

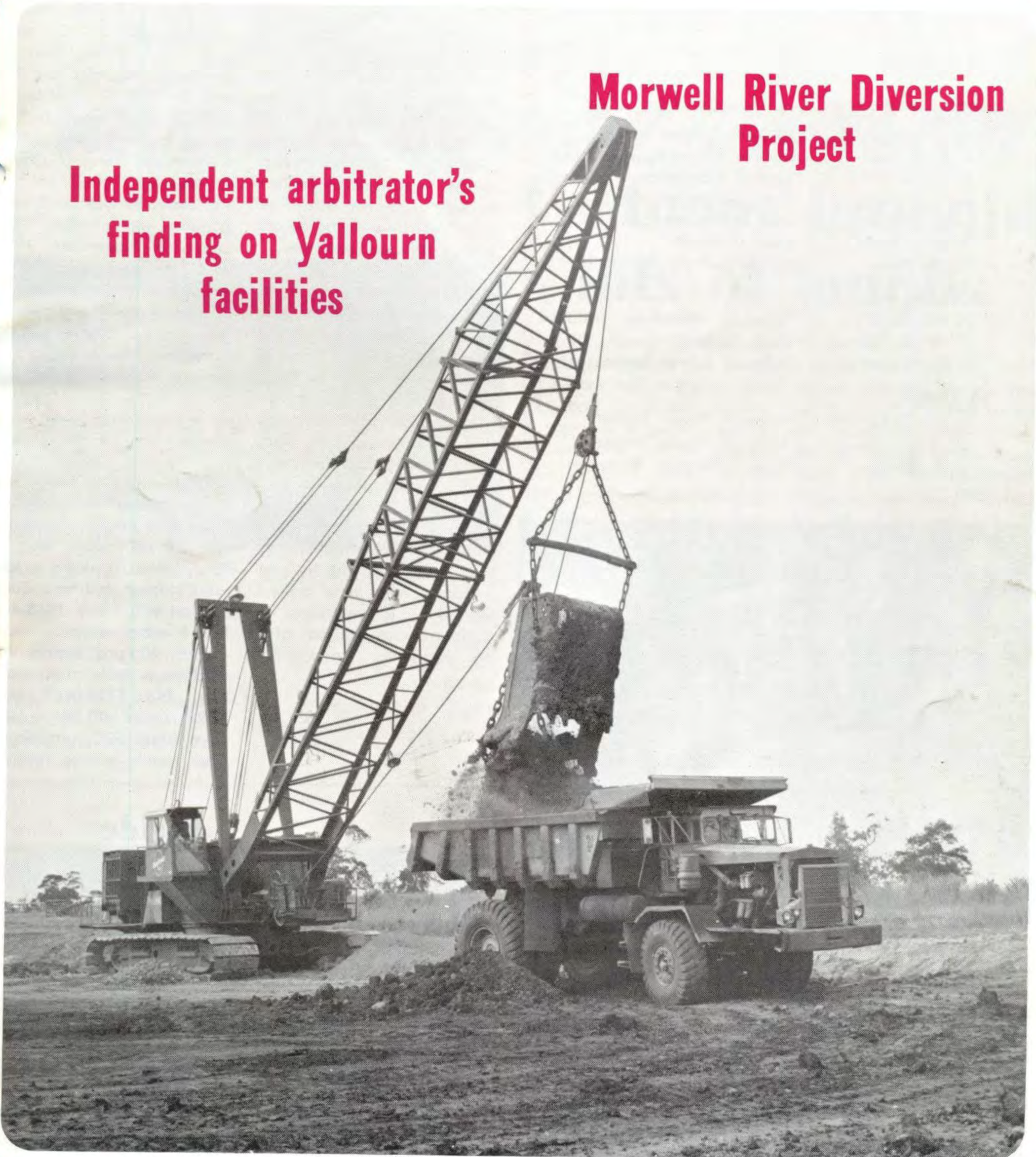


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Morwell River Diversion Project

Independent arbitrator's
finding on Yallourn
facilities



Service Register

The introduction of the Service Register last month proved very popular, and from all reports was well received . . . so here we go with those Commission employes who had more than 20 years service up in July this year.

20 YEARS:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| G. Schweider | Morwell Power Station |
| G. Vikis | Municipal Yallourn |
| W. J. Collins | Central Workshops, Morwell |
| R. Harbridge | Transmission, Yallourn |
| K. J. Durea | Coal, Morwell |
| W. Patton | Hazelwood Power Station |

25 YEARS:

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| J. J. Pace | Yallourn Power Station |
| R. A. R. Steel | Central Workshops, Yallourn |
| D. Shaw | Central Workshops, Yallourn |
| J. McLenaghan | Coal, Yallourn |
| L. C. Morgan | Coal, Yallourn |
| J. A. L. Horn | Coal, Yallourn |
| W. D. Burns | Yallourn Power Station |

30 YEARS:

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| N. Maxfield | Transport Workshop, Yallourn |
| C. R. G. Spark | Coal, Yallourn |
| L. K. Wurlod | Yallourn Power Station |

35 YEARS:

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| W. G. Theobald | Yallourn Power Station |
| N. E. Lawrence | Yallourn Power Station |
| I. D. Baillie | Property Service, Morwell |



(From left) Paul, Vern, Alec, Roy, Kelvin, Ron and Vic Wiggins

WIGGINS FAMILY — 275 YEARS SEC SERVICE

You will remember last month CONTACT ran a story on the McClare family who had notched up, between them, 79 years service with the Commission. CONTACT then asked if anybody knew of a family that could equal or better the McClare record . . . well within hours of CONTACT reaching the works area there was a reaction.

The first was from Roy Wiggins, Technical Services Officer, Morwell, who said the Wiggins family had clocked up 275 years service, which was hard to believe at first, but when Roy filled CONTACT in with the details it was 100 per cent true.

The Wiggins service all started with the late (Ronald) J. Wiggins who started with the Commission in July, 1924 as a gardiner at the Yallourn Nursery and retired with 35 years service as a plant attendant. Then there are Roy and his brothers, Ron, Alec, and Vic, Ron's son Vern, and his daughter Jeanette (deceased), Vic's son Kelvin, Alec's son Geoff and Vern's son Paul. Now after all that let's take them one by one.

Ron, who is now retired, started as a timekeeper at Yallourn and retired after 46 years as the Latrobe

Valley paymaster. Vic started with the Commission in October, 1926 as an apprentice fitter and turner, he is still with the Commission as a Technical Services Officer in the Instrument Workshops, Yallourn. He has 49 years service and is still going strong. Roy Wiggins began with the SEC in 1934 as a billy boy, he was then an apprentice moulder (the first with the SEC) . . . and today after 35 years service he has moved up the ladder to be a Technical Services Officer at Morwell. Next on this impressive service list is Vern Wiggins son of Ron. Vern began in November, 1943 as a fitter and turner and is now a mechanical supervisor in the Morwell workshops and has 32 years service. Ron's daughter Jeanette (deceased) worked for the SEC for 6 years. Then there is Vic's son Kelvin, who is a bricklayer at Yallourn, and has 18 years service. Geoff Wiggins, who is Alec's son has 5 years service as a fitter and turner, and last but by no means least is Paul, who is Vern's son, who started with the Commission in January, 1968 and has 5 years service.

The Wiggins service record is a truly marvellous one, but CONTACT (ext. 3228) would still like to hear from other SEC families on their family service records.



