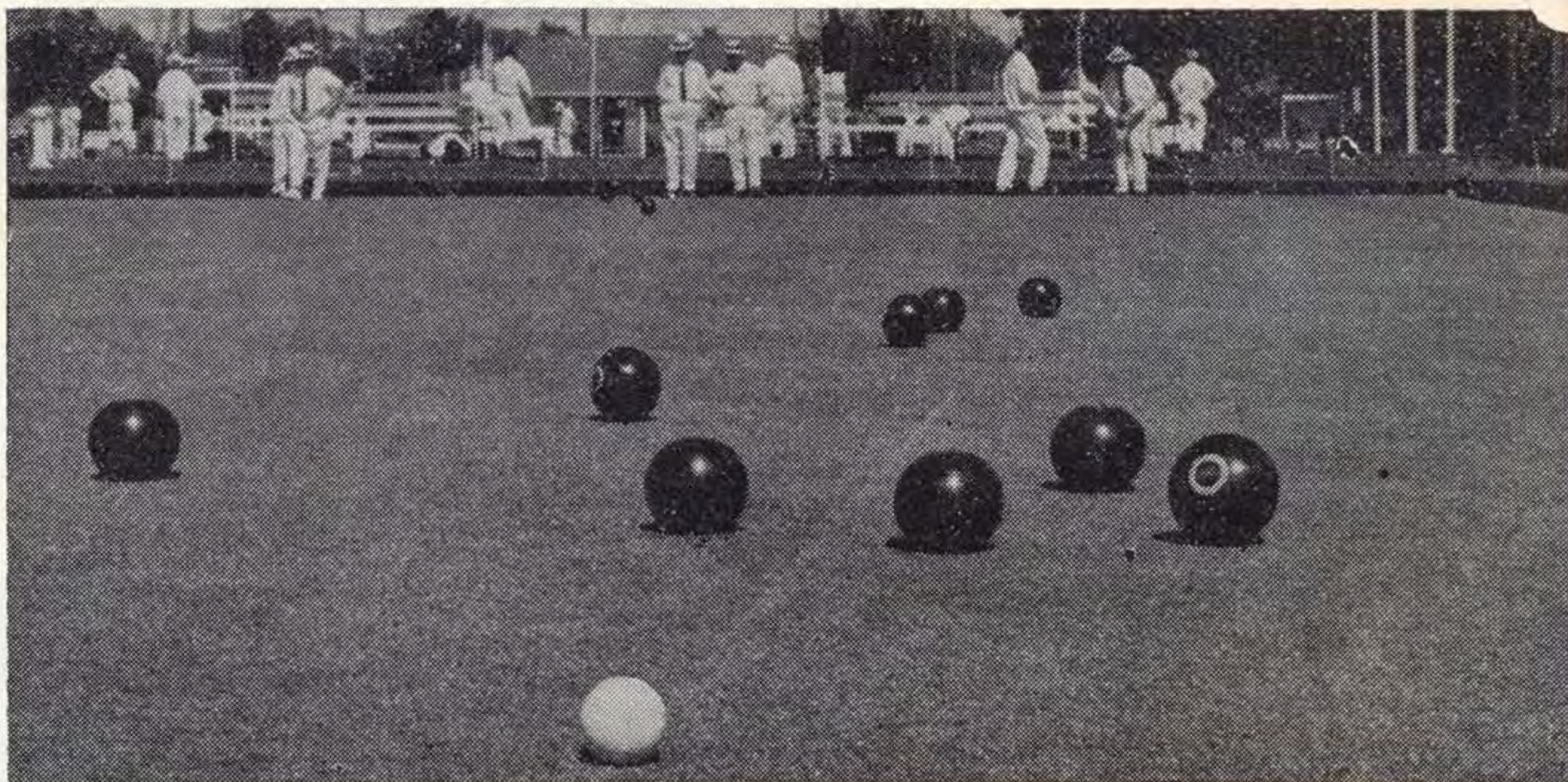
He has tentatively arranged a mixed event against the SEC Bowls Club at Middle Park on Sunday, 8th February, 1976.

The mixed bowls event could be arranged for up to 14 rinks, a total of 56 bowlers.

Neil emphasised that the event would be open to any person interested in bowls—it is not restricted to registered bowlers.

To help him make arrangements,

ANYONE FOR MIXED BOWLS?



those likely to be interested should contact Neil at the Departmental Drawing Office, Main Office, Yallourn (telephone 2061), by September 10.

The SEC Bowls Club is open to all SEC employees.

Current membership is in excess of 150, and for an annual membership fee of \$1, players certainly get value for their money.

For instance, matches are arranged against various SEC social clubs; outside bowling clubs and — the highlight of the year — against teams from the Hydro-Electric Commission Tasmania Bowls Club.

Information on the SEC Bowls Club may be obtained through Neil Harwood or direct from the secretary, Mr R. E. Tabley (Retired), c/o the SEC Social League.

Contact



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Cover

"The cooling towers with their subtle convexities are great works of sculpture . . ."

. . . so said a special report by landscape experts tendered to the public enquiry into the Commission's proposals for the Loy Yang area.

This shot by the Commission's photographic section at Yallourn, provides its own testimony in support of the experts' claim.

Pottery — the family way....

Electrician Ken Downs, of Electrical Workshops at Yallourn, has never looked back since discovering pottery.

Ken, who is turning out high quality pottery after an "apprenticeship" of only two years, is even going so far as to share his enthusiasm with his Yallourn North neighbors.

He is taking weekly evening classes at Yallourn North primary school, where an enlightened policy of making the school available for community purposes is being pursued.

Apart from Ken's pottery classes, courses are available in painting of all kinds, macrame and other arts and crafts interests.

A thriving arts and crafts segment at the primary school has also given a head start in pottery to Ken's children Kelly (11) and Tricia (10), which makes them handy helpers.

Mrs. Betty Downs also plays her part in what has become a real family interest by taking a hand in the glazing process.



Nor does the family interest end there.

Ken's father, former SEC employe Bert Downs, keeps a fatherly eye on proceedings — and no doubt offers helpful advice from time to time.

Bert, who retired about five years ago, was shift storeman at Yallourn Stores from the late 1930's.

A top-class sportsman, Bert is a former Yallourn Football Club coach.

In our picture, Ken and Bert are shown with some samples of the Downs family's handiwork, on display at a Yallourn North Lions Club arts and craft exhibition.

Ken is not likely to forget the exhibition in a hurry.

His entry in a competitive section of the exhibition gained first placing against some of the top pottery enthusiasts in the Valley.

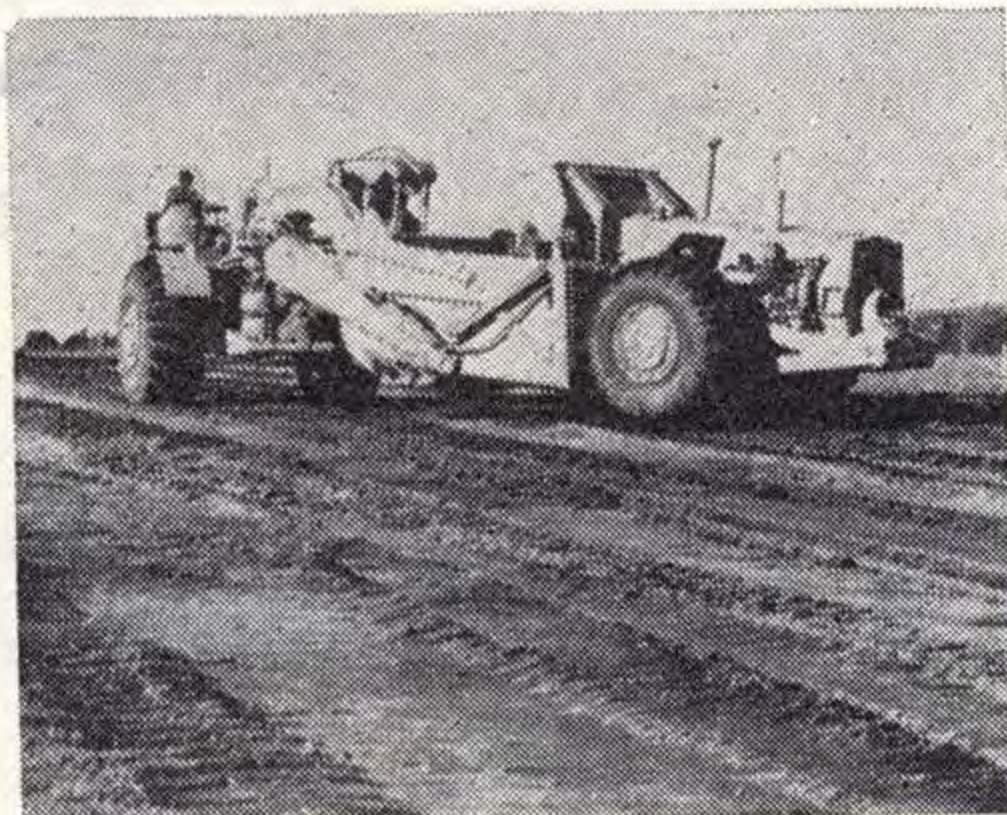
TRENT St. CHANGE OF FACE

Site works on the Trent Street subdivision in Newborough earlier this month brought the 39-block project closer to fruition . . . and it brought a highly desirable residential area closer to Yallourn residents.

Contractors working on the roads (see picture Right) wasted no time in making the most of favorable weather conditions.

The Trent Street subdivision is the first of the large-scale developments planned by the SEC to cater for Yallourn residents.

Two-thirds of the subdivision will be reserved for SEC-transferred and modernised homes, with a "courtyard" recreation area in the centre of the subdivision.



Most houses will front on to the reserve, in Avon Court.

The first four Yallourn houses to be established in Trent Street will virtually be a display centre for prospective buyers; the SEC will transfer and

modernise the homes.

Provision is being made for 26 houses to be transferred and upgraded for sale to Yallourn residents, while the other blocks will be available for residents who wish to make their own arrangements.

The SEC also has plans for subdivisions at:—

- Northern Ave., Newborough (17 blocks): A submission seeking to have the area rezoned for residential purposes is being prepared.

- Southwell Ave., Newborough (4 blocks).

- Lot 72, Newborough (200 blocks) Moe Council approval is being sought for the subdivisions, which are beside the Housing Commission's Monash Estate.

Arbiter gets on with job

Yallourn arbitrator Mr Ray Burkitt (centre) discusses his terms of reference with Assistant General Manager (Ops) Bill De Campo (left) and the Mayor of Moe, Cr Jim Conaghan, who was among Latrobe Valley civic leaders present when Mr Burkitt was introduced to the Latrobe Valley community.



Major Yallourn facilities to get new lease of life

Appointment of an independent arbitrator was the first step toward honoring an SEC commitment to re-establish elsewhere in the Latrobe Valley Yallourn community facilities of a continuing nature.

