



SEC

CONTACT

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Nursing Home Project Committee Chairman George Bates receives the \$1000 cheque from the Yallourn RSL Women's Auxiliary committee (from left) Val Hilditch, Myra Tickle, Phyll Callen and Eily Male.

BOOST TO NURSING HOME

SEC employees have given outstanding support to the Latrobe Valley Hospital Care of the Aged Program Nursing Home project. It is a project which is receiving very wide community support for instance, Yallourn RSL Ladies Auxiliary provided a useful boost when they presented a cheque for \$1,191.12 to Program Chairman, George Bates.

Auxiliary President Val Hilditch presented the cheque on behalf of the 12 hard working auxiliary members in the RSL clubrooms.

In presenting the cheque to Mr Bates, Mrs Hilditch said the Auxiliary hoped its contribution would help towards establishing the Nursing Home for the Aged at Newborough, a most worthwhile project and one which would benefit many returned servicemen and women.

The Auxiliary undertook, last year, to raise \$1,000 over three years for the project.

However, with the dedicated and untiring work of the very hard working auxi-

liary members the \$1,000 target has been surpassed in under eight months.

The money was raised through conducting stalls, competitions, social afternoons and a mannequin parade.

Mr Bates commended the Auxiliary on its fine contribution and said that work had begun on the project which is now expected to cost more than \$1 million when completed.

'Lappin' shield to SEC.

The SEC won the third annual 'Noel Lappin' perpetual shield clay bird shoot between the SEC and APM on November 4.

The keenly sought after shield was narrowly won by the SEC, 123 to 115 points.

It is the second consecutive win for the SEC in the shoot off between two teams of eight shooters.

The SEC's team was — Alec Bremner (Fire Services), George Botton (Transport Yallourn), Clem Hill (Yallourn workshops), Noel Kingsley (Hazelwood power station), John Legge (Morwell power station), Col Cheney (Yallourn power station), John Legge (Morwell power station) and Rob Bremner (Tests and Communications, Morwell).

Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood presented the 'Noel Lappin' trophy to SEC team captain Alec Bremner, who also won the high gun award.

More than 150 people attended the social day conducted at the Morwell Gun Club.

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Cover

The Morwell open cut has been photographed many times. However its seldom you see such a striking sketch of the open cut and its operations. The sketch was provided by Siemens Industries Limited, Melbourne.

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Rooney

MAX IS NEW PRESIDENT FOR 78-79

Engineering Services Engineer (Civil) Max Williamson was elected president of the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop committee at its annual meeting.

It's the first term as president for Max, who has been vice-president since 1976.

His association with the Sheltered Workshop began as the inaugural secretary-treasurer in 1967, a position he held until his election as vice-president in 1976.



The annual meeting was told that an average of 45 handicapped people were employed in 1978 as compared with 36 in the previous year.

Cr. Jim Pettigrew, who has been president for the past 10 years, stood down at the meeting.

He was made a life governor, the third person to enjoy the honor.

SEC Construction Engineer, Power (Latrobe Valley) Don Bromilow is one of the three life governors.

Another SEC employee, John Tilley - an engineer with Civil Works Morwell was re-elected secretary, a position he has held since 1976.



Workers alight at the end of pleasant - and cheap - trip to work.

WORKFORCE IS GETTING BACK ON THE BUSES

The Commissions Latrobe Valley workforce is getting back on the buses.

The bus travel promotion campaign which has now moved into top gear has resulted in a 39% increase in patronage of Latrobe Valley Bus Lines SEC services.

One route now has nearly five times the number of daily passengers. Patronage has doubled in some other areas.

Introduction of the standard fare of \$2.70, reduced travelling times, express buses and improved access to work and residential areas have formed the basis of the promotion campaign.

Manager Area Administration George Bates said today the early results of the campaign indicate a promising trend.

"This is the type of initial increase we had hoped for, but we know we can go much further," he said.

"People have indicated they will travel to and from work by bus if the services offered are made as attract-

ive and convenient as possible.

"We are now looking at several other areas where service changes could be made to further increase patronage.

"If people can illustrate there is a strong demand in any particular area, we will do all we can to meet their needs.

"But I again emphasise that all these changes are on a trial basis. We will have to review our position if employee response fails to reach expectations."

Mr Bates said rising petrol prices should make bus travel an even more attractive proposition for SEC employees.

Reduced pollution, fuel conservation and road safety were also high on the list of advantages.

The new standard fare of \$2.70 for a ten-ride strip ticket for all SEC industrial routes serviced by Latrobe Valley Bus Lines has been readily accepted. Nearly all passengers on these routes are now using the strip tickets.

OIL FIRE IN MORWELL POWER STATION

A FIRE in the Morwell power station on November 15 was brought quickly under control by the station's operations and day maintenance gangs.

Quick thinking action by personnel concerned helped bring the fire under control within 30 minutes.

The lubricating oil fire started in the station's No 3 turbo generator soon after 1.45 p.m.

No-one was injured.

Cause of the fire and detailed estimate of damage are still being investigated.

Other SEC and outside fire units were alerted and two Country Fire Authority units were in attendance.

All but one of the station generating units were closed down and briquette production ceased until the fire was brought under control.

\$8 Million contract

An \$8 million contract for foundation work at Loy Yang 'A' Power Station has been let by the SEC.

The successful tenderer is Dillingham Constructions Pty. Ltd. of Melbourne.

The contract is for the construction of boiler house and turbine house foundations for the first two units of Loy Yang 'A' Power Station, and involves the pouring of about 40,000 cubic metres of concrete.