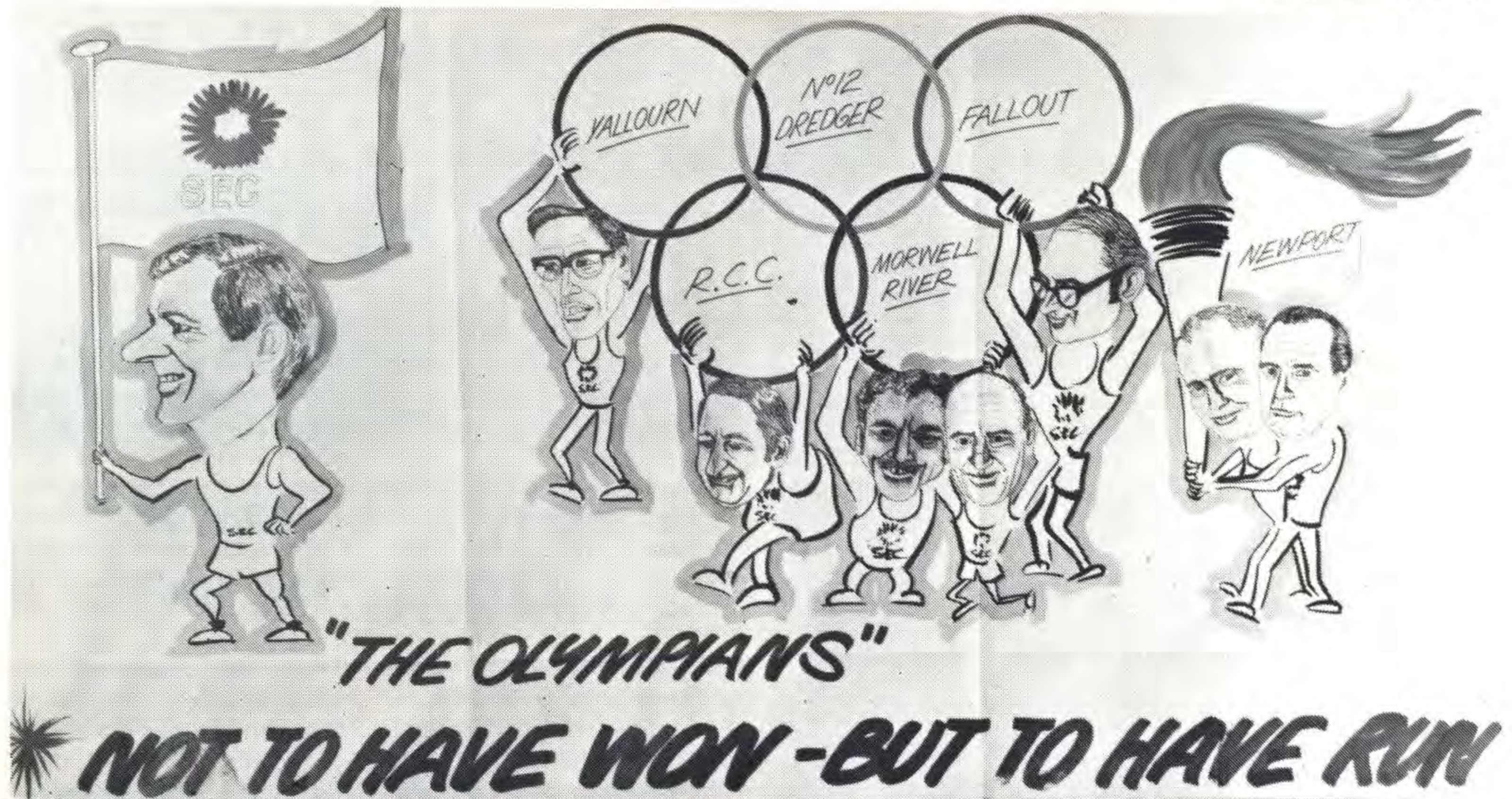
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Cover

The size of the equipment and machinery being used on the Morwell River Diversion project is enormous as the cover picture indicates. The Euclid truck is 18 feet high and weighs more than 35 tonnes, while the huge dragline is about 60 feet high. Morwell River Diversion Project story and pictures page 5.

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plenty of time and thought went into producing the poster of the Olympians (above) which was on display in the foyer of Kernot Hall.

Cartoons brought lots of laughs



Above: From all reports everybody enjoyed themselves at the ball and this table organised by Lidia Goodwin (third from left, back row) was no exception. Pictured (below) chatting between dances were Mrs. Nola Trethowan, Charles Trethowan (SEC Chairman), Ted Thompson (Stations Engineer, Transmission) and Mrs. Sonja Bates.

(right) Enjoying themselves at the annual ball were Kevin Neille and his attractive wife Bernice. Kevin works in the Yallourn Drawing office.

The cartoons which were displayed around the walls of Kernot Hall at the annual SEC ball on Friday, August 6, created a great deal of interest and lots of laughs. The cartoons were professionally drawn by the staff at the Yallourn paint shop and drawing office.

Perhaps the best was the large sketch of the Olympians, in the hall's foyer which included senior SEC personnel.

Various other sketches with accompanying comments were also situated on

the hall's walls.

More than 260 SEC employees attended the successful ball. Of the 260 about 50 travelled from Melbourne. Guests of the host, AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo included the SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, AGM (Administration) Peter Moir, AGM (Development) Jack Johnson and AGM (Personnel) Peter Duncan.

All Latrobe Valley Departmental heads except manager Engineering Service Max Gray (who is overseas) were present.





Pictured in the Yallourn Power Station are Laurie Shipp (left) and Kevin Dynon.

OLD TEAM MATES MEET AFTER 24 YEARS

Former North Melbourne football team mates Laurie Shipp and Kevin Dynon were reunited for the first time in 24 years at Yallourn recently.

Laurie, Acting Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn 'W', welcomed Kevin, who was among a group of visitors doing the 1976 Industrial Mobilisation Course in Victoria.

Kevin is a senior executive officer with the Department of Defence (Army office) in Melbourne.

Kevin played a total of 149 games with the Kangaroos and Laurie played 36, between 1949 and 1952.

Both men still retain a keen interest in football. Kevin is on the VFL Umpires Appointment Board and Laurie, who also played with Sandringham and Yallourn, follows the progress of his son Ross, 18, who is a promising centre half forward with Newborough in the Mid-Gippsland Football League.

Ross has a burning ambition to play with North Melbourne, but because Laurie did not play the mandatory 50 senior games with North Melbourne Ross is ineligible to join North under the father-and-son ruling in the VFL.

THE FEMALE SECS.

THERE is always plenty of female gossip and funny tales flying around the SEC's typing pools, canteens, and general offices . . . so CONTACT thought it would capture some of the gossip, tales and stories and put them into a column called 'The Female SEC(s)'. The column will be published each month in CONTACT and its regularity will depend on all SEC female employees supplying (ext. 3357 or 3642) with any stories and tales for the column.



'CONGRATULATIONS' to Sue Tewerik, who has given birth to a lovely little girl—Lenice Michelle — on July 9, Lenice weighed 8lb 2oz (nearly as much as Sue). Sue was the assistant Supervisor in the Typing pool Morwell.



TWO girls in Timekeeping, Morwell are beating men in their section at their own game. Firstly Helen Junker is in time-keepings racing syndi-

cate and recently it was her turn to pick the winners — and pick winners she did — the biggest was 66 to 1 shot Tipping Time which brought her a return of \$160 for the syndicate — which was \$100 in the red. Secondly, Sue Barnard, who is a keen football follower, is currently in the lead in Timekeepings football team picking contest.



HELEN ILLMAN (alias 'Ella') the Area Administration Wing 5 tea lady, was very excited recently when she received news that she had won a consolation prize in a cooking competition run by SEC News. Employees were asked to write and tell of their biggest cooking blunder—soon after 'Ella' was married she added salt into the silverside she was cooking — now a couple of years later that blunder has won her a prize. If Sharon Scott of the Morwell Area Administration typing pool had been around in 'Ellas' early married days she would have advised Ella to bake it !!!



BARBARA WIENS of Coal Production and former SEC typist Terry Napier are great horse and animal lovers . . . so much so that after seeing the pathetic pictures of some poor horses in the Latrobe Valley Express recently, they decided to do something about it. They tried to raise a substantial amount of money so they could offer the young girl, who bought the horses (without sighting them) her money back, but she refused it — good try anyway . . . An-

other animal lover is Anne Peterson (typist Hazelwood Training Centre) who feeds all the stray cats at the Training annexe at the Hazelwood Power Station, and she often takes the young kittens home to find them a good home — keep up the good work Anne.



That's all for this month . . . and don't forget if you have any news for the column don't hesitate to ring either ext. 3357 or 3642.

morwell river diversion project.

\$5.5m. PROJECT ON SCHEDULE

The \$5.5 million Morwell River Diversion Project is now (at August 1) 36 per cent completed and ahead of schedule.

The huge project involves the diversion of almost 4 kilometres of the Morwell River two kilometres West of Morwell. The project which is expected to be completed by April, 1978, includes the construction of a 3 km long pipe (actually the pipe is made up of more than 900 individual pipes weighing 13 tonnes each) to carry the base flow of the river and a 3.7km diversion channel able to carry floodwaters. (The large pipes are being brought from Melbourne at a rate of six per day by low loaders). Projects Engineer Ian McBain says the project is required in order to safeguard the Morwell open cut to be extended through much of the present Morwell

flood plain. Contractor for the project is Roche Bros. Pty. Ltd., Melbourne.

The 3 km pipe will take the complete river flow for about 95 per cent of the time. During flooding, the overflow water will be carried by a wide diversion channel which will be grassed and blended in to the landscape.