AGM (Operations) Bill De Campo has said that although it was in the interest of the Latrobe Valley community to see the issue resolved as soon as possible, Mr. Burkitt's investigations could take as long as 12 months.

Emphasising that Mr Burkitt would operate completely independently, Mr De Campo said that the SEC looked for an equitable result for all parties, one based on recognition that the Latrobe Valley was "a total community".

"We certainly don't want anyone seeing this as a "big brother" operation", he added.

Mr. Burkitt has an ideal background for his task.

In his 29 years with the Housing Commission, Mr. Burkitt was a consistent advocate of steps which em-

phasised the "human aspect" of the Commission's operations.

He played a major role in promoting close liaison with community groups, and took a special interest in aspects of the urban environment such as the need for creches, kindergartens, youth clubs, sporting organisations, sports grounds and areas for passive recreation.

In private life he pioneered the establishment of Balwyn Youth Club and his keen awareness of community needs will be invaluable in the complex task with which he is faced.

Mr. Burkitt joined the Housing Commission as a field and Research Engineer in 1946, taking up one of four executive positions at Holmesglen.

He became Chief Engineer in 1950 and Chief Technical Officer in 1957.

His appointment as Commissioner came in 1966, a position from which he retired on 30 June.

For the past two years, Mr Burkitt has been Chairman of the Victorian Division of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies,

"This will be a cards on the table operation, calling for complete frankness and an assumption that all involved want to get the best result for the whole community".

That's how former Housing Commissioner Ray Burkitt sees his role as Independent Arbitrator, with the complex task of advising the SEC on re-establishment elsewhere of certain Yallourn facilities.

Mr. Burkitt made it clear that he would take a completely independent view and would make all his decisions on a basis of submissions and interviews.

He told municipal representatives and pressmen at a function at Yallourn on July 16 that he would be guided in his work by a strong personal belief in the importance of adequate community facilities.

"Loss of Yallourn facilities to the wider Latrobe Valley community would be a tragedy, and I am pleased to be involved in their preservation." he said.

Advertisements in Latrobe Valley newspapers and on radio have publicised fully Mr. Burkitt's terms of reference, while calling for applications from individuals and organisations intending to make submissions.

In response to applications, questionnaires will be sent out as a basis for detailed submissions to Mr. Burkitt.

His work will begin in earnest October when the questionnaire material is considered in depth and a start is made to the all-important face-to-face interviews.

The arbitrator's task could take as long as 12 months.

SOCIAL CLUBS' GOLF DAY

The Association of SEC Social Clubs golf championship at Yallourn on October 5 promises to be even more successful than the event last year; a championship which was rated an outstanding golfing and social success.

Open to SEC employees based in the Latrobe Valley and their wives, the golfing program includes nine events.

Feature event is the championship

27-hole men's scratch round.

Current titleholder is top Gippsland golfer Bob Goldie.

Other events listed are 27-hole A, B, C and D grade handicaps; A and B grade handicaps over 18 holes for men and similar events for women.

The championship program will be followed by a steak dinner dance.

Entry forms for the golfing program

will be available during the first week in September. Entries close on September 19 with Lex Derham (3447), Bruce Lawn (3424), Frank Pye (5178), Noel Connelly (2433) or with the Yallourn Golf Club (62 2382).

Entry fee is \$1 per event; luncheon will be provided for \$2 and steak dinner dance tickets are selling at \$4 per double.



TRANSMISSION

HERMAN KEEPS ACTIVE IN HIS "SPARE" TIME



From raw material to finished article . . . this attractive looking opal ring is an example of Herman Winkler's 'part-time' craftsmanship.

Transmission Social Club

Contrary to some speculation and rumors currently doing the rounds.

The Transmission Social Club will continue to function to provide social activities for all Transmission (Operation and Stations) personnel in the Latrobe Valley.

The club, which is in a very social financial position, has a committee which will continue to provide activities as requested by members.

Club policy on social activities has been altered

enabling functions to be held more frequently throughout the year.

All employees within the sections concerned have received, or will soon receive, a circular outlining the committee's plans under the new policy.

FOR SALE:

1 petrol motor driven ferris wheel, seating for twelve. Registered and road-worthy. — For further particulars, contact secretary, Ivan Harris 5551, or PMG 34 4583.

From opal polishing to deep sea fishing . . . that's the range of interests which help fill in those off-the-job moments for transmissions Herman Winkler.

Herman, whose "spare time" life outside Commission walls reads like a National Geographic, is an electrical operations officer gr. 3 at the Regional Control Centre.

He came out from Germany in 1951, spending three years on the hydro schemes in Tasmania before moving across to the mainland to work with the Commission.

Herman's interest in opals really began in his youth when he and his friends used to dive for river stones. But his most recent involvement is far more elaborate, involving him in producing his own jewellery.

He obtains his base material (opal rough)—most of which originates from Coober Pedy in South Australia — from various contacts in Melbourne.

Herman will then spend hours cutting and polishing the stone before coming up with his finished opal, and as illustrated in our picture, he may even go a step further and mount his handiwork on a specially constructed metallic base.

The end result; an eye-catching piece of jewellery.

Constantly on the lookout for precious stones, which are often found in river-beds, Herman counts scuba diving high among his pet hobbies.

*This one
didn't
get away*



A recent foray into the depths of a river near Lang Lang resulted in a handful of sparkling sapphires from the river bed.

Photography and deep sea fishing are other activities in which Herman has taken more than a casual interest.

The 9lb schnapper pictured above is living (or dead) proof of this.

With the purchase of a 'go-anywhere' Toyota Land Cruiser, Herman has now added another string to his bow.

So if anybody wants to know how to constructively fill in their leisure time — just ask Herman Winkler.

GIPPSLANDER'S BIRTHDAY TOUR

Engineering Services Manager Max Gray and Public Relations Officer Stan Aitken joined P & I Department Chief Engineer Dick Urie to represent the SEC at a 21st birthday party on July 22.

Guest of honor was The Gippslander, the Victorian Railways flag-carrier in this region . . . and a very comfortable mobile venue for an anniversary celebration.

The SEC representatives joined VR Commissioners on the train at Morwell, continuing on through Gippsland to Sale and back to Traralgon, the terminal of Australia's first main-line electrification.

A high point for the Commissioners was a close look at the Loy Yang project area.



During the inspection of Loy Yang, VR officials obviously had a lot of questions to ask . . . and Dick Urie, Max Gray and Stan Aitken were just the men to supply the answers.

Dick Urie, who travelled with Railway Commissioners from Melbourne, briefed his audience on the project and its implications for the Latrobe Valley

Commissioners were especially interested in the proposed location of the railway siding from which heavy goods will be unloaded for Loy Yang, and the access road system.

The VR will be responsible for the

haulage of all heavy loads to Loy Yang.

Max Gray and Stan Aitken were engaged in general discussions on the project, and with Dick Urie, took part in a detailed inspection of the Loy Yang site.

The opportunity also was taken at the party to take a brief look at the Hazelwood/Morwell Works Area.

SMILE...!

Here's a face that is relatively new to the Valley . . . but one already familiar to most personnel.

Senior photographer John Smith is the new leader of our photographic team.

His past experience in the technical field equipped him well for the task of capturing on film technical aspects of day-to-day SEC operations.

John's previous post was with the Defence Department's Materials Research Laboratories in Maribyrnong, where he was engaged in technical photography for nine years.

He previously spent four years with the Bureau of Mineral Resources in Footscray as a radio technician.



THE LATEST ON COLOR TELEVISION DELIVERY

Following the July shipment of color TV sets (expected installation early August) the next shipment is scheduled for late August/early September.

From September, Monash House Social Club expects shipments to have caught up with orders, and new orders will be supplied within about two weeks.

People contemplating buying a set, and who have not yet paid, should forward payment to Frank Miller, Association of Social Clubs secretary, Industrial Relations, Morwell Admin. Building.

Payment should be accompanied by full name and address and business and phone numbers.

Delays in delivery of sets has been beyond the control of social club organisers.

Custom-built TV stands on castors and with swivel base are available at a cost of \$26. Those interested should contact Frank Miller.

He also is the contact for the sale of pocket electronic calculators manufactured by the General Corporation.

Available at a cost of \$20, the Teknika 812A is an eight-digit unit which performs all the usual calculations plus reciprocal, percentage constant and power calculations.

Square root and memory facilities are among the functions of the conveniently-sized machine.

Hazelwood PS Social Club

New officers for the HPS Social Club were elected on July 14.

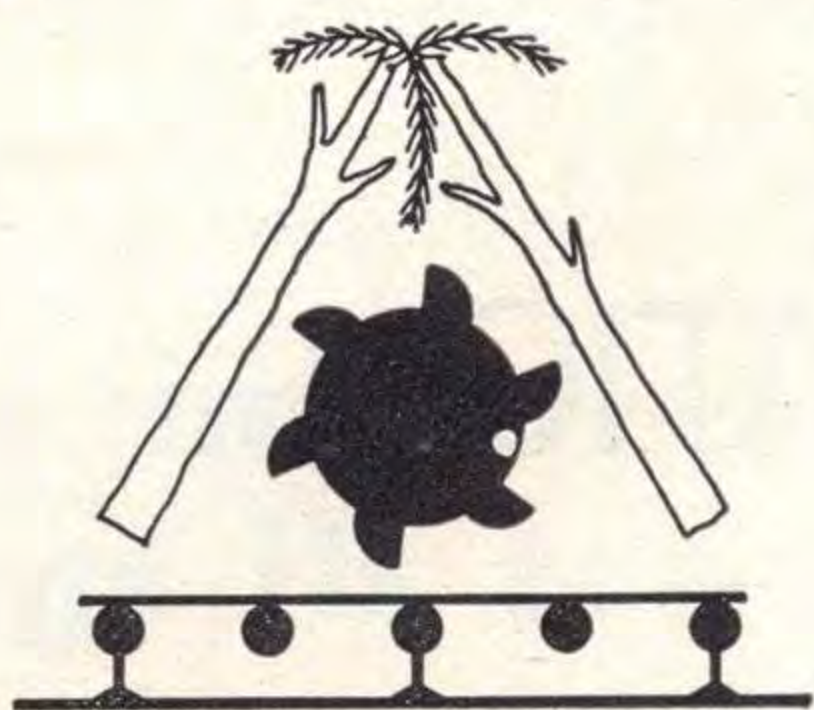
Although they have a hard act to follow — the club had such a bumper year in 1974 — they are determined to do just as well, if not better.

The new executive is comprised of Barry Dunn (president), Stan Keilty (Secretary), Frank Pye (vice-president), Henry Winters (asst. secretary), and Geoff O'Neill (treasurer).

The new president reminds members of the annual cabaret ball to be held at Kernot Hall on August 22.

Entertainment will be provided by local group 'Accent' and funny-man from America, Tim Evans, so everything is set for a great night.

A further reminder to club members, keep November 7 free for the annual dance to be held in Shaws Ballroom, Moe.