Vicki and Charlie were all smiles following the announcement of the MGFL best and fairest award.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER FOR CHARLIE CAUCHI

Morwell workshops welder Charlie Cauchi has won the 1978 Mid Gippsland Football League's first eighteen best and fairest award.

A dynamic forward with Morwell East Football Club, Charlie won the award with 24 votes; six more than runner-up Mirboo North rover Garry Gould with 16 votes.

Its the first time Charlie has won the award.

His win gave Morwell East the MGFL best and fairest for the second consecutive year - last year Ken Healy (an SEC carpenter) won the award.

Charlie also won the Morwell East Football Club's first 18 best and fairest award.

The Newborough Football Club second 18 coach Bill Roberts (Instrument shop, Morwell power station) was runner-up in MGFL seconds best and fairest voting.

The weekend of October 20-21 and 22 was an eventful one for Charlie. On Friday evening he won the MGFL best and fairest on Saturday he married Vicki Manuel (Public Relations) and by Sunday they were on a flight to Queensland for their honeymoon.

FOR SALE

Lions Club Christmas Cakes 1.5 kilograms \$3.50 Now available from Alf Vella ext 3658. All proceeds to local charities.

THE FEMALE SECS.



FORMER CAO Technical Services (Yallourn power station) Judith Ledger, of Port Albert, gave birth to a baby girl, Rachel Marie 7 lb 12 oz in the Yarram and District Hospital on October 22. Congratulations Judith.

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TYPIST Glenys Hutchinson and Angela Smogavoic are enjoying a three week holiday in sunny Queensland.

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HEATHER Lang (Yallourn Stores) and her husband David spent a weeks holiday at Mt. Bogong this month.

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THE MANY applicants of the 1979 typist intake were interviewed at the Yallourn Education and Training Centre this month.

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MORWELL typist Chris Karwath has returned to the Morwell typing pool after four weeks with Public Relations as typist and receptionist at the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre, Morwell.

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CHRIS Winderlich, of Thorpdale, has been appointed a drafting assistant in the Yallourn Drawing Office. Chris worked with the Commission for six months under the Commonwealth Youth Employment Scheme before her appointment.

ON THE move. Pam Collins (Typist) is now working as typist at the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station office after working at the Yallourn Education and Training Centre for some time. Sally Holt (Morwell) has replaced Pam at the training Centre.

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MORWELL typist Ruth Boulton is proud owner of a new car - a pretty white Honda.

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FOR THE past six weeks Chris Taylor has been working as a CAO at Coal Production Office, Morwell.

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SUSAN Kelly (Nee Barnard), of Churchill left the Commission recently on maternity leave. Best wishes Susan.

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THAT'S all for this month, but don't forget to ring through those stories to the column on extension 3642.

Another title to Bob Goldie

Hazelwood assistant unit controller Bob Goldie won his fifth consecutive SEC Social club mens golf championship at Yallourn this month.

Goldie won the 27-Hole scratch title with 76-39-115 by two strokes from Assistant Hazelwood Power Station Superintendent John Hutchinson.

John won the Mens A Grade 27 Hole handicap, the B Grade title went to Tassie Lewis; C Grade winner was Ian Smith and in D Grade, Bob Odgers took the honors.

The Narga Trophy was won by Harry Leifman.

Winners were presented with their trophies by AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce and Latrobe Valley departmental heads.

More than 140 people competed in the successful tournament conducted on the picturesque Yallourn golf course.



A 250mm telephoto lens was used on the C 330 35mm Mamiya camera for this snap of a group of women golfers during the tournament.



Trophy winners Norma Heddles and John Hutchinson (far right) receive their Award from AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.



Checking their cards following the completion of the 18th hole are (from left) Brian Lalor (Survey, Yallourn), Keith Guthrie (Payrolls, Morwell), Jim Dyer (Morwell Power Station) and Maurie Johnson (Gippsland ESR).

Service Register

COMMISSION staff and wages employees who reached significant milestones during November are included in the register below:

25 YEARS:

Trevor Turner	Civil Service, Morwell
Tom Race	Coal, Yallourn
Lawrence Ryan	Yallourn power station
Aub Zemek	Yallourn workshops.

30 YEARS:

Leo McCarthy	Power Generation Headquarters, Morwell
Eric Brown	Coal Yallourn
Tom Warford	Civil Services Yallourn
Bill Andrews	Morwell power station
Ron Todhunter	Civil Services Yallourn
John Todhunter	Civil Services Yallourn
Theodore Zyhjlo	Yallourn power station
Mirolat Tabaczybsky	Civil Services Yallourn
Dmytro Niezgocki	Yallourn 'W' power station
Harry Potter	Civil Services Yallourn
Maximilian Baszczuk	Civil Services Yallourn
Vik Kilimonis	Yallourn power station
George Gehrig	Catering, Yallourn

31 YEARS:

Keith Collins	Yallourn workshops
Jack Robertson	Power Generation

32 YEARS:

Charlie Barnes	Yallourn workshops
Bill White	Civil Services Yallourn

33 YEARS:

George Mayes	Patrol
Ken Passey	Yallourn power station
Westie Halket	Yallourn 'W' power station
Kevin Willett	Coal, Yallourn
Joe Austin	Yallourn 'W' power station

34 YEARS:

Mossie Williams	Coal, Morwell
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35 YEARS:

Noel Kingsley	Hazelwood power station
Vern Wiggins	Yallourn workshops

36 YEARS:

Ron De Carli	Civil Services Yallourn
Jim Pearless	Yallourn workshops

37 YEARS:

Ellis Johnson	Transmission, Yallourn
Clyde Loble	Morwell workshops

38 YEARS:

Bill Somerville	Stores, Morwell
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39 YEARS:

Charlie Strong	Coal, Morwell
Vic Leek	Transport, Morwell

40 YEARS:

Karl Smith	Yallourn workshops
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41 YEARS:

Henry Duder	Transmission Yallourn
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44 YEARS:

John Jones	Civil Services, Yallourn
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VAL ENJOYED STAY IN NEW GUINEA

How would you like to spend a 21-day "holiday" working in the hot and very humid climate of the New Guinea Highlands?

