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MANAGEMENT / EMPLOYEE CONFERENCES TO BE HELD

**Manager's Message
by the Acting Manager,
Mr. Graham Black**



The first meeting between unions and management of the Latrobe Valley Region was held at the Visitors' Reception Centre, Yallourn, on September 8. In this photograph, Mr. George Paterson, Assistant General Manager (Generation and Transmission) is opening the conference.

The message this month will be brief and cover one important subject only.

This is the proposed conferences between staff and wages organisations and local management.

The stage has been reached where final plans are being made for these formal meetings to discuss matters of common concern.

With 26 trade unions and staff organisations in the Latrobe Valley it has been found necessary to divide these into three groups to keep the numbers small enough to enable individuals to participate fully in the discussion.

A review of plans for the future will be made. The views of those present will be sought on these and as to how their members will be affected by these proposals.

The meetings will cover subjects under local control such as safety, amenities, welfare, education and training and working conditions generally. Matters which, of course, cannot be discussed are those involving overall Commission policy such as variations to rates of pay, hours of work, leave and the like.

The meeting will also be kept informed of decisions which have been made and why. It is hoped that men and management will meet in a common role as employees of the S.E.C. equally concerned with its fortunes and its future.

It will allow men to participate in matters affecting their work in an atmosphere where people feel they can express their

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own ideas freely and also bring forward the views of their workmates.

We live in a world of rapid technical change and we work in a complex large-scale organisation by any standards.

The more practical data we can gather from people on the job, the better chance we have of making the right decisions at Management level.

I trust that this exchange of information and ideas, and discussion of common problems will remove some of the misunderstandings which cause tension, uneasiness and distrust and thus make it possible for us to work effectively together for our common good in the future.

FOR SALE

LARGE Block of Land, Newborough, lovely view, well drained, back fence, roads paid. Reasonable Price — Ring Morwell 4-2034, Ext. 3457.

FIRST AID COMPETITION

First Aid teams from the Latrobe Valley Region will compete in a local zone final at the Visitors' Reception Centre, Main Gate, Yallourn, on Wednesday, October 21.

The final will be held during normal working hours, at a time to be announced. The team scoring the highest points will represent the Region in the Commission's First Aid Championship Final at the Engineers' Training Depot, Swan Street, East Melbourne on Friday, November 27.

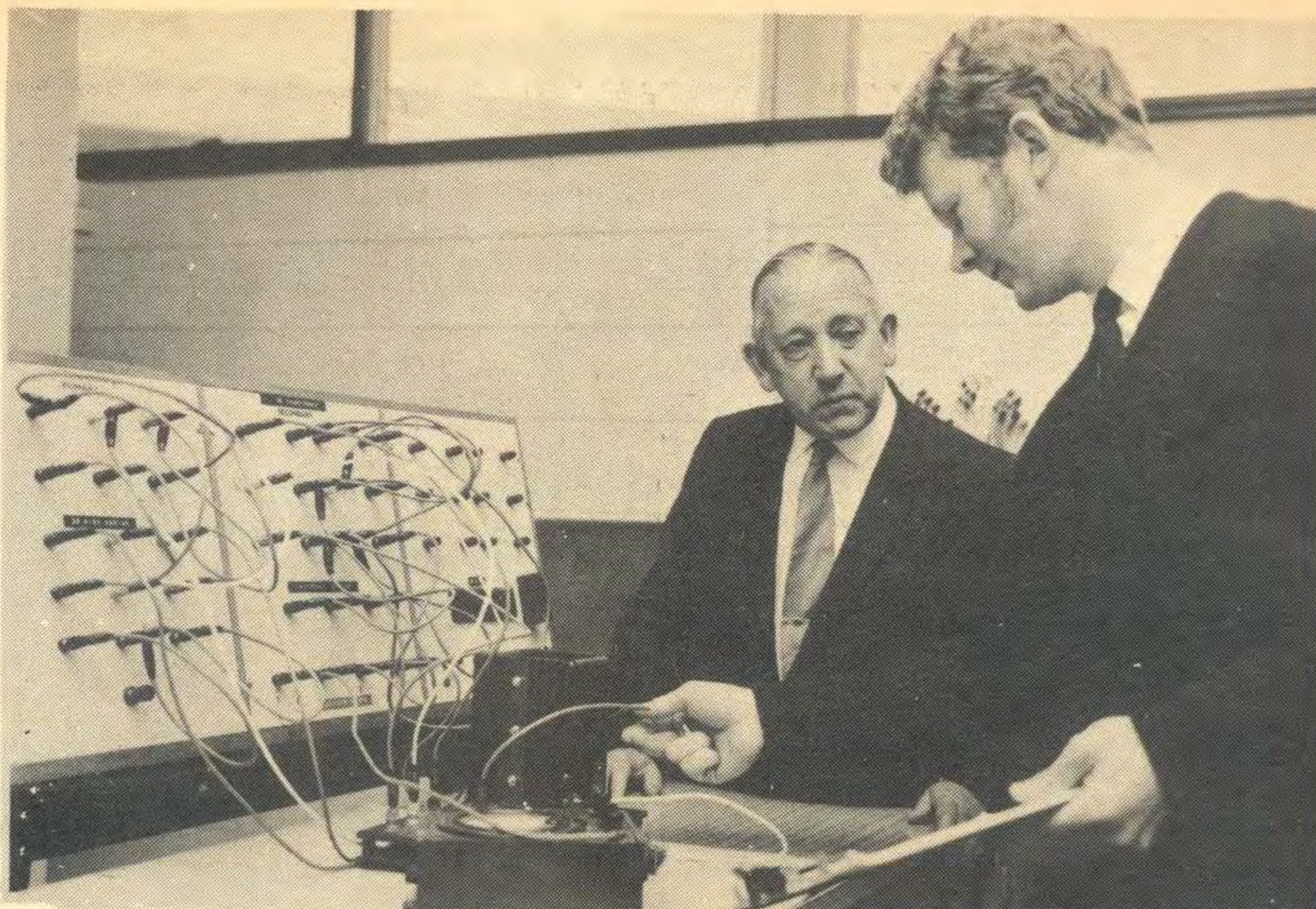
Object of the competition is to encourage those who possess First Aid qualifications, but have not had an opportunity to obtain further practice.