COAL PRODUCTION

Dredger site comes to life

The Hernes Oak dredger construction site came alive on June 17.

The peace and solitude which has surrounded the site since No. 12 dredger moved gracefully into the open cut just before Easter last year, was shattered when workmen from Simon Carves Australia Pty. Ltd. struck the first blow in the chain of events which will lead to the birth of No. 13 dredger early in 1977.

The initial step is the manufacture of the 130 tonne turntable on which the bulk of the dredger will be mounted.

Normally, this type of equipment would be manufactured in an outside workshop and then ferried to the dredger site, but an already overloaded workshop has forced Simon Carves to carry out the work on site.

No. 13 dredger will be similar in appearance to bucket wheel machine No. 10.

It will have 10 buckets;

will weigh approximately 1800 tonnes and cost approximately \$4.75 million.

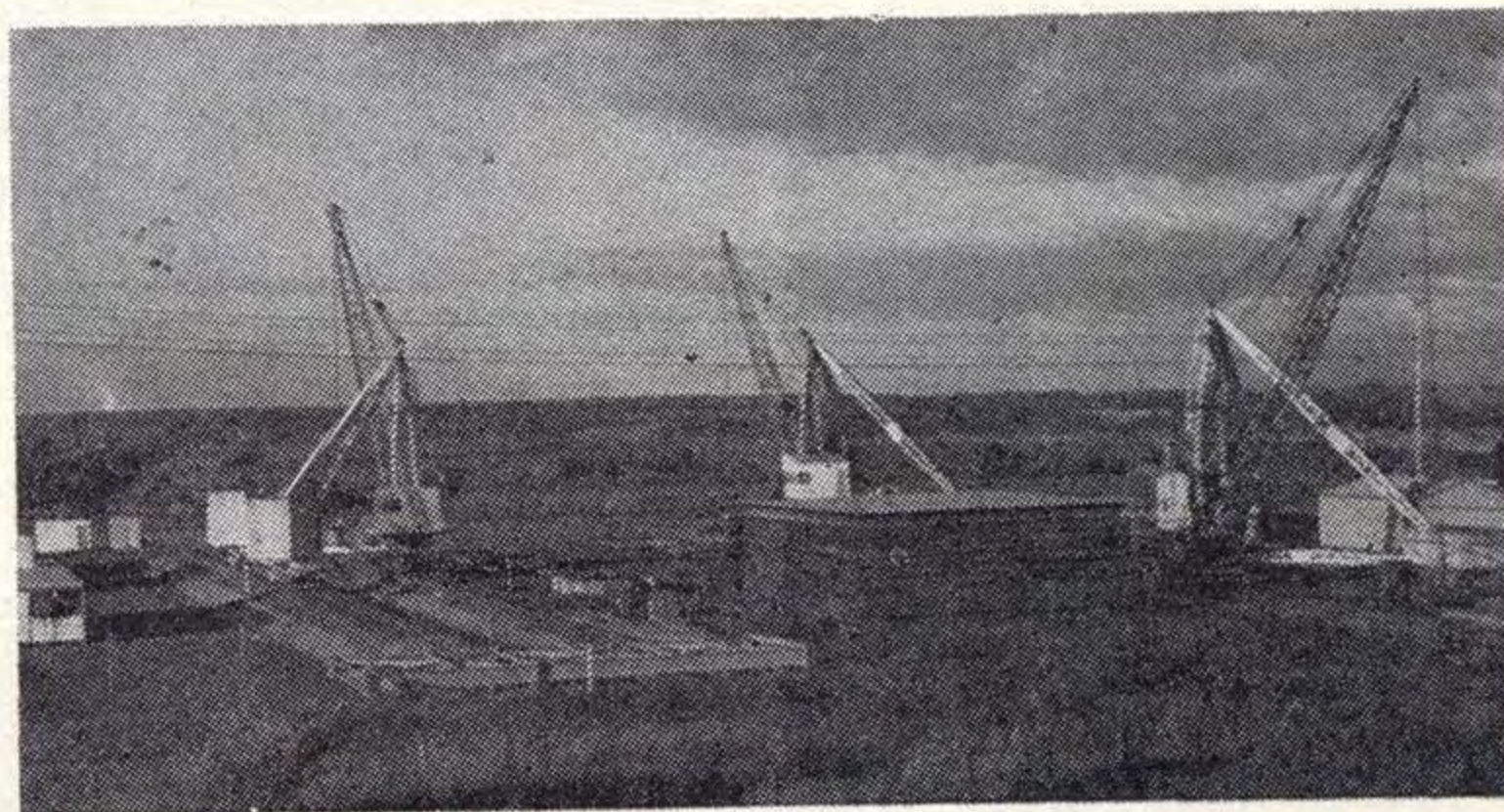
The mechanical giant will be erected by Krupp (Australia Pty. Ltd.)

When completed, the new dredger will begin work on the overburden, relieving No. 7 dredger for work at the coal face.

But erection of No. 13 dredger is only part of the story. Associated projects include construction of an additional conveyor system and introduction of a new overburden stacker.

The conveyer system, to be built at an estimated cost of \$6.5 million by Ascom Pty. Ltd., will be comprised of 301, 304, 305, 306 and 308 conveyors, and will carry overburden material to the southern dump area.

Weserhutte Otto Wolff Pty. Ltd. has the job of installing TS3 stacker, a \$2-million machine which will provide a vital link in the overburden distribution chain.



Above: Like a slowly awakening animal after months of hibernation, the Hernes Oak dredger construction site is gradually coming to life. Within a few months site operations will be in full swing.

OLD FRIENDS MEET

It was a case of renewing an old friendship for Coal Production Manager Jack Vines when eminent West German electrical engineer and lecturer, Professor Dr. H. Thielen, paid a call at Yallourn and Morwell open cuts early last month.

The two men had previously met when Jack was visiting the large Biag Zukunft open cut in West Germany in 1973.

Professor Dr. Thielen toured the works area in the company of other delegates from an International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Technical Committee which met in Sydney during the first week in July.

During his visit, Professor Dr. Thielen addressed approximately 80 engineering personnel on 'Electrical

Engineering in the Rheinland Brown Coal Open Cuts'.

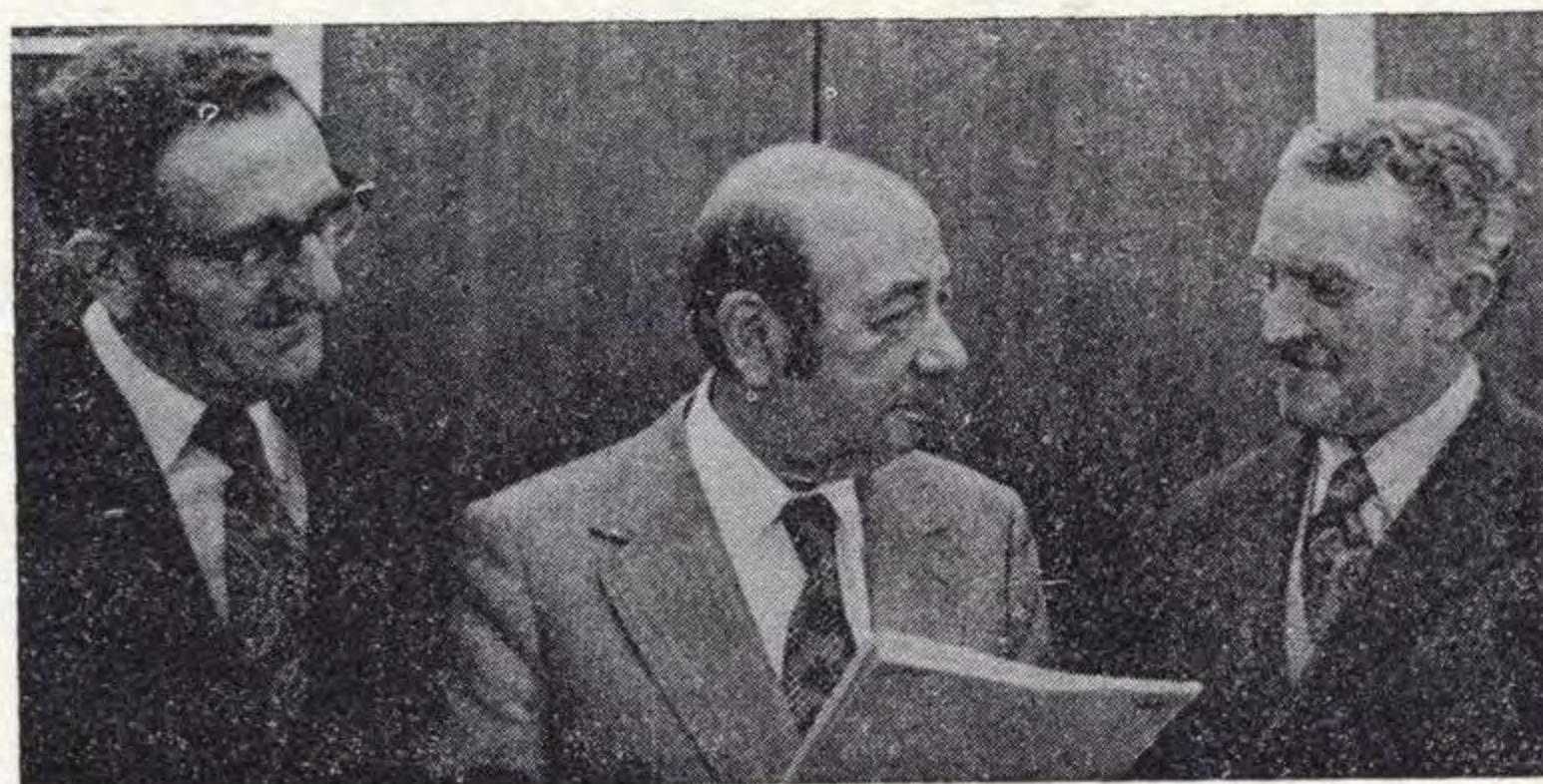
Professor Dr. Thielen is chairman of IEC Committee TC71, which has responsibility for preparing recommendations on 'Electrical installations for Outdoor sites under heavy conditions (including open cast mines and quarries).

He is a lecturer at Aachen University.

The Secretariat of TC71 is held by Australia.

Dick Bunting, of the SEC's Fuel Department, has held the position of secretary since the committee's inception.

The Sydney conference was attended by about 30 delegates and observers from the UK, France, Sweden, Germany, Russia, Indonesia, Japan, USA, Canada and Australia.



Above: Perhaps they're talking about old times . . . Professor Dr. Thielen and Jack Vines exchange friendly comments while Laurie Baker, Asst. Coal Production Superintendent at Yallourn tunes in.



POWER GENERATION

Precipitator testing uncovers some answers

There are no simple answers to precipitation problems, but it is surprising what some persistent hard work, mental flexibility and ingenuity can achieve.