Well, that's what Yallourn 'W' power station technical services engineer Val McGoldrick did last month.

Val, who was one of 14 Victorian Rotarians who went to Kesavaka in the New Guinea eastern highlands, approximately 500 kilometres north of Port Moresby, was the only Gippslander in the team.

Purpose of the trip was to work as a Rotary team to build a small hospital and two houses for medical staff.

The group was the last of six Victorian teams to visit the area.

When completed, the buildings were handed over to the New Guinea Public Health Department.

Total cost was \$100,000 (Australian) or \$80,000 (Kina).

The team lived in a native hut in the village, accommodation which Val said afforded him an unique opportunity to study the life of the Papua New Guinea natives at first hand.

While in New Guinea, Val attended the famous Goroke Highland show.

YALLOURN TURF IS ON THE MOVE

The latest long-term resident to join the Resettlement Program is the turf of the Yallourn Bowling Club.

Some of the turf was taken to the new club to cover the embankments around the greens. Now the remainder will be used to provide tees at two local golf clubs.

The Yallourn and Morwell Golf clubs have been given permission to remove the remainder of the turf for use on tees and other areas in their course improvement programs.

FOR SALE

1 - 7' Aluminium Awning - \$120

1 - 4' Aluminium Awning - \$80

12ft Venetian Blind, 9 ft Venetian Blind, 2- 6' Venetian Blinds - \$200 the lot.

JVC Radio Cassette - Battery/AC - \$50

Contact 3295 or A/H 34 1229


**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**


Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood presents the safety award to Shift Relief Foreman Laurie Porter.

10 Years without lost time injury

The eleven members of the Morwell workshops shift group 681 have achieved more than 10 years or 264,000 man hours without a Lost Time Injury.

This magnificent effort was recorded from July 1968 to July this year . . . and the record is still intact.

The group's effort is even more meritorious when the type of work carried out daily is taken into account.

It includes working with lathes, large mills, welding guillotining steel, welding and cutting steel as well as working on broken-down equipment in Morwell open cut.

Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood presented the National Safety Council of Australia plaque to shift relief foreman Laurie Porter at a function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre last month.

In presenting the award, Mr Greenwood commended the group on its responsible attitude toward safety.

Mr Greenwood made special reference to the efforts of the late Kevin Baldwin (Shift Foreman), whose recent death came as a shock to all Engineering Services personnel.

HERNES OAK ROAD WORKS UNDER WAY

Work has begun on the relocation of Hernes Oak Road from Haunted Hills Road to Coach Road east of Tarwin Grove in Yallourn.

The contractors, J. Jeffrey & Sons Pty. Ltd. of Morwell, begun work at the Haunted Hills Road end.

They expect to move into the Coach Road area at the end of January, and have the project completed by the end of April next year.

The road is being moved to allow extension of the open cut security fence. The existing road will be used as part of the open-cut perimeter road once it is closed to traffic.

SHEEP HAPPY ON RIVER DIVERSION

More than 1500 sheep are now grazing happily on the Morwell River Diversion area.

Eventually, about 4000 sheep will dot the lush grazing land.

The sheep are owned by South Gippsland farmer Warren Rich, who is buying

them in from all parts of Eastern Australia.

They will be alternately grazing on the fresh new grass on the floodway channel of the River Diversion, and on the equally grassy slopes above and around the floodway channel.



WHIRLWIND VISIT BY P.M. TO SEC

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser paid a whirlwind visit to the SEC's Morwell works area on Thursday November 2.

His visit was the first by an Australian Prime Minister to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works.

He was met at the visitors' centre by the Minister for Minerals and Energy Mr. Balfour, SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce and all Latrobe Valley Departmental Heads.

His 60 minute visit included a look over the Latrobe Valley Visitor's Centre at Morwell, the Morwell open cut, Hazelwood power station and Jeeralang Gas Turbine station.

During the tour he met and chatted informally to SEC workmen wherever possible.



The Prime Minister had a birds-eye view of the Morwell open cut from the control centre where AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce and Open Cut Superintendent Ian Runge explained the operations of the open cut.



Morwell Coal Production control centre attendant Geoff Lancaster (far left) chats to Prime Minister Fraser. Morwell Open Cut Superintendent Ian Runge (centre) looks on.

Two Hazelwood power station employees had a brief chat with the Prime Minister during his visit to the station.



Trees will beautify gas turbine station

EARTHWORKS PROGRESSING - JEERALANG

Earthworks are well under way for the second block of gas turbines at Jeeralang.

More than 4000 Australian native trees have been plant-

ed around the Jeeralang Gas Turbine station.

The five rows of trees were planted by Melbourne contractors Mugg and Henry in an imaginative scheme to generally beautify the new station.

Further tree planting and landscaping is planned for the station surrounds as development proceeds.

The tree planting was held up for some weeks due to adverse weather.

Earthworks are progressing on the Jeeralang Gas Turbine 'B' Station site south of Morwell.

The work began in August, with bench preparation carried out by Jeffrey and Sons, of Morwell, and a Sydney company working on the drainage, fencing, lighting and roads around the site.