The channel, which will be from 116 to 153 metres wide, will also have a central sub-channel to carry surface water.

About 1.5 million cubic metres of material is being excavated to be used as filling and in the construction of the levees.

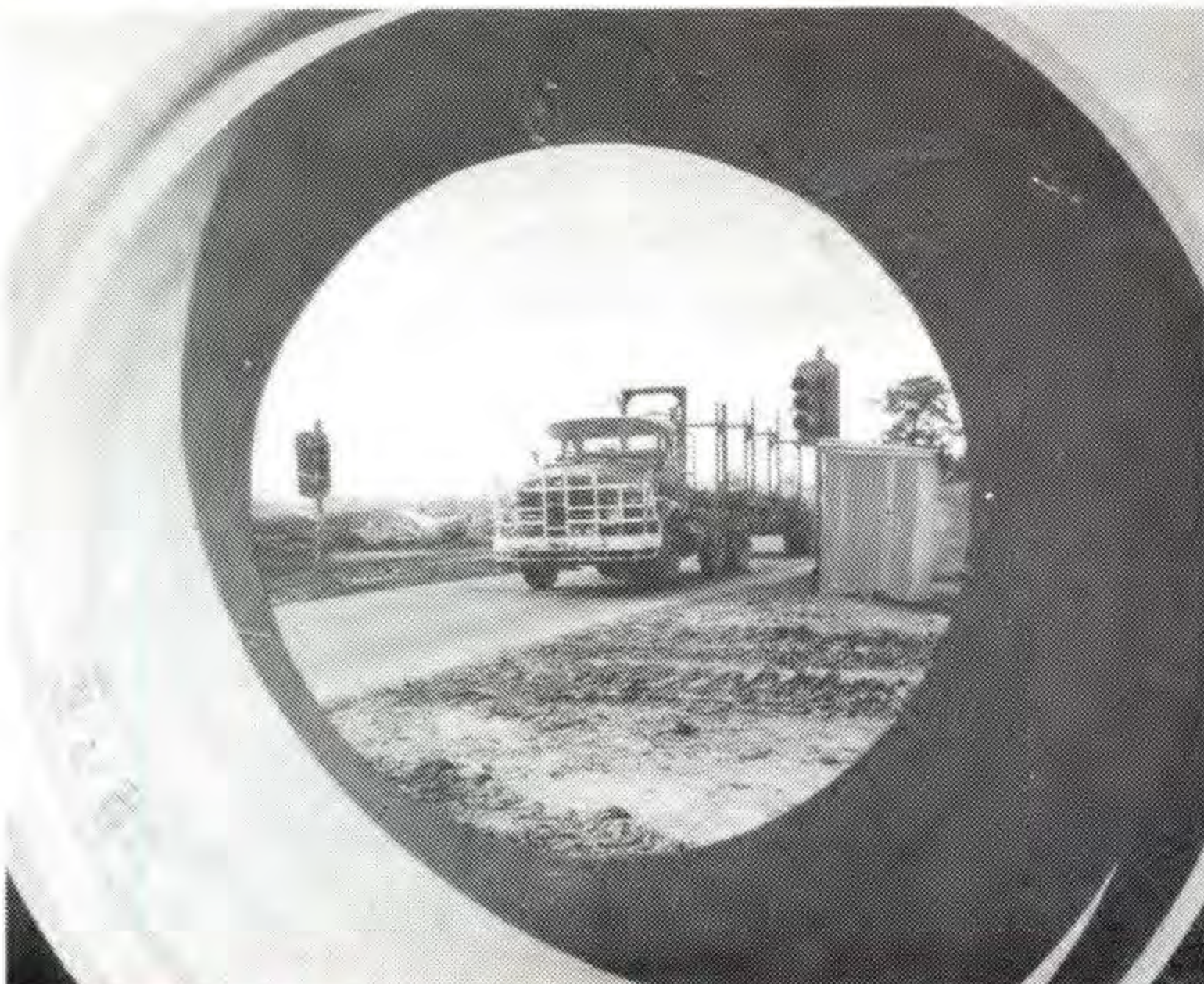
Also included in Roche Bros. contract is a minor diversion of Eel Hole Creek which carries overflow from the Hazelwood cooling pondage as well as some local drainage.



Two aerial shots (above) of the diversion give you a better idea of the extent of the works. The Insert shot, was taken from the south, while the larger picture was taken from the North, with the Princes Highway in the foreground.



Two large scrapers operated by sub-contractor J. Jeffrey and Sons of Morwell are pictured busy at work on the Eel Hole Creek diversion works.



This spectacular shot shows a timber truck passing through the traffic lights situated on the Thorpedale Road. The shot was taken through one of the 13 tonne pipes.



The two workers (above) look like midgets compared with the huge 45 tonne Euclid truck which is 18 feet high. There were 13 Euclid trucks working on the Morwell River project at one stage.

Alcoholism awareness

Alcoholism, a \$1,000 million annual drain on the Australian community, has made its way into the world public health problem "top four" . . . it ranks behind only cancer, heart disease and mental illness.

And in Australian industry, the direct cost of lost production, absenteeism and other alcohol-caused losses has been estimated at \$400 million each year.

There are at least 300,000 people in Australia today with serious alcohol problems . . . 50,000 of them in Victoria.

Since the impact of alcoholism on individuals and the community has reached such staggering proportions,

it comes as no surprise that industry management and unions are in full agreement on the necessity to do something about it. In an increasing number of industry areas, positive steps are being taken to deal with the problem in a constructive and sympathetic way.

The accent is on workable programmes aimed at rehabilitation of problem drinkers and the prevention of alcohol-associated problems.

Within the SEC, alcohol awareness programmes initiated more than a year ago are continuing to reach out into the workforce.

Co-ordinated by Industrial Chaplain Bruce Burn, the programmes have given vital assistance to a number of people and there has been a most encouraging response to programme sessions.

Its a low-key exercise which refrains from moralising but which does point to the total consequences of

alcoholism in terms of family distress, reduced work performance and multiple social disorders.

The programme aims to underline the fact that problem drinkers, drawn from all levels of society and the workforce, are ordinary people in conflict with one of the most difficult and destructive of diseases.

But above all, alcoholism awareness is about convincing people that alcoholism is a treatable illness which should be dealt with openly and sympathetically — with every encouragement and assistance being offered to individuals seeking counselling and treatment.

Alcoholism . . . its no newcomer

Alcoholism has a long history, according to Dr. Ronald J. Catanzaro of Florida. Drawings on Egyptian tombs show it has been around for at least 6,000 years. But only in the past 40 years has a body of knowledge been developed "to help people to help people."

These are the sorts of questions we should ask ourselves.

Warning signals

EARLY

1. Do I frequently use alcohol as a drug to treat my nerves?
2. Do I frequently drink more than I intend?
3. Am I drinking more in recent years?
4. Do I spend more money for drinking than I should?
5. Has anyone close to me become concerned about my drinking?
6. Do I tend to minimise my drinking?
7. Am I harder to get along with since I began drinking more?
8. Have I ever had a blackout or loss of memory while drinking?

LATE

1. Do I lose time from work due to drinking?
2. Is drinking endangering my health?
3. Do I require a drink the next morning?
4. Have I ever had the "shakes" after a drinking spell?
5. Have I ever been on a "bender" (had D.Ts., etc.)?
6. Have I ever quit a job or been fired because of drinking?
7. Has my spouse ever threatened to divorce me because of my drinking?

Reference

Any queries about Alcohol Awareness programmes operating within the SEC, or related in any way to alco-

hol problems, should be directed to Industrial Chaplains Bruce Burn or Charles Dodd (Extension 3754).

"Pleasant" solution

PLEASANT VIEW, a clinic run by the Alcoholic and Drug Dependent Persons Service Branch for the rehabilitation of people who have drinking and drug problems, provides a vital community service, and it's readily available.

An interview with Industrial Chaplains Bruce Burn or Charles Dodd can lead to an appointment for assessment at the Clinic to determine the extent of the problem and help required.

On admission, the client begins a two-week programme of films, lectures and group discussions, designed to reveal to the client the effect that alcohol has on him/her. He/she can be shown now to adjust to the fact that one can live a full life without having the craving to drink.

While at PLEASANT VIEW, the client enjoys good food, medication when needed to alleviate the drying-out period, and lots of recreation.

A wife's viewpoint

I first heard the name PLEASANT VIEW from Industrial Chaplain Bruce Burn. Before my husband spent six weeks there — after many years as a 'practising' alcoholic — our lives were completely chaotic. Insecurity, unhappiness, social unacceptability, lack of communication, silences, resentment and distrust marked our relationship. Eventually it became so intolerable as to be impossible to live in the same house. Separation was inevitable.