That's the picture where the team currently conducting tests with a pilot precipitator at Yallourn Power Station is concerned.

Begun in mid-1974 under the leadership of engineer Eric Rendell, the series of tests brought some frustrations to those involved — and others waiting anxiously on the results.

However, ingenuity and a willingness to innovate enabled the team to go a long way toward meeting their objectives.

The arrival of David Lloyd, who had considerable experience with precipitators in the Central Electricity Generating Board's Midlands Region in England, led to some valuable innovations.

These speeded up the testing process, giving the team quicker access to the vital statistics needed for a profile of precipitator operation under varying conditions, and with various grades of coal.

As expected, the light, fluffy ash produced from the burning of "high-A1" coal—a troublesome cut from Yal-

lourn—caused the greatest precipitation difficulties.

Tests with the pilot precipitator have shown that while the "high A-1" coal ash is easily attracted to the collector plates, when the electrodes are rapped to shake the collected ash into hoppers, some of the ash is re-entrained back into the gas stream and out of the chimney.

The relationship between re-entrainment, precipitator design and gas velocity has been clearly defined for the pilot unit.

This is vital to designers faced with a need to meet stringent specifications as economically as possible (reduction of gas flow is achieved by providing larger precipitators).

Confirmation of the optimum rapping forces will need separate, more detailed investigations.

Work with the pilot precipitator has shown how collecting efficiency rises with increased electrical power input.

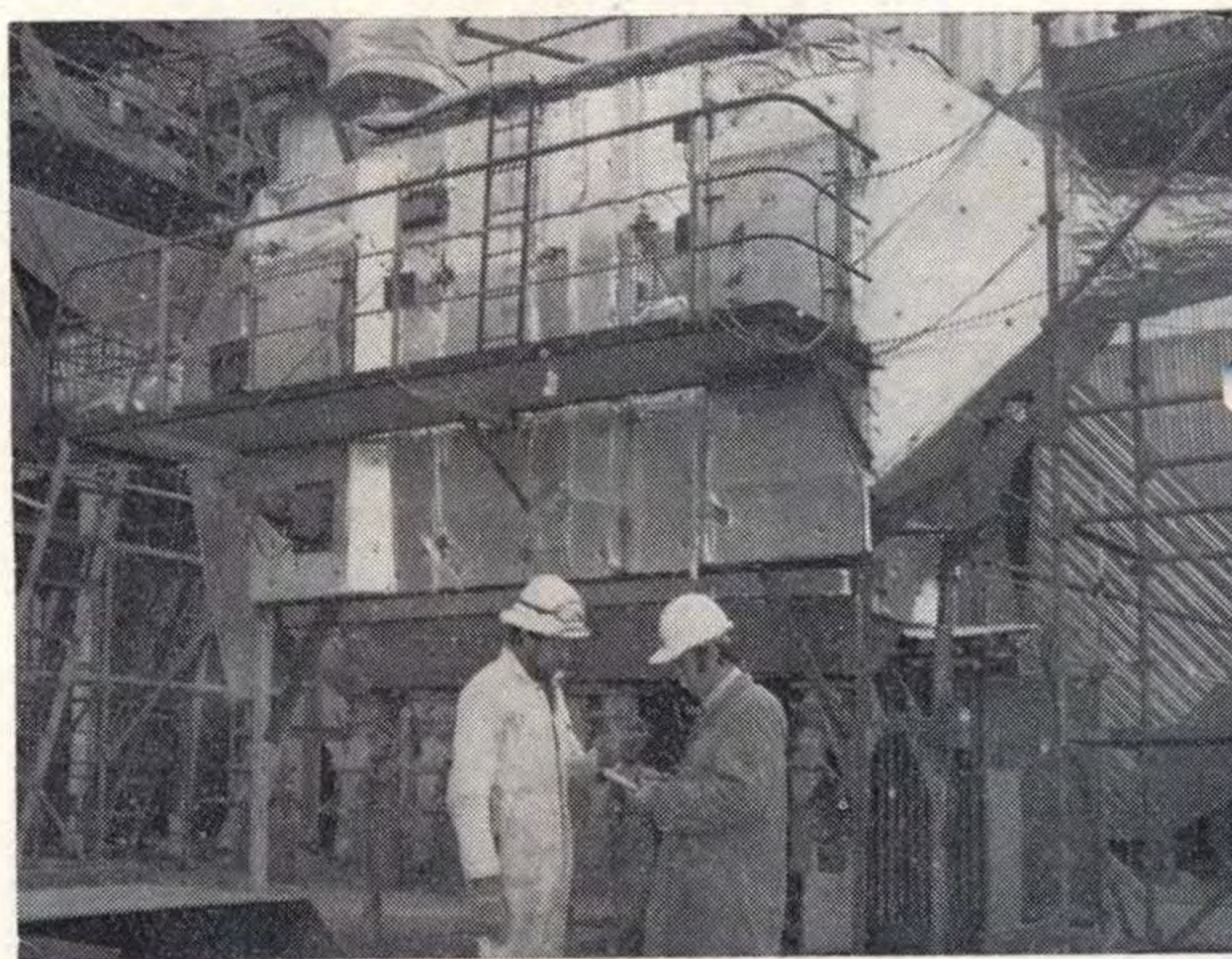
There are also indications that certain collector plates design types are more effective than others.

The great value of the pilot precipitator test program is that it enables a body of comparative statistics to be assembled quickly.



Above: Checking reading is all part of a day's work for the team. Constant vigilance is required for test results to be conclusive.

Below: Against the background of the test precipitator, David (left) and Eric discuss a test result.



The findings give valuable leads for full-scale power station testing, which in turn substantiates in many cases the earlier pilot test work.

Much of the work done is already finding practical use in the design and specification of new precipitators.

This has special significance for contractors proposing to submit tenders for precipitators at existing or proposed stations, and with the Loy Yang development on the horizon, the economic and environmental stakes are high.


**POWER
GENERATION**

Safety improvement brings its reward

The presentation of four separate safety awards made Monday, June 23, a big day for all safety conscious personnel at Hazelwood Power Station.

Before handing out the various certificates and pennants, Power Generation manager Jack Robertson complimented station personnel on an improving safety record.

He emphasised that in its early years, the HPS track record was rather poor, and it was especially pleasing to see such rapid improvement in recent times.

First cab off the rank was Station Operations Section, which—under the leadership of Bert Mee—passed the 250,000 manhours 'D.I. free' landmark for the fourth time in March this year.

With Bert Mee recently retired, A/SOE George Loughborough accepted the award on behalf of his section's 380 personnel, and emphasised that teamwork was the vital component for success.

The all-time record for Station Operations at Hazelwood is a staggering 753,520 accident-free man-

hours, achieved during the period July 1972 to July 1973.

The 480 members of Mechanical Maintenance Section also excelled themselves with their effort of 250,000 accident-free hours.

Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Les Kite accepted the award and indicated that he attributed his section's safety success to the fact that an all-out effort had been made to communicate the 'safety message' to every member of the Section.

The other two awards were presented to members of Electrical Maintenance, Groups 13 and 15.

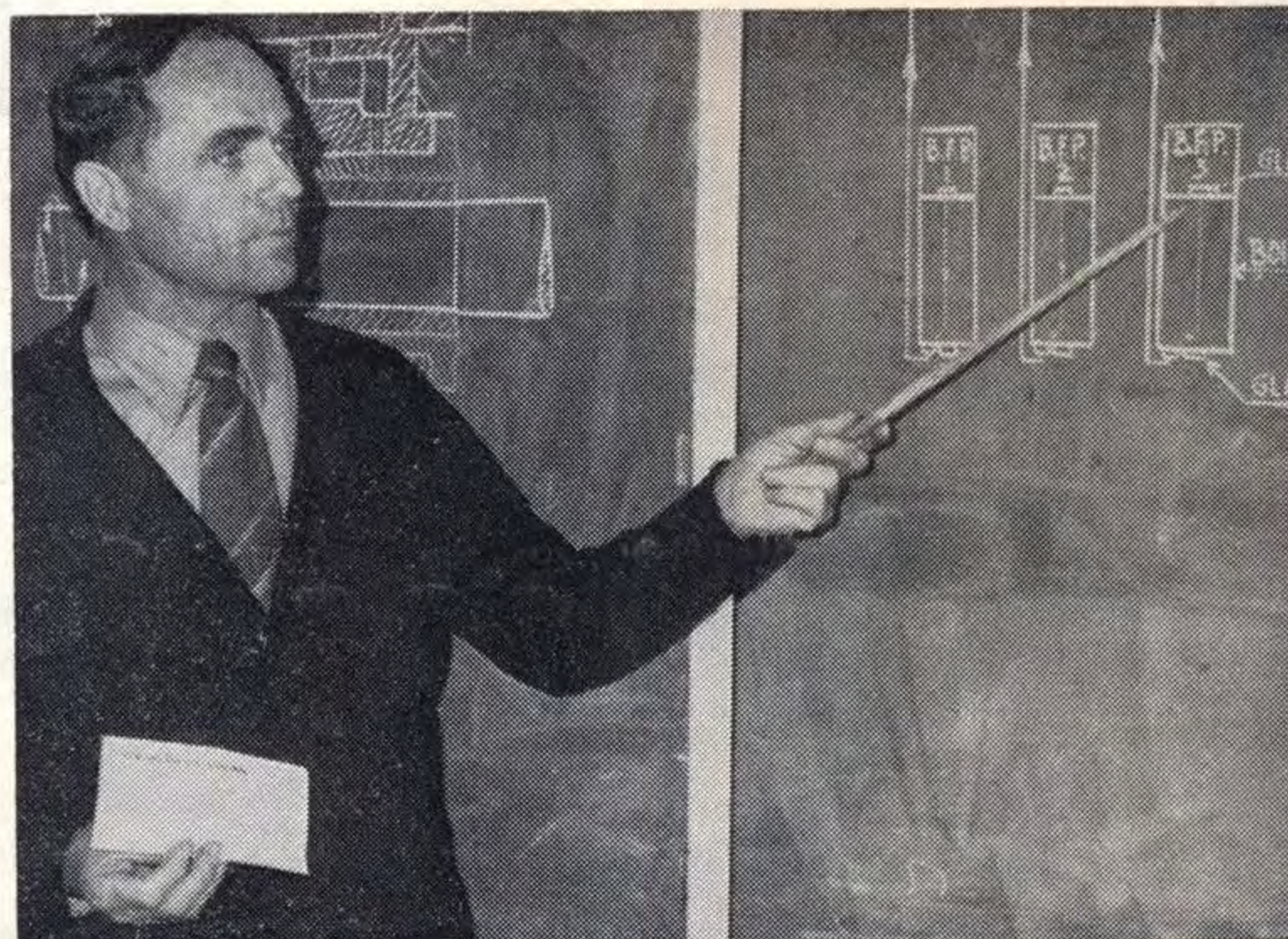
Group 13, with 33 members, notched up 100,000 manhours from June 1973 to January 1975, and representative Jock Eastham said he hoped to be back to pick up the 250,000 manhour award in the not too distant future.