Foundations for the \$56 million station are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

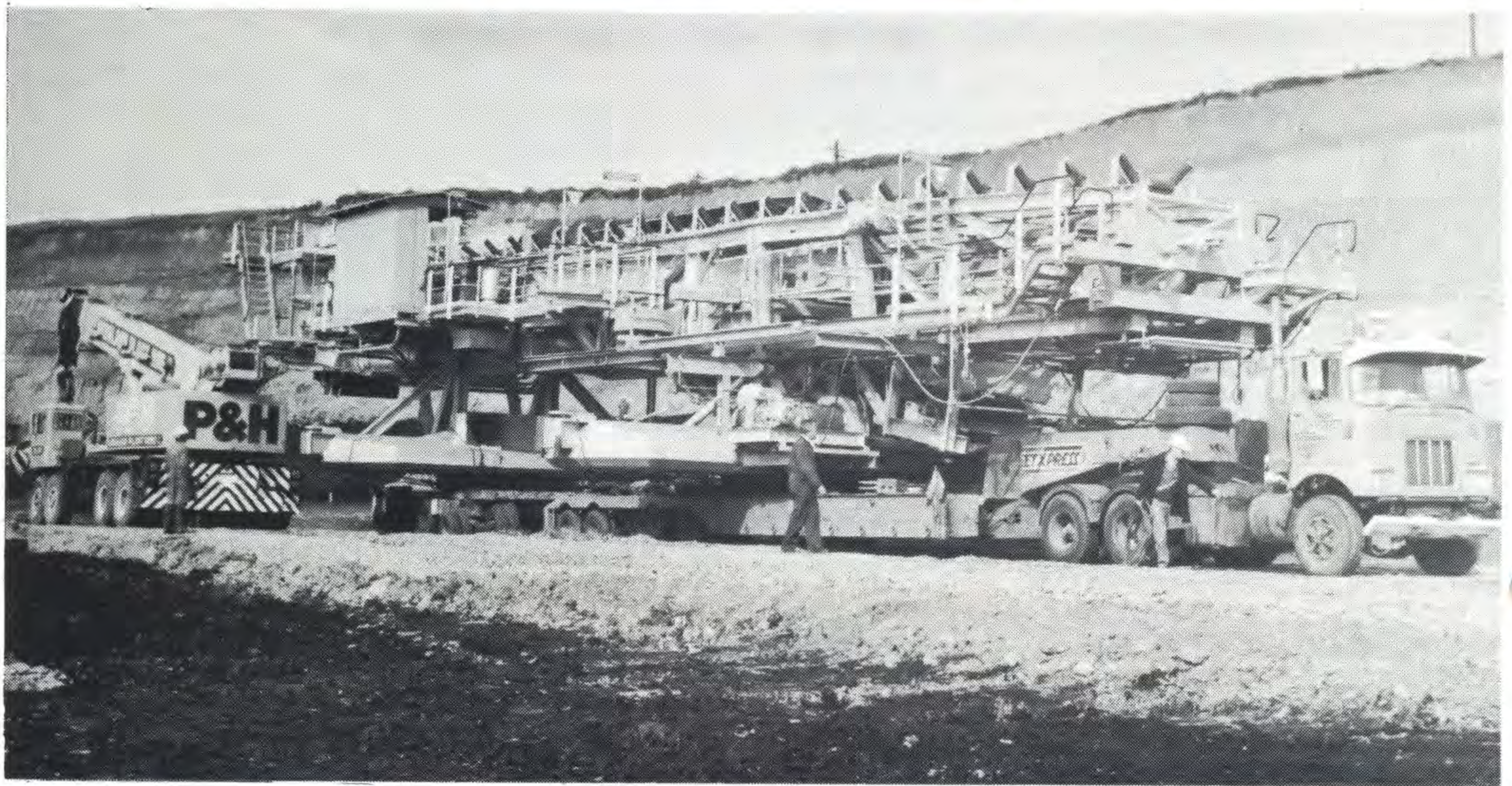
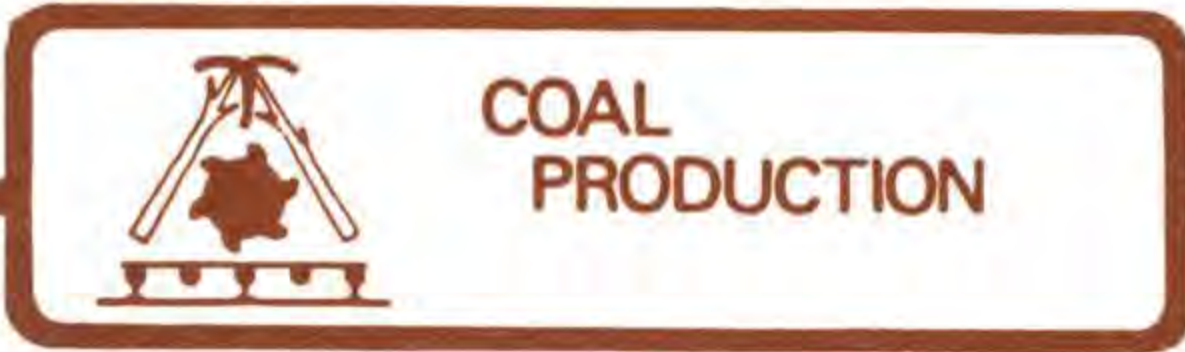
The station is expected to be brought into service in January 1980.



Tony Mugg (in foreground) and an assistant are pictured at work during the recent program.

Tony Mugg (right) explains a few points about the planting of trees to one of his helpers.





The drive unit is pictured in transit to the southern end of the Yallourn open cut.

DRIVE HEAD PLACED IN POSITION

The new \$500,000 drive unit for the Yallourn open cut 304 conveyor came into operation this month.