Then came the six weeks at PLEASANT VIEW. Since then, our way of life has completely changed. We have security; our family is united for the first time in years; every-day problems which were once unsurmountable are more easily solved because two people now share the responsibility; resentment has disappeared, and we can now with hope look forward to a better future for the entire family. We are very ordinary people, living very ordinary lives, and this for us is quite an achievement, considering the disorganised way we once 'lived'.



POWER GENERATION

A NEW SAFETY NOTICE BOARD

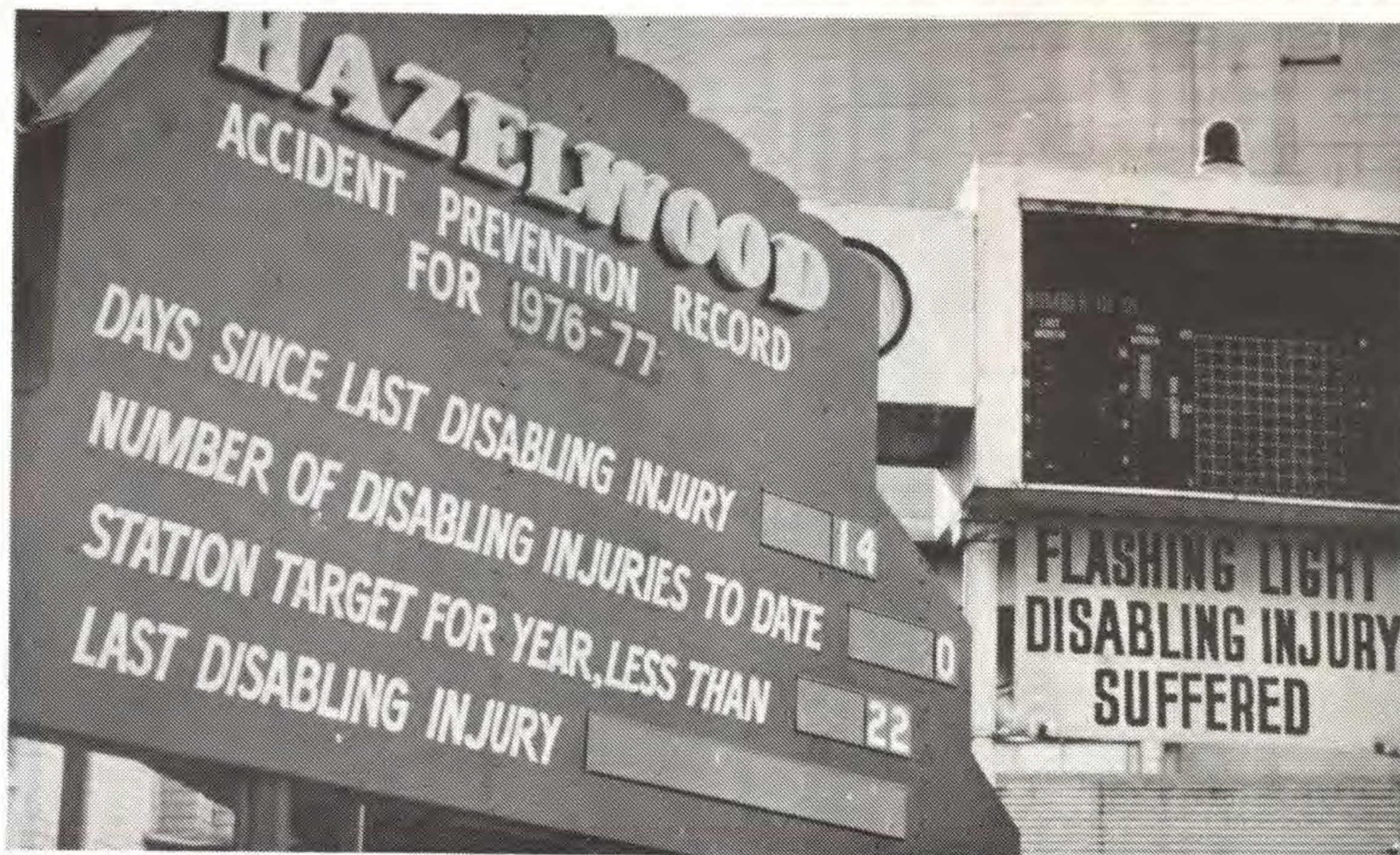
The Hazelwood Power Station has a new safety notice board . . . and what a board it is.

It is in the shape of a silhouette of the Hazelwood Power Station, is black in color and made of steel.

According to Hazelwood's safety foreman Ray Wilkinson, it will replace the old rectangular notice board.

The design idea was that of Garry Downes of the Yallourn Paint shop, who produced it in conjunction with Ron Di Carli (paint shop foreman).

The new and the old. Pictured above is the new safety notice board (left) with the old board on the right.



New precipitators for Morwell power station — \$4.2m.

Electrostatic precipitators worth \$6 million will be installed at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation over the next four years.

The installation of the precipitators is to comply with the Environment Protection Authorities Clean Air Regulations.

Precipitators will be installed on two boilers per year, this will allow expenditure to be spread over a four year period, with the first installation estimated to be in early 1978.

The precipitators will be similar to those at Hazelwood, Yallourn 'E' and 'W' Power Stations, but will be approximately half the size of those at Yallourn 'E'.

Dust collectors of a Mechanical type have been used for some time at Morwell, but these are not as efficient as electrostatic precipitators in reducing dust emissions.

Smoke density monitors are also being fitted to all stacks in the Latrobe Valley at a cost of \$250,000 including stack gallery installations.

Olympics or Soccer?

Here is a curly question for you. Which was the more popular, the television coverage of the English FA Cup Soccer Final, or the Opening ceremony of the 1976 Montreal Olympics?

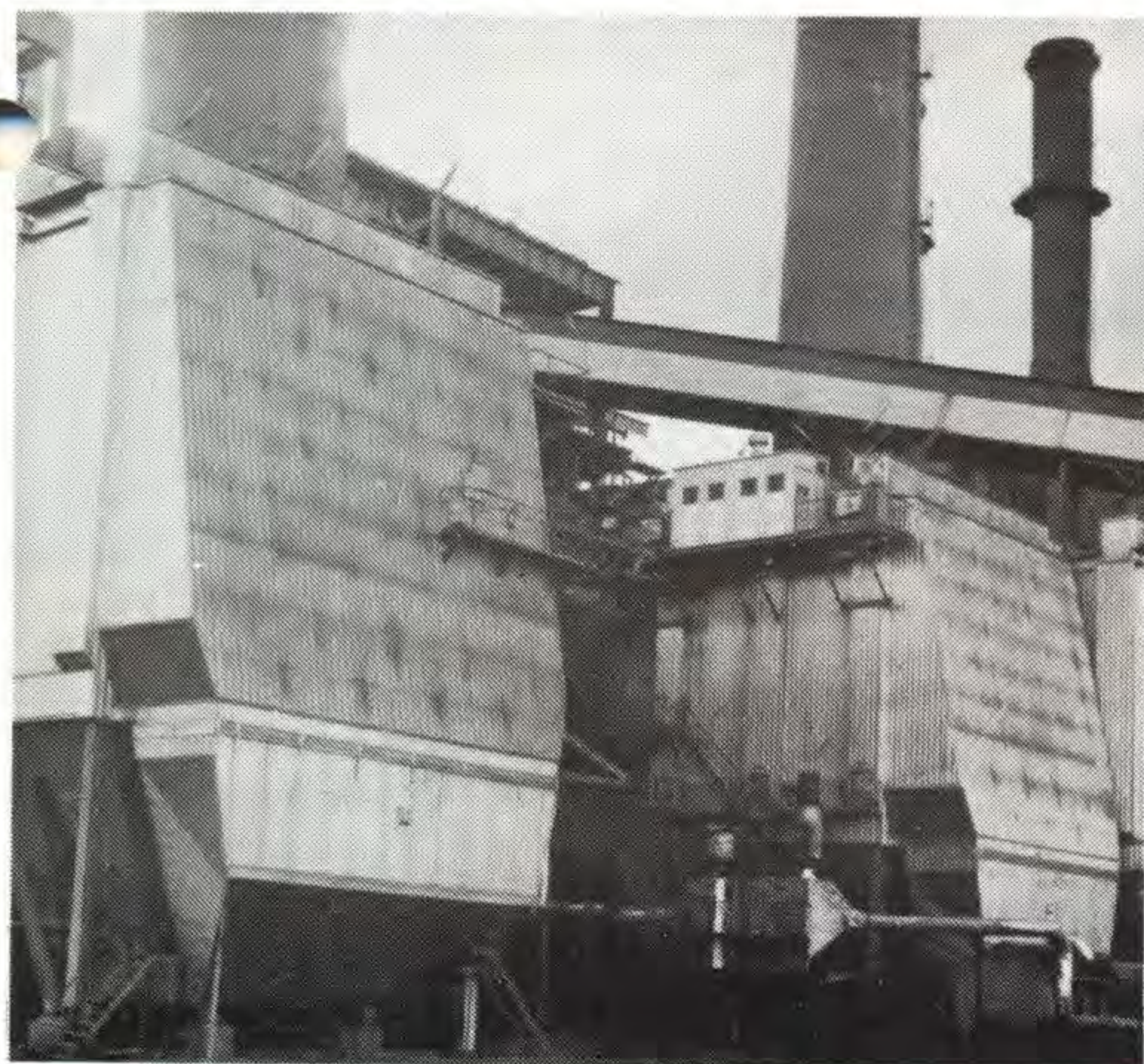
Well, the answer is the FA soccer final was more popular.