Gang safety representative Bob Cook accepted the award for Group 15.

This 33 member group has amassed 265,318 safe working hours since mid 1971, and is still "going strong".



Above: Les Kite smiles like a proud father as he holds the safety award won by 'his boys'.



Above: Simon Wells proudly displays his sizeable cheque whilst pointing out one of the finer aspects of his record-breaking suggestion.

RECORD SAVINGS... ... RECORD AWARD

Hazelwood Power Station, which seems to have developed the happy knack of breaking records, has once again entered its name in the record books.

This time, the record is in the field of Suggestions.

On July 3, Operations Officer Simon Wells received an award of \$2000—the highest individual award ever paid in the Latrobe Valley—for his simple, but extremely effective solution to a problem with the labyrinth glands of the Harland boiler feed pumps.

The problem has existed for the operational life of the power station, but until now has gone unsolved.

Steam condensed from the turbines (condensate) is used for sealing labyrinth glands on the boiler feed pumps.

Originally, the temperature of the condensate was a relatively cool 38 degrees centigrade, causing distortion of the pump and subsequent pump failures.

As a result, water of a higher temperature has been used, necessitating the application of low temperature quenching water to the pump gland splash guards to prevent steam formation at the gland outlets.

A result of all this complicated manoeuvring has been a considerable increase in the quantity of condensate water draining to waste.

Simon's idea was to incorporate a separate pipe from the glands to a new drain tank (affectionately dubbed "Simon's Well") installed at a lower level. The condensate is then returned to the condenser, making use of the condenser vacuum.

In terms of savings, the suggestion is of great value.

Ten million gallons of condensate per year per unit is used, and with condensate make-up costing approximately \$1.00 per

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ENGINEERING SERVICES

Machines for all reasons

Commission operations in the La-trobe Valley area are carried out on a large scale; coal winning, power generation and electricity transmission all require a wide range of technical equipment and sophisticated, often bulky machinery.

But few people appreciate the key role of the Central Workshops.

Any machinery which turns, twists, drills or presses is bound to require repair work at some stage—and when that machinery is of turbine size, then the repair facilities must have enormous capacity and versatility.

Yallourn Workshops is a prime example. Mr. Hugh Mathews, a visiting Group Generation Manager with the UK Central Electricity Generating Board, recently labelled the Yallourn Workshops as being "so well equipped that they could carry out almost any job."

His opinion may have been influenced by the recent retooling programme, based on detailed investigation over a period of two years, which has resulted in four sophisticated additions to the Workshops complex.

Two of the machines are numerically-controlled (NC) machines — a 'Mori Seki' lathe and an 'OKK' vertical spindle milling/drilling machine. Controlled by a tape punched from a written programme they can reproduce components with precision accuracy whilst machining at optimum feeds and speeds.

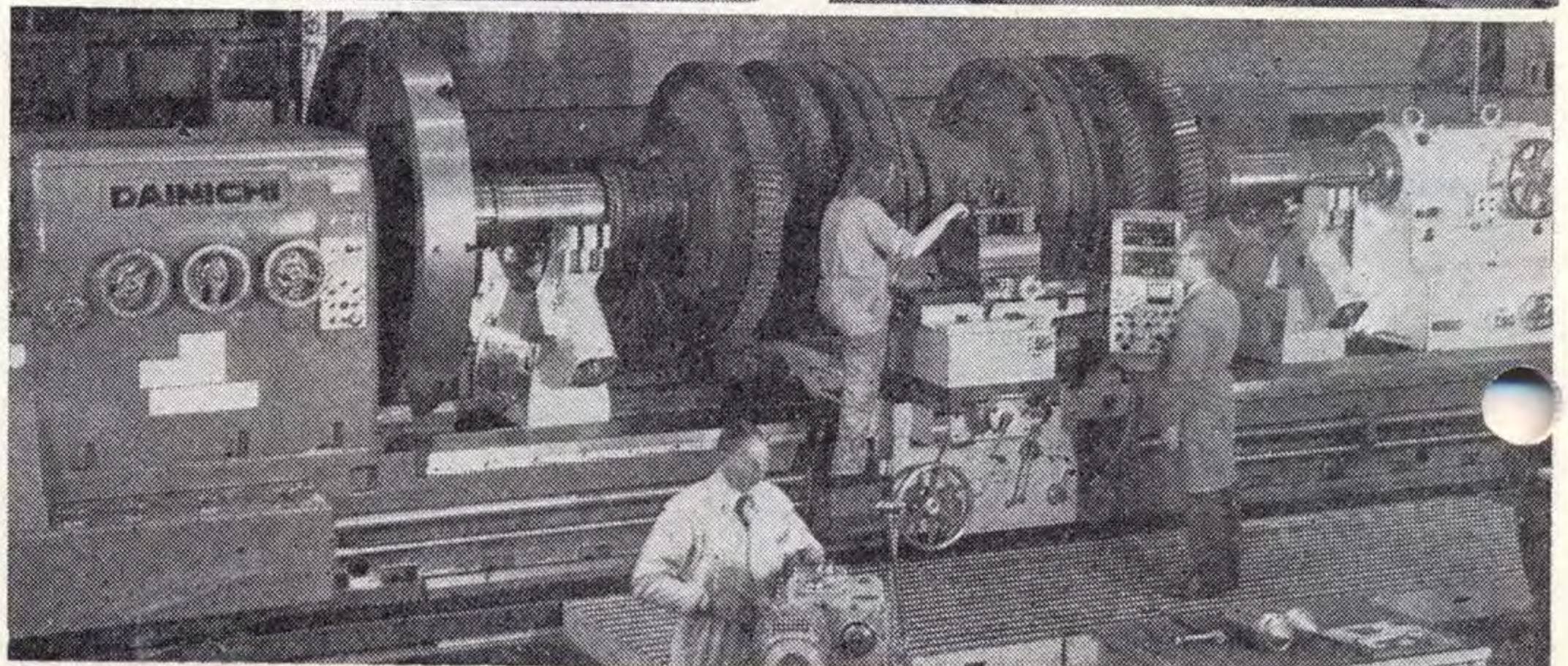
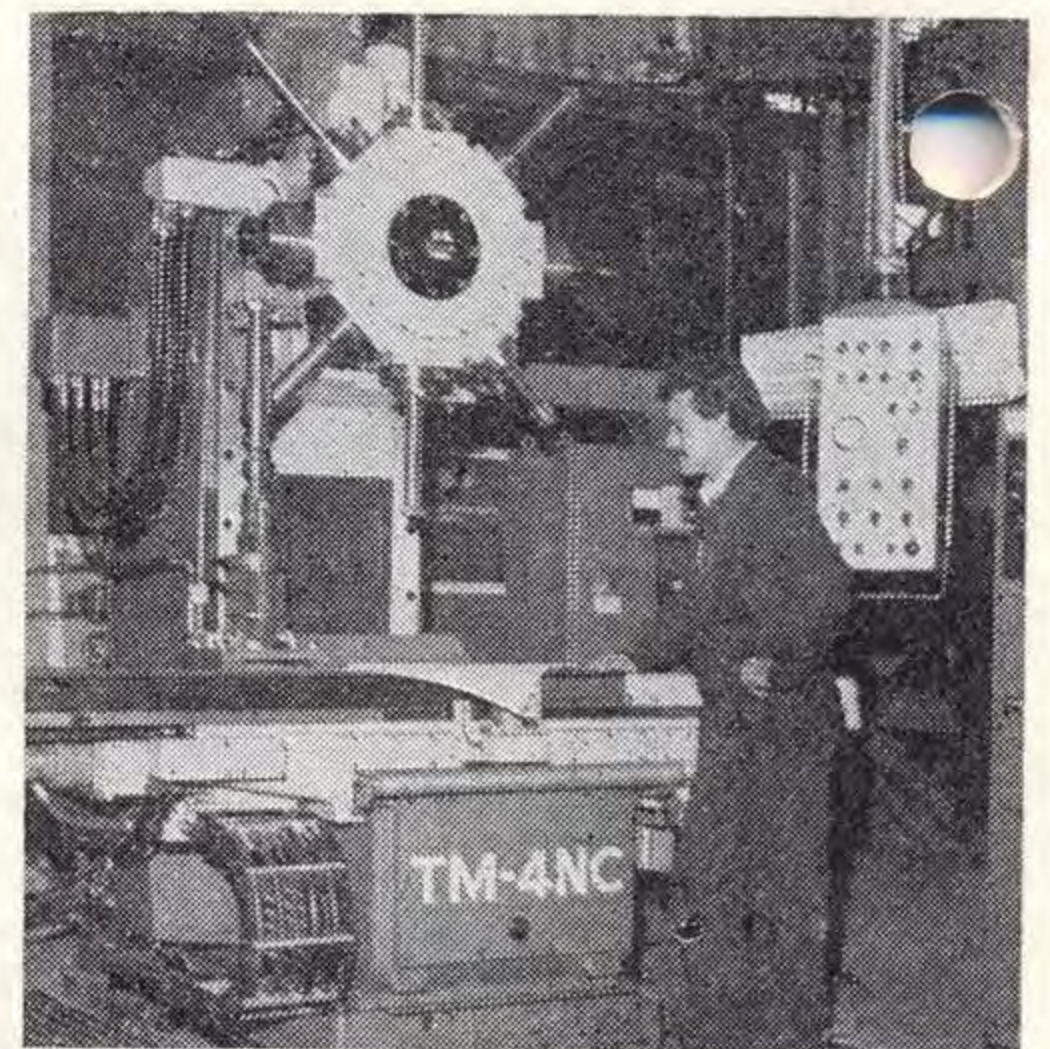
Once prepared, the programme can be repeated at any time with minimum delay.

The lathe is a two-turret machine which can be fitted with up to 10 different tools to handle the variety of turning requirements.

The OKK unit is capable of milling, drilling and boring operations and has eight spindles, while the three-axis control enables compound curves to be machined.

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"Yallourn workshops would be the envy of any power station superintendent in the world . . . they are so well-equipped there they could carry out almost any job". — Hugh Mathews.



Right: The O-M vertical borer, a complex and highly valuable addition to the CWS workforce.

Top Left: The Mori-Seki numerically controlled lathe.