The unit, which is part of the southern overburden dump conveyor system, will work in conjunction with No 13 dredger.

The 120 tonne unit was constructed on site at Yallourn by Ascom

It took approximately two hours for the drive unit to be transported from the erection site to the southern end of the open cut.

Large cranes removed the unit from the Fleetways low loader.

\$9.3 - million stacker for Loy Yang

The biggest crawler mounted stacker in Australia is to be built for the SEC's giant Loy Yang project.

The \$9.3 million stacker, to be used for the Loy Yang open cut, will be built by a consortium involving John Perry Limited and M.A.N. Nuremberg.

It will be capable of handling about 14,400 tonnes of overburden per hour.

The unit, with a dead weight of 2100 tonnes, will

consist of the stacker, a connecting bridge and a belt tripper with built-in driving equipment for the dump conveyor.

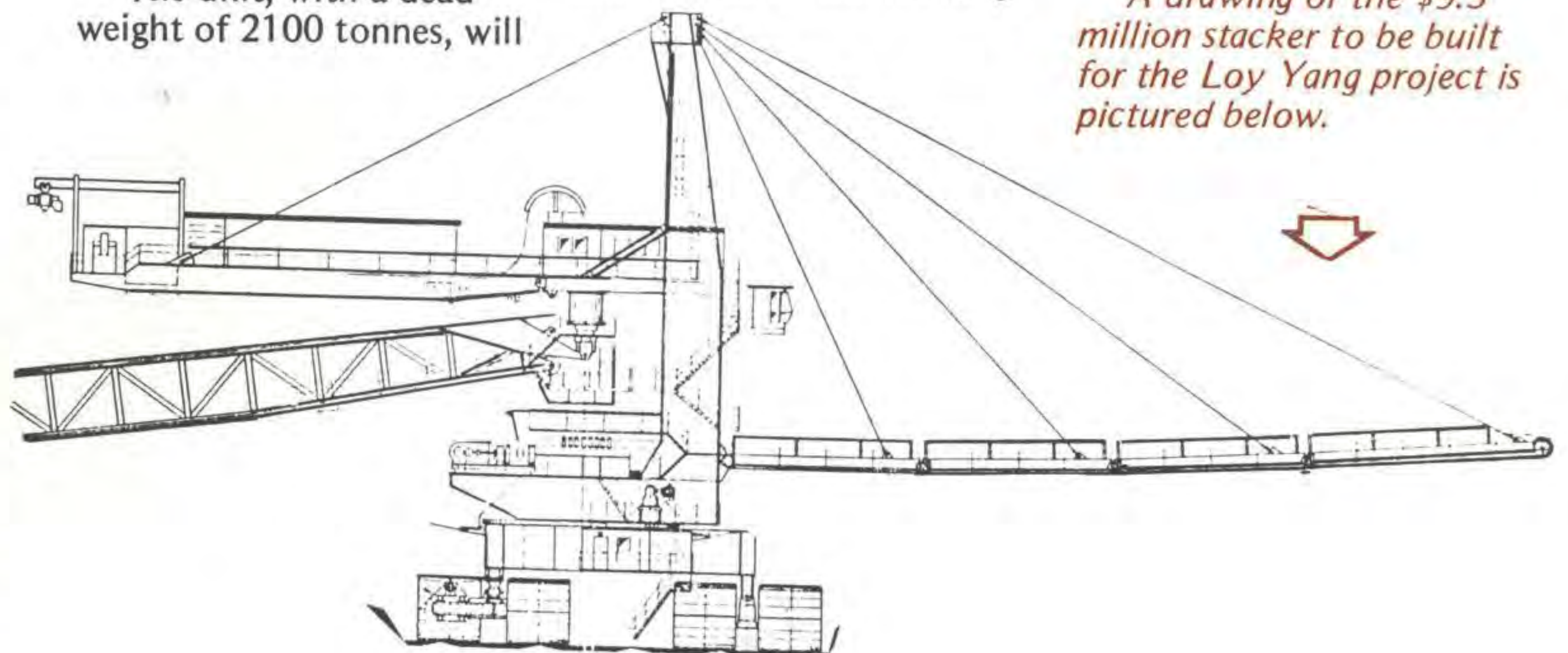
The stacker will run on six crawlers and the belt tripper on four.

Discharge boom for the unit will be 50 metres long

and the supporting span for the bridge will vary between 52.5 and 57.5 metres.

Erection of the stacker will begin in early 1980 with the handing over to the SEC scheduled for the end of that year.

A drawing of the \$9.3 million stacker to be built for the Loy Yang project is pictured below.





SAFETY AWARD TO BRIQUETTE DISTRIBUTION - 169,000 HRS.

The 28 members of the Briquette Distribution section, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation; has worked 169,000 man hours without a lost time injury . . . and the section is still going strong with 180,000 man hours to date.

The section's work involves the consigning and bagging of briquettes, a strenuous occupation; and to have such an excellent safety record is a credit to the section.

Since 1970 they have achieved three other Safety awards:— two 100,000 awards in 1970 and 1972, and their best recorded in November 1974 - 273,000 man hours without a LTI.

At a presentation function, MBPI Superintendent Cyril Morellato presented the National Safety Council of Australia pennant to Frank Smith and Jack Webster, while the NSCA certificate was received by Toby Fairclough.

Mr Morellato and Briquette Distribution Superintendent Ian McArthur commended the performance of the section and their fine attitude toward safety.

FOR SALE

Newlands caravan 18 x 8 tandem six berth, complete with annexe, spare wheel, four burner gas stove and oven and many other features \$3000.

Contact: Tom Skerry ext 2375.