The figures for Melbourne gives some indication of the difference in popularity. It was estimated that more than 150,000 people watched the Olympic Games opening on Sunday morning, July 18.

This is far less than the estimated 400,000 who watched the FA Cup final early in May this year.

The lower number for the Olympics opening could be accounted for by the fact that most people knew that the telecast would be repeated later in the day.

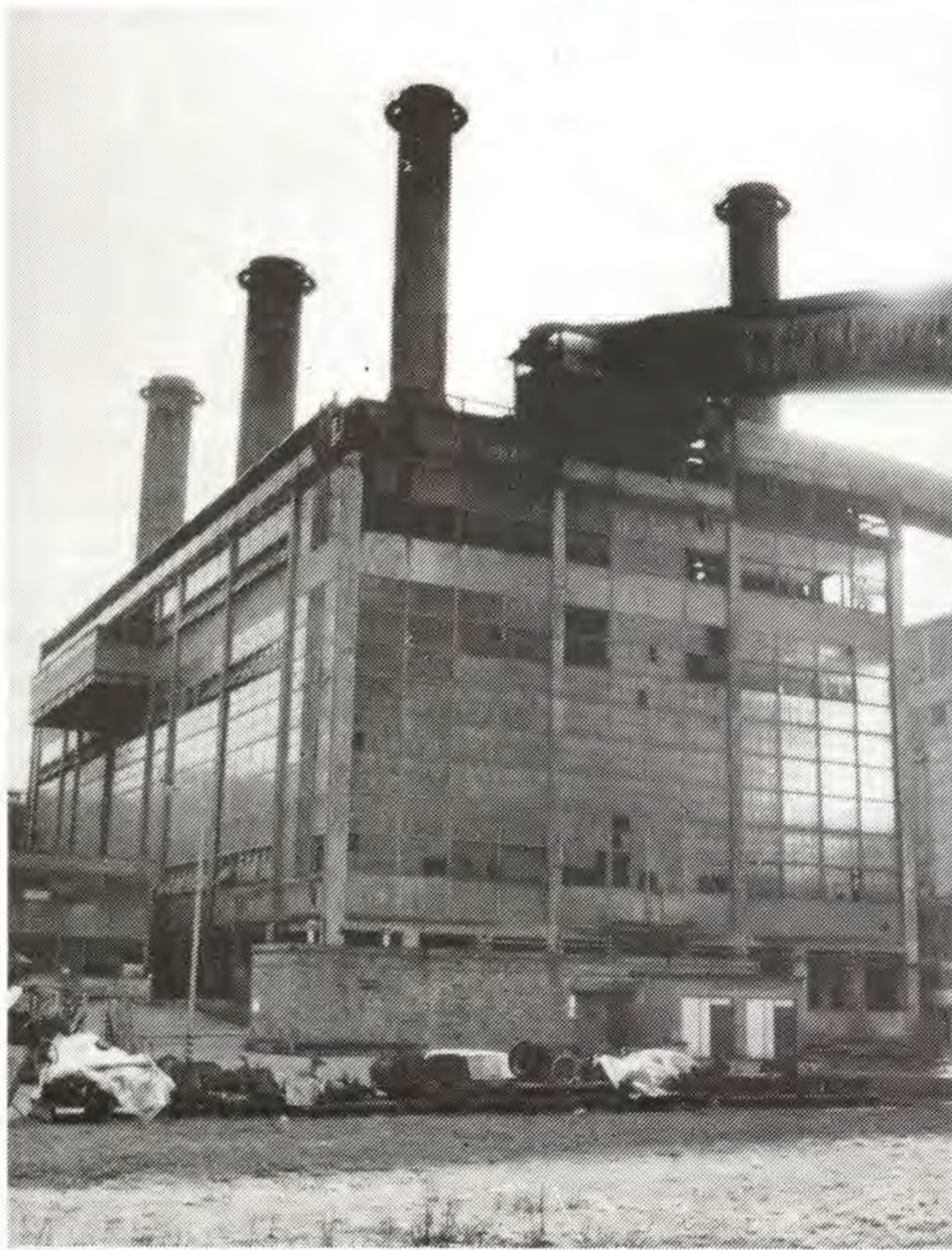
The SEC was able to estimate the number of people watching by checking the abnormal rise in electricity used at the time of the telecast.



The new precipitators on the Morwell Installation will be similar to those on the Yallourn 'E' Power Station (pictured above) but will be about half the size.



**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**



DEMOLITION OF 'B' STATION IS UNDERWAY

Yallourn 'B' Power Station's days are now numbered, especially now that 'Whelan the Wrecker' has started demolition works on it.

(Yallourn 'B' Power Station has not been operational since it closed down in 1969). 'Whelan the Wrecker' won the contract to demolish 'B' Station at the cost of \$667,500 over a 78 week period — work started on August 4.

The first part of 'B' Station to be demolished will be 17 and 18 boilers, which incidentally were the last two boilers to be finished in 1938.

Alan Cameron (Maintenance Supply Supervisor) has brought to CONTACT's notice two documents which show the contract for 'B' Station by Noyes Bros., and

secondly the contract approval signed on behalf of Sir John Monash,

Alan, who is supervising the demolition of 'B' Station says that demolition works should be completed by the middle of 1978.

Loy Yang Planning

Planning for the Loy Yang Project has taken account of the need for a careful and sensitive approach to the maintenance of a visually pleasing environment.

During the life of the project, landscape planning will be directed towards blending the project with its adjacent environment.

'B' Station (above) as it was before 'Whelan the Wrecker' started work on it early this month.

CHRIS ELLOY ON THE MOVE

Apprentice Moulder Chris Elloy, 20 has an impressive record to date and a bright future ahead of him.

And according to Boyd Thompson (Technical Training Officer) he already has a long list of awards to his name.

The most recent was at the 16th annual presentation of awards by the Institute of British Foundrymen in conjunction with the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology at which Chris was awarded:

- The Bank of New South Wales scholarship for the outstanding craftsmanship in metal founding and,

- The Jack Davies scholarship for fellow foundrymen.

Chris, who is a fourth year apprentice moulder at the Yallourn workshops, Mechanical Service division, in 1973 won the SEC top trade award 'Other Trades' and the award of Merit certificate (Moulding) and the class prize for
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Chris Elloy (above) was busy at work when CONTACT photographer called in to the Foundry in the Yallourn workshops recently.



TRANSMISSION DIVISION

Electrical flashes — Home appliances main offenders

Did you know that switching of electrical apparatus or electrical household appliances are followed by some kind of electrical disturbance.

Every one of us have noticed, at one time or other, the electrical flash behind the switch when an electrical heater or fluorescent light is turned off.

Electrical Engineer Alan Smith says the problem becomes much more severe when we switch large motors such as the 500 hp 6600 volt motor on the W45 Conveyor at Yallourn (this is by no means the largest motor in the Latrobe Valley). We are not so much concerned what happens behind the switch; but we are concerned about the overvoltages at the motor terminals caused by the switching. There are cases when a motor fails or "burns out" because of these overvoltages. The repair of that size of motor can extend into many thousands of dollars. Hence, great emphasis has been placed to determine the

magnitude and shape of these destructive overvoltages. Both the magnitude and the shape of these pulses are important in order to find or design the correct protective device against the harmful effect of these overvoltages.

To measure and record these short duration pulses, a memory voltmeter capable of detecting and recording pulses of less than one millionth of a second duration is used.