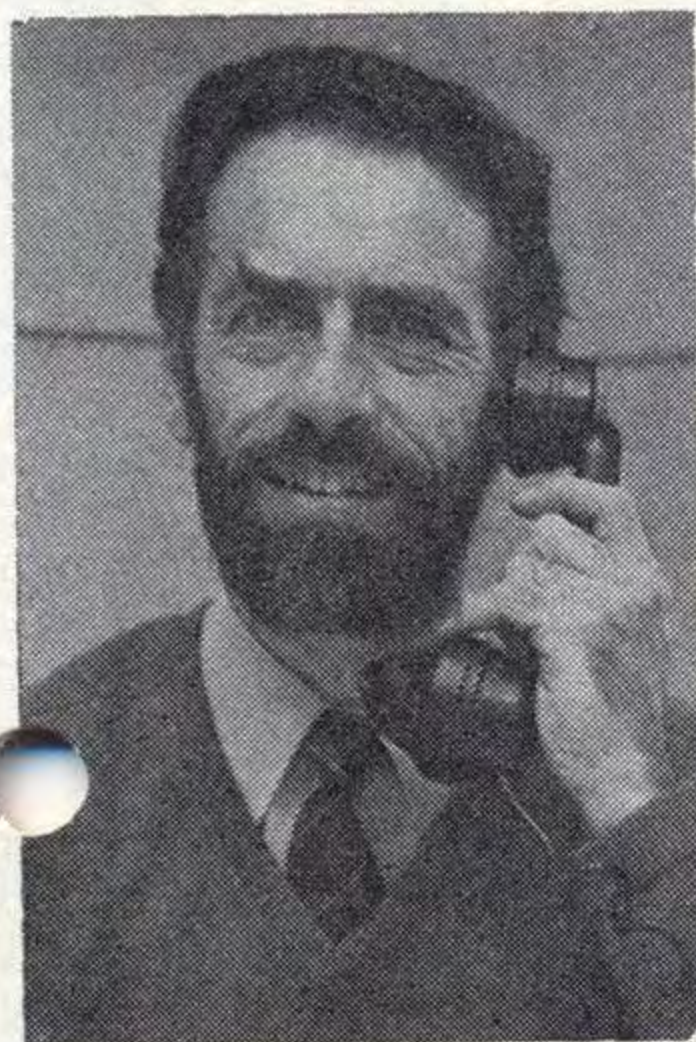
Top right: The O.K.K. milling, drilling and boring machine.

Centre: The Dainichi lathe, a machine capable of carrying out works to the finest of tolerance but on a huge scale.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES

BARRY'S NOT STUCK FOR A FEW WORDS



Barry Ross, Surveyor-in-Charge at Morwell, is not averse to doing some talking on the side, a hobby which led him to take part in a State-wide public-speaking competition during the past few months.

Good performances at district level culminated in Barry earning a place in the State final of the Joe Davis Cup competition.

Although he did not take out the title, Barry performed

extremely well before a large audience in Melbourne University's Union Hall.

One hesitates to call Barry an ear-basher, but the description of an accomplished, versatile speaker certainly fits.

He puts it down entirely to his Rostrum experience.

A former president of Morwell Club 27, Barry—who is currently a critic-in-training—regards his entry into Rostrum as "... the best thing I ever did."

"It is fantastic training which gives a person confidence to talk on all kinds of subjects at the drop of a hat."

The Morwell Club 27 meets each Wednesday during lunch at Hazelwood Training Centre. New president of the club is Richard Elkington, of Technical Services, Hazelwood.

Acting Station Operations Engineer George Loughborough is club secretary.



The Commission's apprentice training scheme is regarded as highly effective, and it has certainly come out tops with third-year apprentice moulder Chris Elloy.

In 1973, Chris won an SEC Top Trade award in the category of miscellaneous trades.

He followed this up by gaining his Award of Merit certificate (moulding), while in the same year winning a class prize for good work at trades school.

Chris won't founder....

In 1974, he won the prestigious Beazley prize, giving him the title of top second-year moulding apprentice in Victoria.

This year, Chris continued on his merry way.

He has submitted an entry (in the form of a bronze knight) in the Craftsmanship Award Scheme conducted by the Apprenticeship Commission, and he has also been selected as the Victorian candidate to represent the Institute of British Foundrymen (Australian branch) and the Foundry Industry of Victoria in the 1975 National Metal Founding Apprentices Competition.

An impressive record indeed.

It is difficult to see what other award Chris can win, but on past performances he is sure to 'found' something.

Boost for workshops

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The other two relatively new pieces of equipment are essentially conventional machine tools.

The 'Dainichi' lathe, with a two-metre swing and eight metres between centres, is a replacement for the 'Craven' lathe, now obsolete because of its limited capacity and poor speed/feed range.

The new lathe, which has the ability to handle a HP turbine rotor from Hazelwood Power Station, can use modern tungsten carbide tooling to the best advantage.

Latest, and perhaps most impressive, arrival on the scene is the 'O-M' vertical boring machine.

The O-M has a three metre table, which — with additional supports — enables a seven-metre diameter com-

ponent of up to 2.4 metres in height and 40 tonnes in weight to be machined.

The tool ram has an inbuilt milling/drilling spindle, while the table is fitted with an automatic indexing device accurate to one thousandth of a degree. Vertical and horizontal tool movements are indicated by digital readouts.

Due to its physical size, the machine has three control stations to provide the operator with various vantage points for different phases of the job being performed.

The O-M has the capacity to carry out work currently being done less effectively by other means; it can also cope with machining on both newly installed plant and equipment to be obtained in the future.

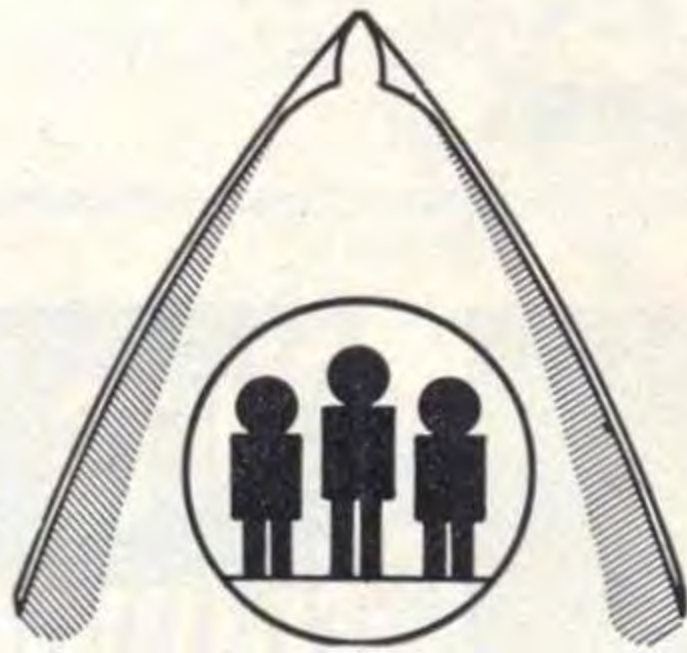
Yallourn CWS Social Club

Its an ill wind that blows no one any good . . .

. . . at least, that's how members of the Yallourn CWS Social Club feel about the power restrictions on July 18.

It was the night of their mid-year cabaret ball in Shaw's Ballroom at Moe, and far from handicapping the function, the lack of power was regarded (by the men at least) as a great asset.

Candlepower provided a dim and romantic light which — according to our informant — really made the show.



AREA ADMINISTRATION

NEW PROPERTY "HOME"

Property Section personnel, an extremely busy group during the past few months, are settling in well into new premises at Yallourn.

All Property Section personnel are now located at the Property Office, Broadway, Yallourn.

They can be reached on the following telephone numbers:—

Superintendent Property and Accommodation,

Ken Woff 2007

Property Officer,

Alf Heskey 2007

Stores Group Social Club

Secretary Frank Bale indicates that arrangements are well in hand for the the annual Smoke Night on August 15. The venue is the Yallourn Football Club hall, where patrons are assured of a great night.

The club is also going ahead with plans for its third film night of the year when 'Murder on the Orient Express' screens at the Yallourn Theatre. Previous theatre evenings have been extremely popular — 150 people went along to see 'The Towering Inferno' — so club members are invited to make this a really swinging night.

ON THE JOB



Property and Accommodation Superintendent Ken Woff (seated) confers with staff members Maree Zajac, Paul Devlin, John Carswell, Bill Adams, Alan Tennant and Brian Eddy.

Property Assistant,
Bill Adams 2202

Clerks,
John Carswell 2201
Paul Devlin 2751

A/Building Inspector,
Arch McLaren 2818

Clerk, Building Maintenance,
Leon Dawson 2894

Secretary, Land Utilisation, Committee,
Brian Eddy 2798

Mr. Heskey, currently on Long Service Leave, returns to duty on September 1.

Morwell Staff Social Club

As mentioned in the March issue of Contact, Morwell Staff Social Club has established three membership categories to enable it to cater for the needs of individual club members.

Unfortunately, members have not responded with any great degree of enthusiasm.

A proposed 'Beef and Burgundy' night, scheduled for Rennards restaurant in Traralgon on July 18, fell

through due to lack of support. The night was arranged for the 'oldies' group (those whose children are no longer eligible for gift presentations), but only a small percentage of the eligible club members even bothered to reply.

In similar vein, the younger set organised a bus trip to Melbourne on June 28 to see the stage show 'Gypsy'. Again response was poor, but the trip went on nevertheless, and those who did go saw an excellent show and had an enjoyable day's outing.

Club president Rod Doig emphasises to members that active participation is required if the new moves are to be successful.

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ROBERT (JIM) DUNN

Twenty-eight years as a member of the Yallourn open cut team . . . that is the proud claim of Jim Dunn who celebrated his retirement on July 2 with a send-

off at the Overburden Foreman's office. Jim, who worked all his career in the open cut as a laborer, was often called upon to do unglamorous jobs, but he made many friends over the years by the uncomplaining way he accepted even the dirtiest task. A special guest at the farewell was foreman Bert Burrows, who broke his long service leave to thank Jim for a job well done. Assistant Coal Production Superintendent Laurie Baker also added his congratulations when presenting Jim with an envelope of notes and a table lamp as parting gifts.

LEN BARTLEY

Len Bartley, who must have travelled over every square inch of the Yallourn Open Cut at some stage or other, celebrated his retirement on June 20 with a farewell function at the Southern Pivot control point. Len 'lived' in the open cut for 34 years, mostly as a fire service operator, the post he held at retirement. But before 1948, he worked as a laborer and as a 'horse pug'—one of 22 such horse drivers in the open cut at the time—and would have some interesting stories to tell.

A/Coal Production Superin-



tendent Murray McRae took time out to thank Len for his services over the years, while Fire Services Officer Ted Lewis made a presentation of a wallet of notes.