Members of Briquette Distribution proudly display their NSCA pennant and certificate following the official presentation ceremony.

Ray is tops at dart throwing

When it comes to throwing darts there aren't any better in the Latrobe Valley than Hazelwood power station operator Ray Palmer.

Ray recently won the Latrobe Valley Amateur Darts Association men's championship when he defeated Laurie Heatherton (Traralgon Crown Hotel) 2-1 in a thrilling final.

It was the third win in four years for Ray, whose previous wins were in 1975 and 1977.

More than 250 men competed in the championships.

Ray, who has been playing darts for eight years, is in the Churchill Hotel darts team.

Ray Palmer tallies his score during a recent practice session.

Three other Hazelwood employees also did well in the championships, Bob Smith, and Bill Peters who took out the doubles final, while Eddie Smith and his wife won the mixed title.





SAFETY AWARD TO MORWELL ELEC. SERVICES



The Electrical Services group display their NSCA pennant and certificate following the award presentation.

Morwell Electrical Services section has notched 100,000 man hours without a Lost Time Injury.

It is the fifth time the 120-man strong section has earned a 100,000 man hour award; on this occasion working for more than six months without injury.

The group's work is divided into two categories - overhead lines and field services.

The section achieved 117,273 man hours before a Lost Time Injury was recorded on May 18.

At an informal presentation function, Transmission Engineer Services, Bill Smith paid tribute to the excellent record of the electrical services section before presenting the National Safety Council of Australia pennant and certificate to section representatives Len Twomey (Field Services) and Ron Jessop (Area Lines).

Horseshoes are good luck for "Lucky Eddy"

If horseshoes mean good luck, Eddy Hecker should be buying a bundle of Tatts-lotto tickets.

Eddy, a linesman assistant with area lines, has been tagged "Lucky Eddy" by his workmates since he found four horseshoes in a tree.

Eddy was working with a gang near the East Levee Bank Road when he noticed the shoes hanging from a branch.

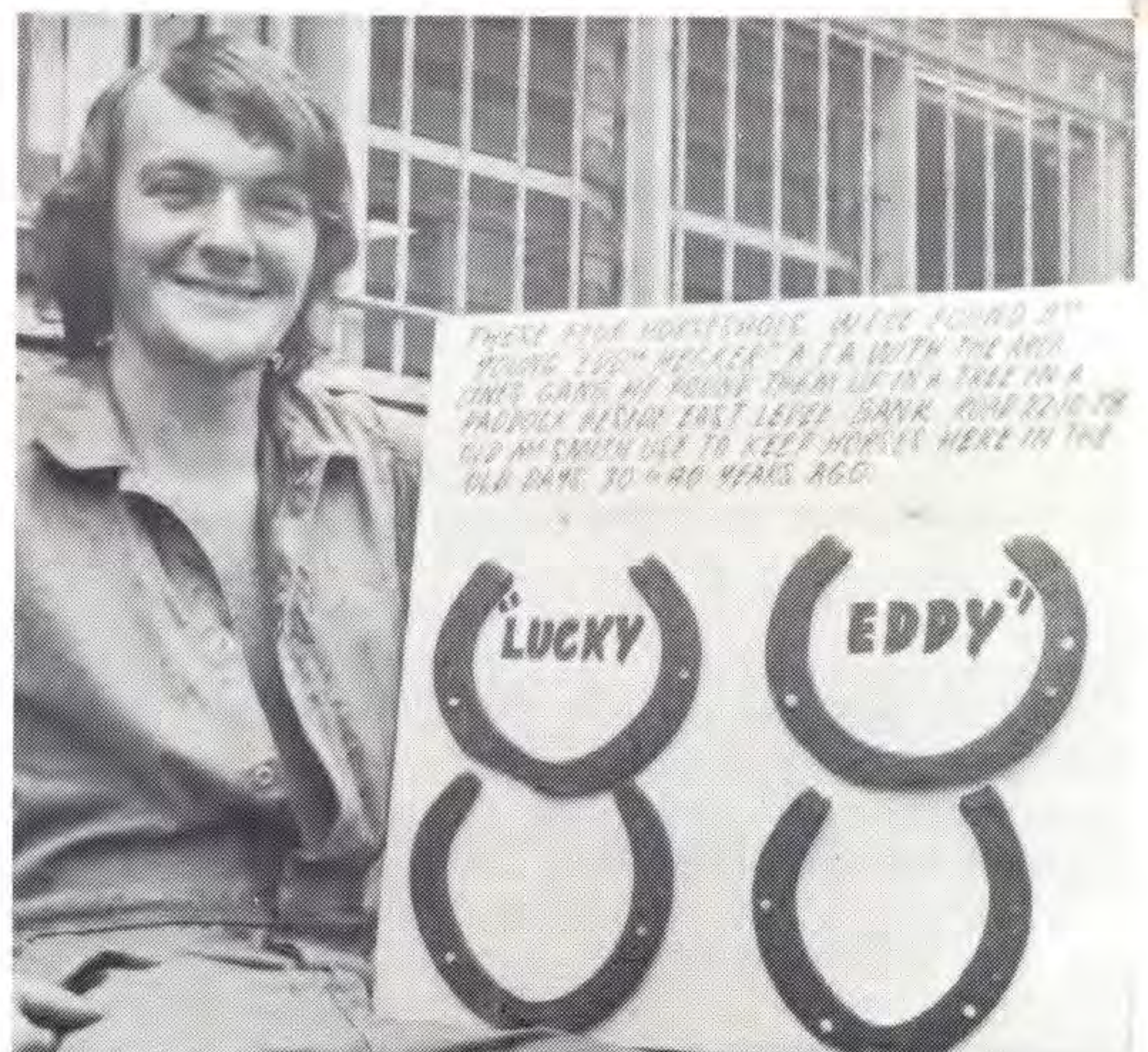
Eddy Hecker shows off his specially mounted lucky horse shoes.