SMALL SECTION CHURNS OUT

Probably one of the less publicised sections in the Latrobe Valley, but an important group all the same is the instrument calibration laboratory, Transmission Services Division, Yallourn.

This laboratory, which is registered with the National Association for Testing Authorities, carries out accurate calibrations on electrical instruments by comparing them to laboratory standards. They also calibrate



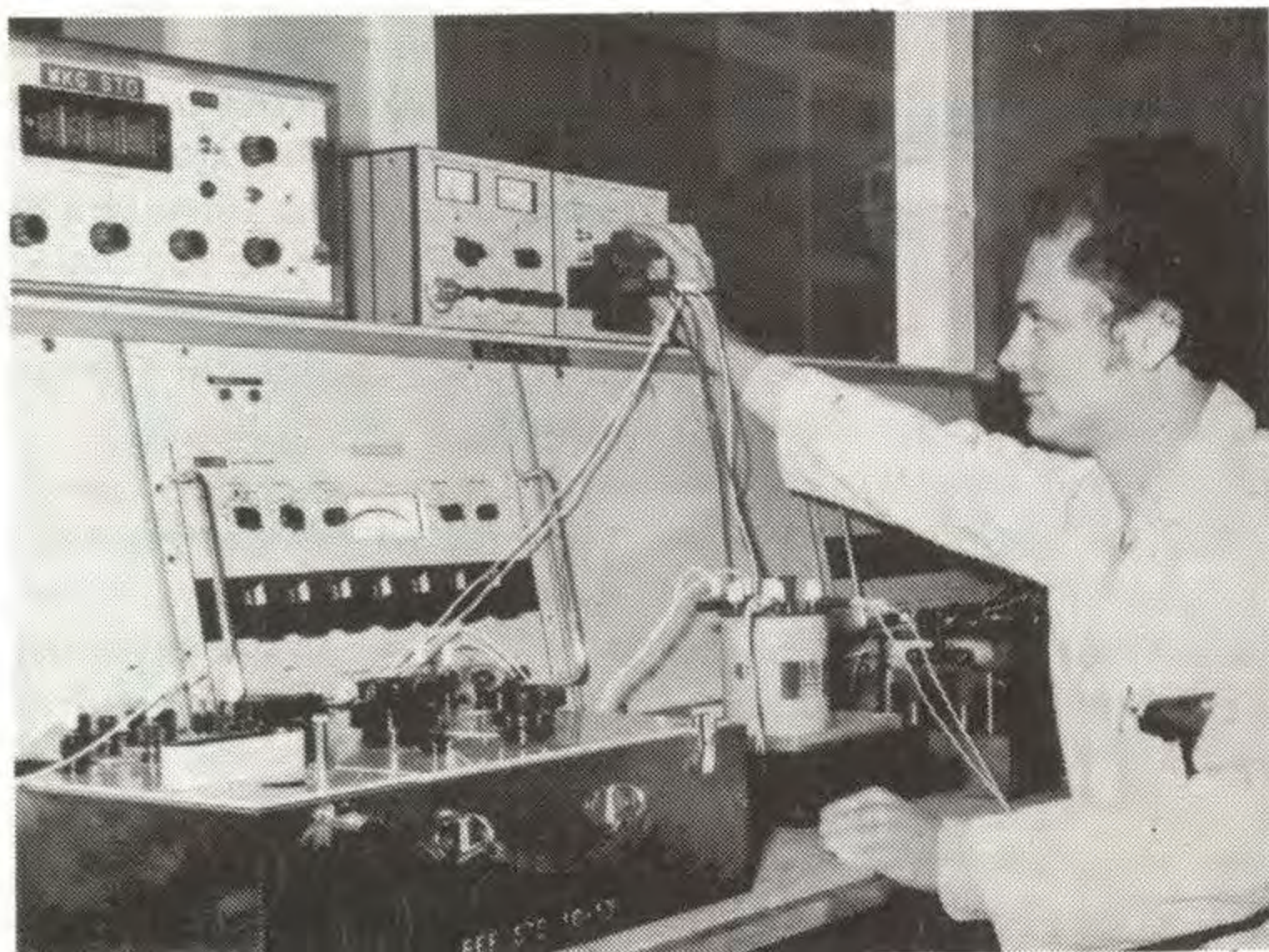
Engineer, Alan Smith (above) is pictured observing the high speed oscilloscopes used in recording the switching surge voltages. The memory voltmeter is in the left hand side of the picture.

TONS OF WORK

field test instruments which are then used to calibrate and test instrumentation and protection equipment used on various coal and generating equipment, and in control rooms throughout the Latrobe Valley.

For example one of the pieces of equipment which is checked regularly is the kilowatt hour meter, which measures the amount of

energy consumed or sent out. Underspeed and overspeed switchers are also calibrated, these are used to guard the dredgers and conveyors, against any deviation from the correct operating speed by shutting down the drive motors. One thing is for sure, the section might be small in size, but its output of work is large.



Engineering assistant, Brian Pollard (above) is pictured setting up equipment to calibrate an AC ammeter, hidden behind his body, against a DC voltage potentiometer, which is one of the standard calibration instruments used in his work.

PIES, PASTIES, HOT DOGS . . .

At the recent Sauna Sail on the Hazelwood Pondage at which SEC employes took an active interest, there were hundreds of hungry people and the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club was extremely busy catering for them.

In fact sold over the weekend were . . . wait for it:—

- 1,404 pies
- 552 pasties

- 576 rolls
- 1,000 hot dogs & bread rolls
- 154 loaves of bread
- 100 gallons of soup
- 1,536 hamburgers
- 2,000 cups of tea and coffee.

. . . and from all reports next years Sauna Sail is going to be bigger and better.