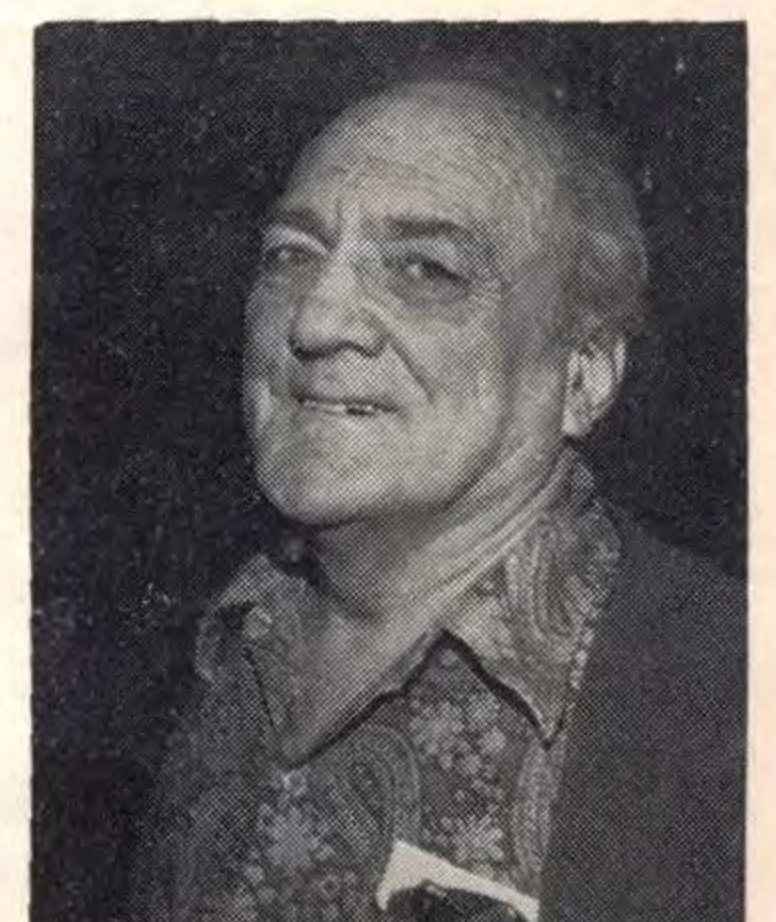
BILL GOGGIN

Telling the time or tuning to Saturday's football broadcasts will now be a pleasant but nostalgic task for Yallourn Power Station stalwart Bill Goggin, thanks to the digital clock/radio he received as a parting gift when he retired from the Commission. Asst. Mechani-

cal Maintenance Engineer Laurie Sartori presented the clock/radio to Bill, and a sheaf of flowers to his wife Elizabeth, before a gathering of workmates in the Yallourn coalhandling offices on June 24. Bill's tally of years with the Commission stands at 14. He came to YPS in 1961 as a cleaner, but quickly took on the duties of a trades assistant. In 1962 he was reclassified as a 2nd class machinist and worked as such for 11 years; he was then reclassified as a vulcaniser, the post he held at retirement. The days ahead for Bill will mean a chance to travel back to his native England, but his immediate plan is to remain in Moe and take a well-deserved rest.

DON MCKENZIE

A man who really likes the odd ale . . . workmates would agree that this description fits Don McKenzie to a tee. Don, a character around the Yallourn Transport Workshops since 1942, has gained the reputation for being a young lad at heart. His popularity was evident on July 2 when work associates crowded into the old transport canteen at Yallourn to wish him a fond farewell and present him with an electric blender as a parting gift. A/Transport Maintenance Officer Wally Entwistle congratulated Don on a job well done, commenting on the variety of tasks Don had been engaged in whilst at the Transport Workshops. He has worked in the vehicle



repair section, the vehicle service section (where he spent six years on shift) and and in the tool store, where he spent his final five years. Don's retirement plan is to remain in Moe, and he has promised all the boys that he is available for a friendly drink at the local Baw Baw Hotel.

WALTER KRIEGER

A travelling picnic set was presented to Stores identity Wally Krieger by a Departmental Materials officer Col Glen on July 4, Wally's final day with the Commission. Wally, always

popular when he invited area since he came to the spare equipment store eight years ago, was even more popular when he invited workmates and associates to a get-together at the Moe Club on the night of his

retirement. Wally has also been a respected member of the Moe community for many years, being closely connected with the Moe Bowling Club and the Moe Golf Club. He also worked in the town as a fibro-plas-

terer before joining the Commission. During retirement, he will continue his association with the town, but initially plans to take a well deserved rest on Queensland's sunny Gold Coast.

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ALEC BARTLETT

A highlight of the farewell presentation for fitter Alec Bartlett on May 27 was the reading of a telegram from the Central Workshops Welfare Committee congratulating him on reaching the milestone of 47 years continuous service with the Commission. Congratulations also came from the large gathering of well-wishers, both local workmates and visitors with whom Alec has come into contact at some stage of a long career. Alec began in 1927 as a labourer at Yallourn Power Station, but from 1931, his career re-

volvled around the fitting trade. In that year, he was appointed a fitters assistant, working in this capacity until 1943 when he was reclassified as a fitter. It was as a fitter that he moved in turn from Yallourn to the Morwell Briquette Works, back to Yallourn, then on to Morwell Central Workshops and finally to Morwell Power Station. At the farewell, Power Dept. Manager Jack Robertson presented Alec with a gold watch stressing that in representing management, he was paying tribute to a real pioneer. He also handed over a cassette tape recorder and a cultured pearl brooch for Mrs. Bartlett. In reply, Alec mentioned how tough it had been in the early days, especially during the war years, when the crew would work "anything up to 70—80 hours per week". But all that is over now, and Alec is intent on a life of leisure — and chances are that his house and boat at McLaughlins Beach will receive plenty of attention.



GEORGE A'COURT

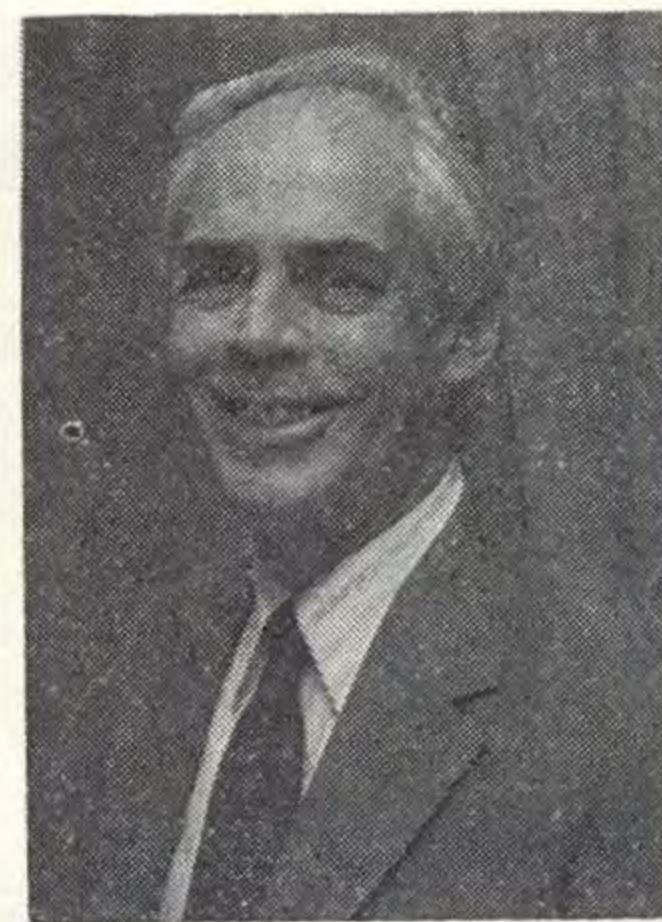
George A'Court finally ended his stop/start career with the Commission when he retired on July 4. George has left, and then rejoined, the Commission six times, which must be some sort of record . . . in fact he has moved around so much that most of his personnel history cards have been destroyed, and George himself is a little hazy about his early days. His most re-

cent stint began in 1970 when he joined the Yallourn Briquette Factory as a cleaner. With the demise of the factory, he moved across to Hazelwood Power Station, but after a very short stay, was reclassified as a gardener with Civil Works, Morwell, the post he held at retirement. George had previously worked at Yallourn Power Station as a trades assistant and a tool storeman in the late fifties, and he recalls that he worked on the staff in his very early days. Gardening foreman Mick Booth was one of the first to congratulate George on this long and varied career when workmates assembled on George's final day to present him with a bill-holder stocked with notes.

GEOFF MOUNTER

'As far as retirement is concerned, life is sweet'.

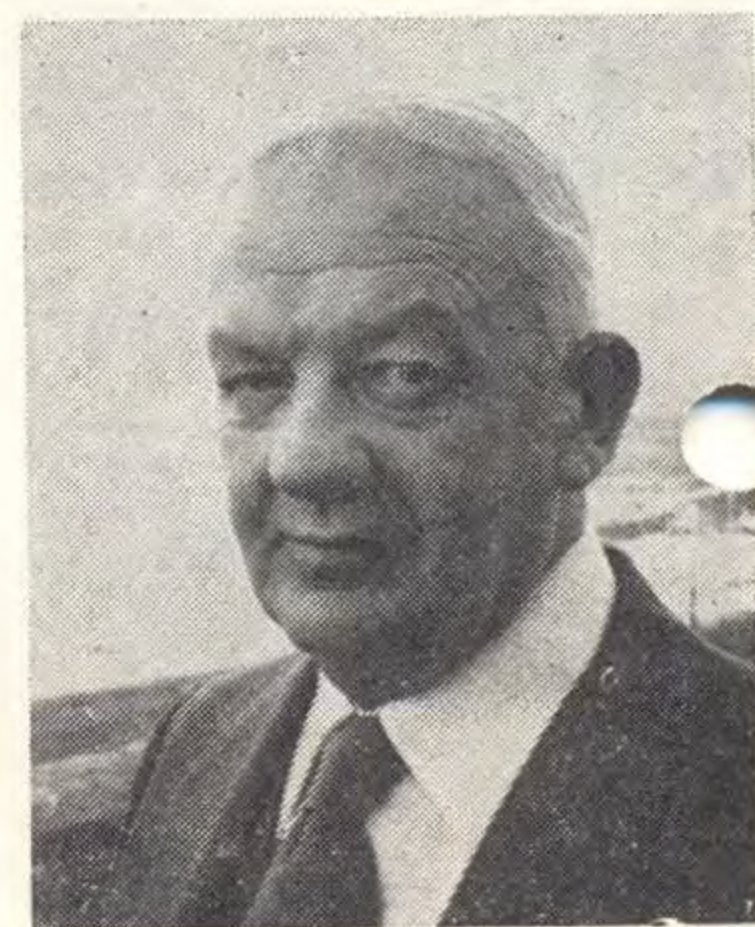
So saying, Geoff Mounter took his leave of the Commission on May 27 and headed for his retirement haven at Harkaway. Geoff Poor health has hastened Geoff's retirement, but he looked well enough when Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented him with a microscope at a special farewell function at Hazelwood Power Station on his final day. Geoff, a Yallourn boy from way back, was born in Yallourn; he moved to Ballarat and then later returned to Yallourn to begin work at the Yallourn Power Station. He was then on the move again, this time to Tasmania where he worked in an aluminium works (which later became Comalco). In 1950 he came back to Yallourn as a chemist, and eventually worked his way up to the position of Regional Chemist, the post he held at re-



tirement. Geoff has also been prominent in private life, being over the years involved with a ski club, the Yallourn Astronomical Society, the Yallourn Rost-rum Club and the Croquet club. He also spent some time as District Commissioner of Scouts and was an interested field naturalist. Comments passed at his retirement indicated that co-operation and communication were Geoff's finest attributes, and that his work went a long way toward dissolving the early differences between chemists and engineers.