Horses were kept in the area some 30 to 40 years ago but no-one seems to know how the shoes managed to end up in the tree.

The area lines gang has amassed quite a collection of horseshoes and other old odds-and-ends over the years but Eddy's find of four horseshoes in one hit is one of the best.

The shoes have been mounted on a special board.

Eddy and his workmates are now waiting for those lucky numbers to come up.



FOR SALE

Healing color television 20" \$400

Lounge room suite - Black Spanish style \$300

Washing machine semi-automatic \$200

1973 Datsun 180B (manual) Registered until May 1979 and in good condition. Contact: Dave MacFarlane, 98 Commercial Rd., Morwell.



AREA
ADMINISTRATION

BOOST TO NURSING HOME

SEC workers have provided solid support for the Latrobe Valley Hospital's Care for the Aged Nursing Home project, as have many other district organisations.

The Morwell RSL Women's Auxiliary presented a cheque for \$3000 to the project last month.

The cheque was presented to Project committee chairman, George Bates by Auxiliary president Mrs Dot Beckman and Secretary Mrs Joan Kennedy.

Also present were the RSL Club President Joe Louis and Secretary Col Hower.

The Auxiliary has now raised \$4000 toward a \$5000 donation, over three years to a worthwhile project which will benefit many returned servicemen and women.

On presenting the cheque to Mr Bates, Mrs Beckman praised the hard work of the 27 Auxiliary members who have raised the money.

Although the Auxiliary is small, it has raised more than \$17,000 this year for Latrobe Valley community projects and for support of returned servicemen and women.

Mr Bates said the project committee was most grateful for the generous donation toward the cost of the \$1 million - plus project.



Scouts learn about safety procedure

The 1st Moe Scout group now know more about safety in industry following a visit from Yallourn power station Safety Officer Herb Wandmaker.


Herb was invited to the scout group by its leader Acting Casualty Officer, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, David Anderson.

He outlined safety procedures carried out at the Yallourn power station, and demonstrated the use and need for safety equipment.

The group was also shown a film on hearing conservation and hazards of mountain climbing.

The evening proved very successful.

Herb had no difficulty holding the interest of his scout audience.

 Nursing Home project committee chairman George Bates receives the \$3000 cheque from the Morwell RSL Women's Auxiliary on the site of the new nursing home at Newborough.



Herb Wandmaker is pictured with 1st Moe Scout group members.

retirements

LES ASPINALL

Les Aspinall's retirement function was an historical one.

It was the first retirement function to be held in the new Yallourn workshops amenities canteen.

Les, who retired from the Commission on November 11 after 30 years service began with the Commission in October, 1948, as a motor mechanic with the transport workshops in Yallourn a position he held until transferring to fitter in the Central workshops, Yallourn, in 1960.

He moved to Hazelwood power station in 1968 and then back to Yallourn workshops in 1970 as a fitter, the position from which he retired.

Les intends to enjoy his hobbies of gardening, photography and sound recording in retirement.



At his farewell function, Les was presented with a gardening set, table and chairs and cassette recorder on behalf of his workmates, and the workshops Welfare Committee.

JIM REID

Jim Reid's hobbies of gardening, stamp collecting, fishing and travelling will keep him and his wife Margaret busy in retirement.

The Reids also plan an overseas holiday to the United Kingdom

Jim retired from the Commission on October 27 after 19 years service.

He began with the Commission in February, 1959, as a fitter at Yallourn power station.

In June, 1963, he was appointed temporary foreman and became foreman, boilers, in December, remaining in this position until January 1970. He was then transferred to relief shift foreman, the position from which he retired.



At a farewell function in the Yallourn power station lecture room, YPS Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Col Harvey presented Jim with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

Jim and Margaret will continue to live in Newborough.

STUART McDONALD

Stuart McDonald enjoyed his nine years with the Commission, but was quite happy to call it a day on October 13.

He began with the Commission in September 1969 as a cleaner at the Yallourn power station, working as a trimmer and cleaner at the station before becoming a builders laborer at Civil Construction at Yallourn in October, 1969.

He moved around the works area as a builders' laborer working at Hazelwood power station, general services Yallourn, Yallourn power

station and finally retiring from Civil Works, Yallourn.



Stuart was presented with a set of suit cases and a wallet and notes from Civil Works Engineer Tom Stillman at an informal farewell function in the Yallourn Civil Works canteen.

LES SMITH

Phillip Island will be the future home of Les Smith and his wife.