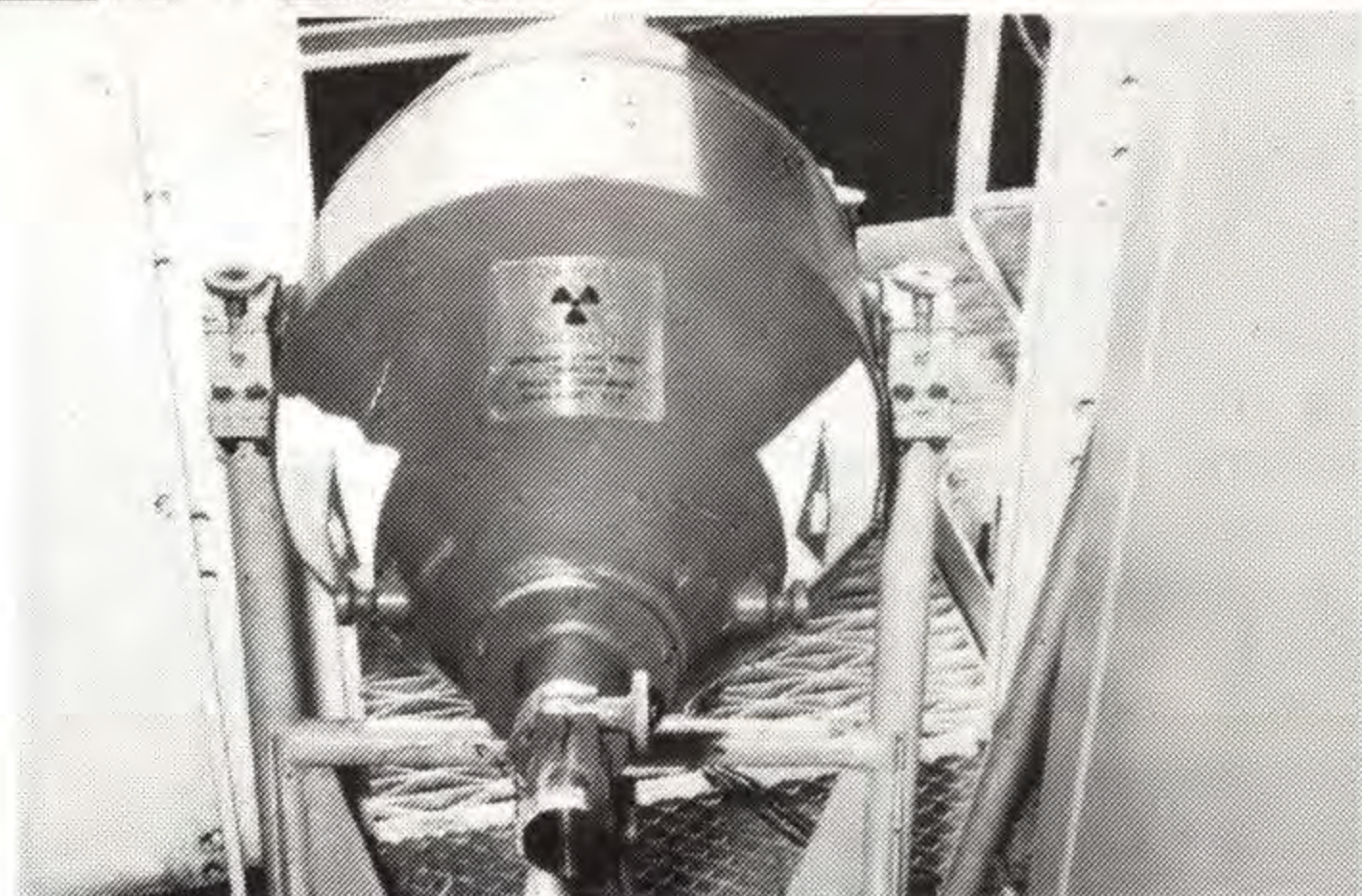
COAL PRODUCTION

COBALT SLUG — AN SEC FIRST



Pictured on top of No. 12 dredger are (from left) the West German expert Gunther Wacker of Seilwolff, Kurt Reiger Acting Coal Superintendent Yallourn and Neil Morris Mechanical Maintenance engineer, Yallourn.

Pictured right is the container which surrounds the cobalt slug used to fix the problem on the No. 12 dredger.



Dust and ash will be removed

During the construction of the Loy Yang project, and the operation of the open cut, dust nuisance from unsealed roads and car parks will be minimised by using crushed rock on roads and by watering.

In the open cut itself, coal levels will be sprayed with water using equipment installed for fire protection services.

Between the storage bunker and the power station, the coal conveyors will be enclosed in a gallery which will minimise any dust problem.

Record coal output from Morwell open cut for 1975-76

The annual coal output from the Morwell Open Cut and from all open cuts combined was a record for 1975-76.

In the last financial year the Morwell Open Cut output was 15.4 megatonnes compared with 14.1 in 1974-75.

The total for all open cuts combined was 28.1 megatonnes compared with 26.3 in 1974-75. Yallourn's output was 12.5, Yallourn North Extension 0.2 and

Morwell 15.4. These figures were published in the 57th SEC annual report.

The Latrobe Valley Power Stations consumed 25.4 megatonnes of combined production from the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts, the balance (2.5 megatonnes) was used in the manufacture of briquettes.

Coal won at Yallourn North Extension was used by the Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd. at Maryvale.

The Metallurgy Section at Yallourn has notched up a Commission first . . . and it is also believed to be a Victorian first.

The section recently used a radio active Cobalt gamma ray source (slug) to help solve a problem on No. 12 dredger in the Yallourn open cut.

Some of the large steel cables on the machines structure had shown movement in the retaining sockets. To investigate the condition, Principal Metallurgist, Geoff Thomas decided to use radiography to examine the internal structure of the cast white metal locking wedge.

Because of the considerable thickness of the metal involved the section existing radiographic isotopes were inadequate and because no commercial test house could handle the job, equipment assembled especially to fit the SEC's requirements was leased from the Australian Atomic Energy Commission at Lucas Heights, near Sydney. Although stronger radioactive sources are used for sterilization purposes in some industries this is believed to be the strongest transportable source ever used for industrial radiography in Australia.

Because of the health hazard of the radiation, emitted continuously, it arrived at Yallourn enclosed in a steel and lead shielding container weighing 1,150 kilograms.

Coal Production also brought a German expert in rope anchoring, Gunther Wacker, to Yallourn to examine the problem.



AREA ADMINISTRATION



Pictured discussing the next play to be undertaken by the Moe Dramatic Group 'Goodbye Mrs. Puffin', are (from left) Heather Lang and Val Veysey.

David and Heather make a good team -Moe Dramatic Group

SEC employees Heather and David Lang are two of the driving forces behind the recently formed Moe Amateur Dramatic Group.

Heather, who is Acting Assistant Supervisor Duplicating Services in Morwell, played the part of Angela, the bride's mother, in the group's first production "Fools Rush In".

This was a three-act play over two and a half hours staged at the Moe City Hall. About 500 people watched the play which was on for

two nights.

David, a Station Assistant at Yallourn Power Station, is not involved in the acting caper, but he was stage manager for the production and helped with the work backstage.

Apart from some minor play acting done at school, Heather was a virtual newcomer to acting when she joined the group when it was formed just over a year ago.

Her interest in acting has increased to the stage where she now is group secretary and publicity officer.

The group is preparing for another three-act play 'Goodbye Mrs. Puffin' which will be held in November.

The Moe group is affiliated with the Victorian Drama League which sends them regular catalogues with suggested plays. Other dramatic groups keep in contact with Heather and company and often exchange ideas.

Heather says she is keen to hear from anyone in the SEC or outside who would like to join up with the group which has 20 members, mainly women. President is Stan Hunt, Metallurgy, Yallourn.

Productivity achievement program

Five SEC personnel recently took part in a two month productivity achievement programme held by the Latrobe Valley Productivity group.

The five were, Robin Bavington, administrative clerk, education and training, Yallourn, Eric Brown, Mechanical Maintenance supervisor, Bob Ulph, workshops foreman, Morwell, Ray Hough, turbine and coal plant maintenance, Yallourn 'W', and Kurt Bohl, electrical workshops, Yallourn. There were nine other supervisors from various LV companies in the programme.

The 14 presented money saving projects in their own work area, with some of the ideas already implemented, while others will be put into effect soon.

The SEC Supervisors and their projects were:

Mr. Eric Brown, presented a project concerning the elimination of wastage of skirt rubber on conveyors by designing a new method of clamping rubber.

Mr. Robin Bavington, has

program

introduced a new system to save time spent by typists and time spent processing application forms during recruiting periods.

Mr. Bob Ulph increased the operating life of front universal joints on certain vehicles by designing a protective cover. Other benefits besides money savings were the reduction of vehicle downtime associated with replacement of defective joints and generally increas-

ed awareness of recurrent maintenance problems.

Mr. Ray Hough, review of planned routine maintenance. Other benefits include less plant down time, fewer man hours on each job, saving of space.

Mr. Kurt Bohl, introduced a new method of spray painting. Other benefits include elimination of tedious cleaning tasks, safety and speed.

The total estimated cost savings at the SEC was \$24,430.

Close contact with community

As plans for the Loy Yang project have been developed, the SEC has maintained close contact with the sought of views of community groups, as well as local government and government agencies.

Following the announcement that the parliamentary Public Works Committee would conduct a wide ranging public inquiry into the

proposed Loy Yang project, some 90 individuals, community interest groups, companies and government agencies were contacted and advised of the SEC's plans.

The aim was to keep these bodies fully informed so that they could contribute to discussions affecting the way in which the project would be developed.

This specific contact has been supplemented by press coverage, particularly in the Latrobe Valley. Through service clubs, the SEC arranged for more than 1,000 local residents to be informed of its plans for Loy Yang.

A model of the project was also placed on permanent display at the SEC's Traralgon office.

RETIREMENTS



GEORGE KROEZEN

A popular and very well known figure in the Commission George Kroezen retired from the Commission on July 18 after 12 years service. George was probably best known as an active member of the Morwell Sub-branch Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association, of which he was president three times and has been secretary for the past three years. Retirement to George and his wife Mary, will be a day to day proposition, but they do plan a holiday back to Scotland in the near future. George's hobbies of fishing and shooting will take up much more of his time from now on. He also says that his nine grandchildren will be receiving considerably more time from now on. George made mention that in the past few years working conditions for SEC employes had improved considerably, which the employes were appreciative of. George began with the commission as a cleaner at the Morwell Briquette factory in April, 1964. In September 1966 he transferred to a bunker attendant and a year later to a coal conveyor attendant and finally in April, 1974 to an electrical plant attendant at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, the position he retired from. Installation superintendent Cyril Morellato presented George with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates at an informal farewell function in the MBPI canteen.