TED ELLIS

Very few people would realise the significance of overburden in the process of coal-winning . . . but one person who certainly would is overburden 'King' Ted Ellis, who was recently farewelled by workmates after a career of more than 28 years with the Commission. Ted was practically 'born and bred' in the Yallourn open cut, having begun there in 1947 as an operator. The following year he won promotion to staff as operations foreman grade 3 working on overburden. He remained at this task until 1956 when he was appointed Overburden Operations Supervisor, the post he held at retirement. During these years, Ted was known as a very 'easy to get on with' character, a comment passed at his farewell function at the Yallourn Coal Production Office canteen on



July 16 when Coal Production Manager Jack Vines presented him with an automatic watch and an envelope of notes. Overburden Superintendent Bill Conrow and Overburden Foreman Bill Burrows also added their best wishes to Bert for a happy retirement wherever he decides to spend it. At the moment, Bert is tossing up whether to move up to Bairnsdale or remain locally.

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BERT LAZARUS

The Yallourn Works Area has not been faring too well lately . . . it has witnessed the retirement of two real 'institutions'. Late in June, the briquette factory chimney came tumb-down, and on July 10, stalwart Bert Lazarus took his leave of the Commission. Bert has been a familiar face around the Yallourn area for almost half a century, and his presence will be sorely missed. Fittingly, Bert began his career at the briquette factory in its early days, and he progressed through the ranks of junior worker, tally clerk and timekeeper. During the next 20 years he saw the factory overcome its initial teething problems and prosper into a State landmark. In 1957, he was transferred to the Operations section of the Yallourn Power Station as a grade 2 k where he became

deeply involved in the rostering of shift personnel. With the retirement of 'A' Station, the placing of 'B' Station into cold reserve, and reversion of 'C' Station to 3 x 5 operation, Bert was required to make complete roster changes for several hundred personnel. The smooth manner in which roster changes have been made is in no small way attributable to Bert's work. In 1969, he received a reclassification to clerk grade 3 the post he held until retirement. Over the 50-year period Bert was bound to make a lot of friends, and many of them took time out to enjoy a final 'cuppa' with him in the YPS lecture room on July 10. A Sanyo tape recorder, presented to Bert on behalf of assembled workmates, was used to tape the comments of PSS Don Bromilow, SOE Frank Tomlinson and MPG Jack Robertson.



BERT MEE

Poor health has unfortunately cut short the working career of Bert Mee, but on June 18, work associates did their best to ensure that his final few hours with the Commission would be happy ones. Bert, well-known throughout the area for his work as Station Operations Engineer at Hazelwood, is equally famous for his safety consciousness. A highlight of the evening function at Yallourn West Mess was the presentation to Bert of a framed photograph, for years an adornment on the wall of the HPS conference room, depicting Bert swathed in bandages and delivering an obvious safety message. Bert, always one to speak his mind, did just that when responding to further presentations of a box of spanners, a welding

set and an electric grinding machine by Manager, Power Generation Jack Robertson. Originally a Boilerhouse Engineer at Yallourn Power Station (in 1949), Bert was promoted to Shift Engineer within two years. He assumed the role of Station Operations Engineer at Yallourn in 1958 before moving across to Hazelwood in 1962 where, as S.O.E., he helped in early development of the new station. Bert has also been prominent in community affairs, particularly as a Rotarian for many years, and he will be really missed when he and his wife May take up new residence in Blairgowrie on Mornington Peninsula. But as Bert told all his friends, "you are all welcome to visit, as long as you all don't come at once".

Baseballers hit out at Bendigo

Baseball is a sport which does not receive much publicity, and one could be excused for thinking that there are not many baseball enthusiasts around.

But in fact, baseball is not only a flourishing and popular sport, but many local Commission personnel are keen participants.

The Latrobe Valley Baseball Association sent two teams to Bendigo during the Queens Birthday weekend to compete in the Victorian Provincial Baseball Championships. The teams concerned, a senior side and an under 19 or Colts side, both played in the top division of their respective sec-

tions, meeting the cream of Victorian country baseballers.

Commission personnel who made the trip to Bendigo to represent the senior side were Frank Rushton, Ian Derham and Ron Love (Tests and Communications); Peter Scott (Stations Group, Transmission Division); Lloyd Lewis ('W' Station); Graham Freshwater (Coal Production H/Q); Tony Locandro (Survey); and Ian Moon (Power Generation Department Trainee).

The under 19 team had three members who work with the Commission — apprentices Stephen Hall and Bruce Dunlop, and Junior CAO Ray Williams.

This side also had the services of baseball veteran Keith Hall from Pay Section, who acted as manager over the three day carnival.

Both teams performed creditably against strong opposition from Ringwood, Geelong, Dandenong, Ballarat and Diamond Valley.

The seniors won only one game, but put up some good losing performances, particularly when going down to Ballarat, the eventual winners, by only four runs.

The Colts won two of their four games, finishing in third place.

Valley Visitors....

Members of the 1975 Industrial Mobilisation Course were given a bird's eye view of power station operations on July 9 when a party of 30 course members and three directing staff were shown over Hazelwood and Yallourn

"W" power stations and the Morwell Briquette and Power Installation, as well as the Morwell open cut.

The Mobilisation Course, sponsored by the Commonwealth Government, enables the leading lights in industry more fully to comprehend the work of industrial allies and competitors.

It gives members a better understanding of the economic and industrial factors which affect our national security, and encourages thought and discussion between the different branches of industry.

Much closer to home, members of the Traralgon City Council and their wives spent a day touring the area with SEC officials.

Many of the party of 21 had not previously had such a close-up look at the local installations, and they were obviously impressed with the size and variety of the Commission's operations.

Three Africans spent a day with the SEC during a tour of Central Gippsland.

Members of the party were: —

● Mr. G. A. Belo, of Nigeria. A former secondary school teacher, Mr. Belo is assistant to the advisor on policy matters relating to teacher education.

● Mr. L. Mundia, of Zambia. Chief examinations officer for Zambia, Mr. Mundia was formerly principal of a secondary school.

● Mr. A. A. Coomber, of Sierra Leone. Mr. Coomber is principal of a boarding school.

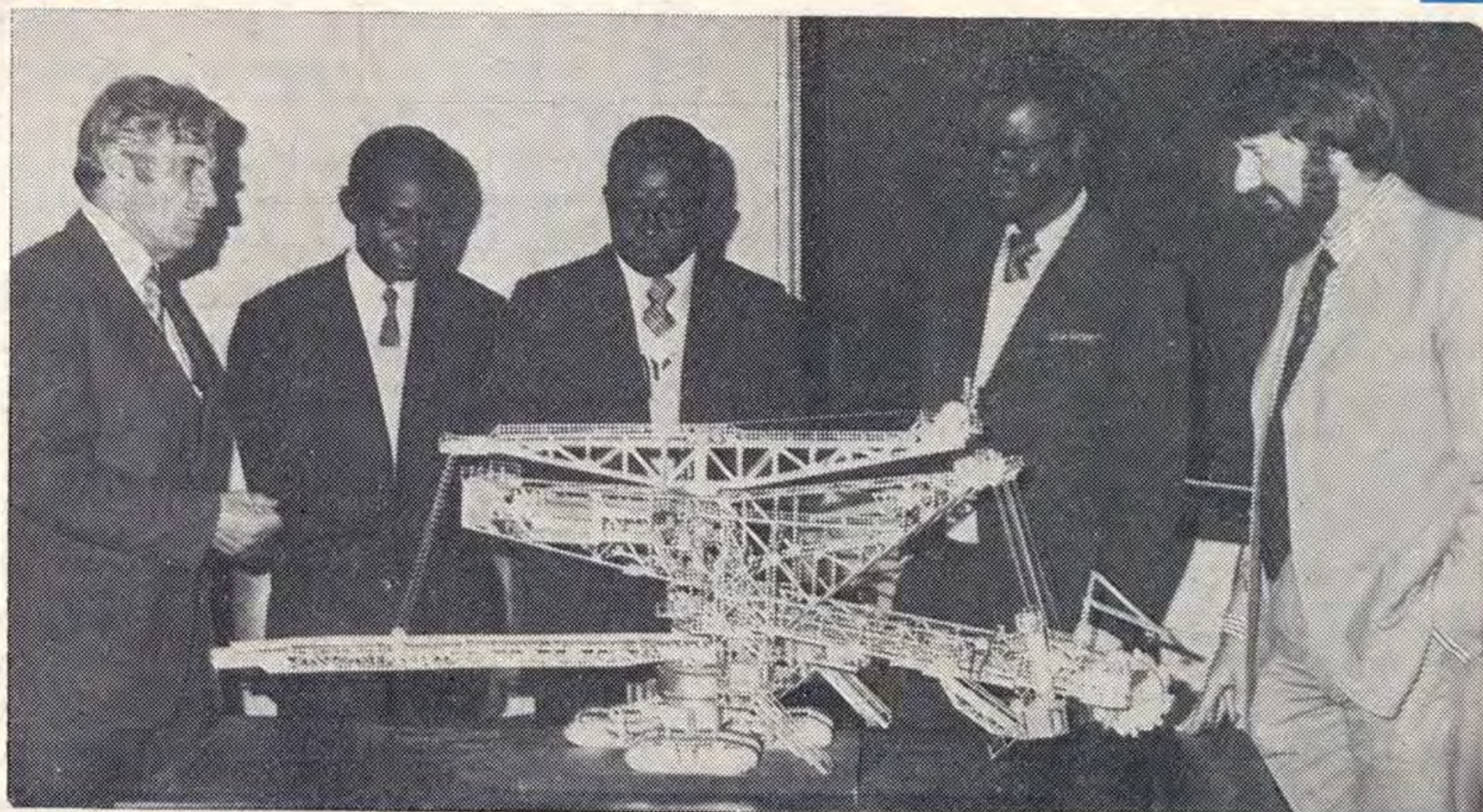


Left: Yallourn 'W' Power Station was one of the prime places of interest for members of the recent Industrial Mobilisation Course, and operations assistant Noel Shears (third from left) provided an excellent source of information.



Above: Traralgon City visitors—from left, Town Clerk Ken Saunders, City Engineer Don Cooper and Mayor 'Paddy' Frankland—provide an interested audience as AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo uses a scale model to illustrate his point.

Below: Acting Regional Director of Education Tom Carse (left) and Education and Training Officer Athol Robinson both played host to three very interested African educationalists when they toured the area in late June.



Record savings, record award

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1,000 gallons, the financial savings are estimated to be almost \$10,000 per year per unit.

With the Harland brand of boiler feed pump installed on six of the eight units at Hazelwood, total savings amount to a staggering \$60,000 per year.