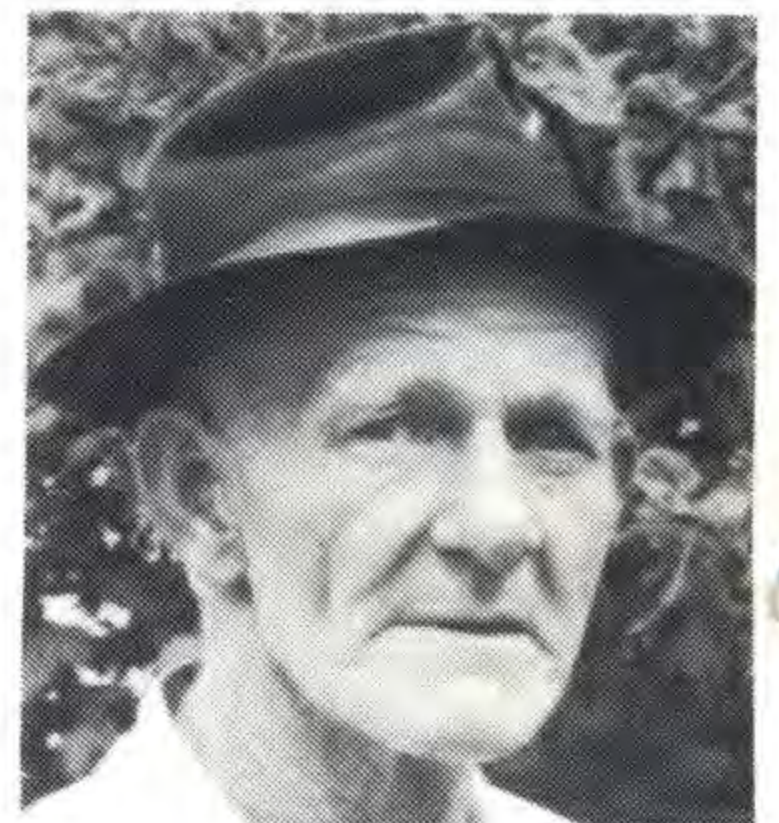
Les who lives in Moe, intends to enjoy a trip around Australia next year.

After 30 years with the Commission, Les called it a day on October 24.

He began with the Commission in May 1948 as a fitters assistant at Yallourn power station.

He then worked as a labourer in the Yallourn open cut, plant attendant at Yallourn North open cut, a mack driver, truck driver, scraper operator and conveyor attendant up until 1953.

In July, 1954, he worked as a laborer with coal transport, Yallourn, then a spell as Euclid driver, coal conveyor attendant with coal transport, shute attendant and a loco driver in February 1956 the position he retired from.



At a farewell function at the Southern Pivot, Yallourn open cut Superintendent Col Ferguson presented Les with an envelope of notes on behalf of workmates.

Throughout Victoria there are 1 484 000 electricity customers. The SEC supplies 1 218 000 directly and the other 266 000 through 11 metropolitan councils buying power in bulk for retail distribution.

FOR SALE

One Teak Buffet in excellent condition with Bar \$100. Contact Bruce Savage, Ext 3228.

retirements

REG WELLS



Yallourn in March 1957 and then to the Yallourn open cut where he held positions as conveyor attendant, electrical plant operator, coal conveyor attendant, and greaser.

In May, 1963, he transferred to Yallourn North open cut before moving back to a conveyor attendant in the Yallourn open cut and then electrical plant operator.

His final move came in August, 1975, when he transferred to the position of operator at Yallourn 'W' power station.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn 'W' control centre Reg received a radio-digital clock on behalf of his workmates. Mrs Wells received a sheaf of flowers and a set of place-mats.

A holiday in Queensland in March next year is one of the early retirement priorities of Reg and Yvonne Wells.

Reg, who retired on November 1, intends to take retirement from day to day enjoying his hobby of making toys for the under-privileged children.

After joining the Commission in May 1956 as a trades assistant at Yallourn power station, Reg transferred to office cleaner at Main Office

Office mishaps - be careful

One of the greatest causes of accidents in offices are slips and falls.

Many are caused by running and crowding on stairs and corridors and in entrance ways.

Tripping hazards are another common office danger. Bottom drawers of filing cabinets when left open can cause a painful trip to the unwary.

Improper lifting of heavy or bulky objects has caused many a hernia or back injury. The basic rule is just the same — "Lift with the legs and not with your back" Twisting the trunk of your body when carrying objects also causes much trouble.

When it is necessary to move an object a short distance, the feet should be moved, not the body twisted.

Walking around blind corners in office buildings, not looking where you are going, or opening doors quickly, can result in painful collisions.

Razor blades, drawing pins, etc, can hurt. Keep them in separate containers.

Keep your sharp pencil in the desk, not with the point in your pocket.

Paper cuts hurt and can become infected. When working with stacks of paper, use a rubber finger guard and use a wetting device and not your tongue for sealing envelopes.

NEWARK AVENUE FLATS READY

Yallourn residents have begun moving into stages 2, 3 and 4 at Newark Avenue.

In the week before the move began, residents moving into the 20 single and 10 double units attended an afternoon tea and discussion session at Yallourn Hotel.

Resettlement Chairman George Bates and Resettlement officers briefed residents on the moving-in program.

Work is underway on another 10 two-bedroom and 10 single bedroom units, and tenders will be called soon for a further 20 single-bedroom units.

The completed village will house 114 former Yallourn residents.



Property Services Officer Kevin Gould is pictured chatting with Newark Avenue residents.

valley visitors

VISITORS FROM FAR AND WIDE LOOK SEC OVER



Former SEC Chairman Bob White and Acting Senior Public Liaison Officer Mike Answerth study the Loy Yang model in the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre at Morwell.

Former SEC Chairman Mr N.R. (Bob) White was one of thousands of visitors to look the SEC over during November.

The Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser also visited the works area at Morwell. Story and pictures p. 8.

There were numerous visitors from inter-state and overseas.

A party from the International Conference for Large Electrical Systems toured SEC installations as well as the Loy Yang project and the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station. The conference was held in Morwell.

Mr Brian Tidey from the Agent's General Office in London also took in a visit of the area.

Among the numerous school groups to visit was a party of students from the West Beach Primary school in South Australia.

Guided tours are available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre, Morwell. Contact is Senior Guide Bill Hopkins, ext. 3415.



Members of the CIGRE party showed considerable interest in the Latrobe Valley Control Centre control room during their recent visit.

The West Beach Primary school party, pictured before a tour of the SEC works area early this month.