JACK BRANIFF

Well liked and respected Yallourn workshops personality Jack 'Jock' Braniff retired from the Commission on July 8. Jock, a leading hand 1st class machinist, retired after 20 years service for "a quiet life in retirement" in Newborough. He says his grandchildren will be getting more attention

now, and so will the subject of his favorite hobby — his garden. Once things sort themselves out he and his wife Rose will be heading off to Queensland for a holiday in the warmer weather. Jock began with the Commission as a machinist in the Central Workshops, Yallourn in January, 1956. Four years later he became a fitter, also in the workshops, transferring back three years later to machinist. Promotion came in March, 1965 to leading hand machinist, the position from which he retired. Workshops superintendent made special note at the farewell in the workshops of Jock's expert quality in his field. He presented him with a tie bar,



BOB PETHERICK

An old Yallourn transport workshop identity Bob Petherick retired from the Commission after 27 years service on July 24. Bob began with the Commission as a trades assistant at the Transport Workshops in March, 1949, a position he held until March, 1955, when he was promoted to a panel beater at the workshops, the position he retired from. Quiet by nature, Bob will continue to live in Yallourn, but at present is enjoying a holiday on the Gold Coast before returning to Yallourn. In retirement Bob will take every day as it comes and enjoy his hobbies of horse punting, and relaxing.

George Newton (body-builder), an old workmate of Bob's presented him with an electric razer on behalf of his workmates in the old transport workshops canteen at his informal farewell on July 24.

electric drill kit and a watch for his wife on behalf of his workmates. Master of ceremonies was Joe Metcalf.



LANCE OATES

Retirement is going to be a busy time for Lance Oates who retired from the Commission on July 12 after 6 years. He has bought a 5 acre farmlet at Hazelwood North and is building a house on it. Lance and his wife Mary lived in Morwell for some years before moving to Hazelwood North. A keen sportsman, Lance plans to do his share of fishing and rabbiting in retirement as well as work on his farm. He began with the commission in 1959 as a cleaner with general survey, Morwell, he left the commission in October, 1967, as a leading hand cleaner at the Morwell survey office. He returned in March, 1970 as a trades assistant at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation. The position he retired from.

Jean will be given top priority in Bill Blandford's retirement. Bill retired from the Commission on July 10 after 7 years with the Commission. He began with the Commission as a dresser at the Central Workshops, Yallourn, the position he retired from. Bill says that with 11 children he hasn't time for any hobbies, but does enjoy a spot of fishing, when he has the time. Bill and his family will continue to live in Moe. At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn workshops on July 10, workshops superintendent Charlie Prust presented Bill with a wallet and notes, a desk set and a carving knife for his wife.



BILL BLANDFORD

A holiday touring New South Wales with his wife

RETIREMENTS



ERIC HOLT

Eric 'Wizzer' Holt didn't waste any time in heading off on a holiday following his retirement from the Commission after 33 years service on July 6 . . . in fact it was within the hour.

Eric and his wife Una, who are keen bowlers headed for Queensland where they plan to have an active holiday before returning to Morwell to live. Eric began with the Commission in May, 1936 as a carpenter at Yallourn Civil Construction and in February, 1949 Eric was appointed foreman at Civil Construction. May, 1966 brought another promotion, this time to a supervisor at Construction, Yallourn, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function in the Civil Construction canteen, Yallourn, Civil Service Engineer Max Williamson presented Eric with a safety helmet (his workmates say that he wore it everywhere and it was rumored that he even wore it to bed), an umbrella, a digital clock and radio. In retirement Eric plans to do his fair share of fishing, bowls and catch up on some of the things he hasn't been able to do for the past 30 years.



ERIC GIBSON

Eric Gibson, who retired from the commission after 36 years on July 20, will retire to a small farmlet, he and his wife Noella have bought at Hazelwood North. Eric says there is plenty of work to keep him active in retirement. He began with the Commission in September 1939 as a cleaner at the Yallourn Power Station and progressed to a fireman in October, 1941. After four years in the Royal Australian Air Force, Eric returned to the SEC and commenced a career in Electrical Operating. He commenced training as an assistant operator. He progressed to an Operations overseer in February, 1956 and then to an Electrical operations officer in December, 1972. He retired from this position. The Gibsons plan no immediate holiday because they have enough work to do on the farm. Eric's hobbies of gardening and amateur radio will be receiving their fair share of attention from now on.

At an informal farewell in the Yallourn visitors centre the Transmission Operations Engineer Latrobe Valley Headquarters Ian McDonald, presented Eric with a work bench and digital clock, while Mrs. Gibson received a crystal bowl and a sheaf of flowers on behalf of Eric's workmates.

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CHRIS ELLOY ON THE MOVE

first year moulding.

The following year Chris won the Beazley prize for top second year moulding apprentices in Victoria and last year he submitted a 'Bronze Knight' in the Craftmanship award scheme, winning a bronze medal.

He also represented Victoria at the national metal founding apprentices competition, which he won and was awarded a trip to New Zealand.

While in New Zealand Chris represented the apprentice Moulders of Australia and the SEC at the annual Australasian Foundry Convention in Christchurch.

STOP PRESS

The Latrobe Valley Mid-Week Cricket Umpires Association urgently need five more umpires for the 1976-77 season which hits off on Wednesday, October 6.

Umpires Association secretary Elmo Orchard says he would welcome any SEC employe or retired employes.

Those interested can contact Elmo at Patrol, Morwell 3187.

Entries for the SEC Social League's annual golf championships at Yallourn and Moe on October 31 close on October 2 or when a capacity field is received. Tournament secretary Bruce Lawn says those interested should enter as soon as possible. For further details contact your local SEC social club secretary.

LEO SIKKEMA

Leo Sikkema's immediate plans in retirement include a holiday to Central and Northern Australia. Leo retired from the Commission after 6 years on July 20. He began with the Commission in February, 1970 as a trades assistant at Yallourn Briquette and then transferred to Morwell Briquetting also in February, 1970. In February, 1972 he was on the move again this time as a trades assistant at the Hazelwood Power Station, the position he retired from. At an informal farewell function in the Hazelwood Power Station lecture room, Graham Shelbourne (electrical engineer) presented Leo with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates. Leo whose main hobby is bush walking will continue to live in Morwell in retirement.

JIM CRAIG

Jim Craig known to all at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation as 'Wee Jimmy Craig' called it a day on July 11, after 17 years with the Commission. He plans a day by day retirement with his wife Isa. First up will be a holiday at Phillip Island followed by numerous fishing trips to various locations in Gippsland. Jim began with the Commission in March, 1959 as an electrical plant attendant at Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation. After 11 years at that job he transferred to a cleaner in November, 1970, then to an operator also at Morwell, the position from which he retired. At an informal retirement function in the MBPI canteen the Installation Superintendent Cyril Morelato presented a wallet and notes to 'Jimmy' on behalf of his workmates.

VALLEY VISITORS



Four representatives from the Electric Power Development Authority of Japan arrived in the Latrobe Valley by helicopter.



Pictured in front of a portion of the Morwell open cut conveyor system are final year power students from the University of New South Wales.

A VARIETY OF VISITORS TO LV WORKS AREA



Studying a piece of coal are 10 SEC commercial cadets from Melbourne.



Pictured talking with members of the Coal and Coke Committee of the Standards Association of Australia is Cyril Morellato (second from left), Morwell Power and Briquetting Installation Superintendent.

Building surveyors and inspectors, fuel technologists, chemist, university students, and school children were just some of the visitors to the Latrobe Valley Works area during the past month.

A party of six members of the Coal and Coke Committee of the Standards Association of Australia took in an extensive one day tour which included all power stations, Yallourn North Extensions, and Coal Sample Laboratory shed.

The party was led by Mr. George Edwards the Chief Fuel Technologist, Joint Coal Board of New South Wales and the Chairman of the Board.

Four interesting visitors to the area were representatives from the Electric Power Development Authority of Japan. The men arrived from Melbourne at the Latrobe Valley Aero Club by Helicopter and were met by SEC personnel.

The party comprised Mr. S. Murai, Director of Fuel Department, Mr. Y. Ishiyma, Assistant Director of Fuel Department, Mr. T. Matsumoto, Manager Fuel Plant Department and Mr. M. Kamei Nissho Iwai, Melbourne Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

The Japanese took a particular interest in the open

cuts and associated equipment. Thirty-three final year power students and three staff members from the University of New South Wales made an extensive tour of the SEC on July 16. The party was led by Associate Professor I. F. Morrison of the Department of Electric Power Engineering.

On July 23 a party of 22 members of the Gippsland Group of Building Surveyors and Inspectors toured the works area, the Yallourn Township and Trent Street at Newborough a part of the Commission's resettlement programme.

Sixteen shires and city councils were represented from as far as Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale, Warragul and Alberton.

And finally, 31 members of an Industrial Mobilisation course took in a day visit of the area which included the Morwell and Yallourn Open cut, and the Yallourn, Hazelwood and Yallourn W' power stations as well as the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation.

Course members also had discussions with senior Latrobe Valley SEC officers. Ten SEC commercial trainees also visited the area as a part of their course.