Mr. F. S. (Ted) Eaves, retired on Sunday, August 23, after 25 years' service with the Commission.

A locomotive driver, Ted intends taking it easy on his retirement, apart from a little gardening and a spot of fishing.

Ted was presented with a woodworking power drill kit by his workmates.



REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE VISIT

Mr Frank Easterby, now retired, who was Education and Training Superintendent for Victoria, visited the Valley on Friday, August 7 to see the Regional Training Centre at Yallourn.

Frank was the guiding force behind the

inclusion of all educational and training facilities in one location.

Here he is watching Ron Love, third-year Engineering Trainee (Electrical Tests), working on a project of rectification of A. C. current for control purposes.

RETIREMENTS

On August 14 Mr. P. (Percy) Beamish retired after 9 years' service with the Commission. Percy was a Trades Assistant in Central Workshops, Yallourn.

Percy was a conscientious worker, had a good sense of humour and was extremely popular with his colleagues.

He was presented with an electric frypan, an electric jug, a toaster, a vertical grill and an envelope of cash.

Percy, who came from Noojee, has been a resident of Eastern Hostel, but is moving back to Noojee for his retirement.



On Friday, August 28, Mr. W. T. (William Theodore) Moffat, Machinist 3rd Class, Yallourn Workshops, retired after 9 years' service with the Commission.

Born in Yackandanda — Bill (or Theo) — he is known by both names — now lives in Trafalgar where he will remain in his retirement to pursue his hobbies of fishing and gardening.

He intends to spend several weeks travelling in Australia before settling down.

Mr. W. Hebb, Mechanical Services Engineer, presented Bill with a gold watch and a travelling rug and, as a "special", he was presented with the box on which he was accustomed to sit.

RETIREMENTS

On July 1, Mr. H. (Harry) Smith retired after 43 years' service. At the date of his retirement he was a foreman plumber. He was presented with a radio, a power drill and - for Mrs. Smith - a pearl necklace.

Prior to becoming a member of staff, Harry had been a Union representative for a number of years. He was also a member of the Sick and Accident Fund and the Workshops Social Club Committees.

He was also active in his church, in community affairs and sporting organisations.



On Friday, July 31, Mr. S. C. (Syd) Abbott, Fireman, Services Division, retired after 32 years' continuous service.

A large number of his colleagues gathered at a function in Base Workshops, Yallourn, to bid him farewell.

In his earlier days, Syd was an active sportsman playing football, cricket and tennis.

He has been active in Community affairs - notably the Progress Association at Newborough.

His hobbies - 'panning' for gold and ten pin bowls. He is one of 7 brothers, all of whom have worked or are working for the Commission. Between them they have over 200 years of service.

Syd was presented with a camera and photographic equipment, and, for Mrs. Abbott, there was a brooch.



Hans Nelson, Foreman, Briquetting Operations, Morwell, retired on Friday, August 21, after 20 years' service with the Commission. Due to health reasons, Hans's retirement was premature.

Mr. Cyril Morellato, Briquette Production Superintendent presented Hans, who is a keen fisherman, with a fishing rod and tackle and a wallet of notes.



On July 3, Mr. C. (Cyril) Sanderson retired after 20 years' service.

He was a Grade 2 Clerk in Stores Accounting. He spent all his service in Accounting Division.

On Friday, August 28, Mrs. Elsie Denny, Postmistress at Eastern Hostel Post Office, retired after 36 years' service with the P.M.G.'s Department.

At a function in Eastern Road Hostel, Mr. G. E. Seear, Camp Foreman, presented Elsie with a chiming mantel clock, a coffee table, a wallet of notes and a sheaf of flowers.

A telegram from Mr. Kevin Jones, Acting District Postal Manager was read and Mr. Cliff Hamson, Post Master, Yallourn and members of his staff were present.

Elsie's husband Keith, is a bricklayer with Municipal, Yallourn.



Mr. Bob Hamilton, Painter, Coal Division, Yallourn, retired last month after almost 16 years' service with the Commission.

Speakers at the gathering were Mr. Paul Pearson and Mr. Herman Ramselaar. Mr. Eric Foote, Coal Production Superintendent, Yallourn, presented Bob with a Fishing Basket and Collapsible Rod, a Mohair travelling rug and a carton of cigarettes.

Mrs. Hamilton, who was in attendance, was presented with a Marcasite Brooch and an Orchid.



On July 3, after 22 years' service, Mr. G. (George) Innes retired from the Commission.

He retired as a Trades Assistant. He was presented with a transistor radio, a travelling clock, cuff links, and a dressing gown, the gifts of his colleagues.



Mr. A. F. (Archie) Marshall retired on July 3 after forty years' service with the Commission.

Archie, an Engineer, Grade 3, began work in January, 1930, at the Yallourn Power Station and was later appointed Second Class Operator.

After several promotions in the field, Archie retired as Engineer, Grade 3.



TRAINING YOUR TEAM

by Bob Bigelow
Education and Training Officer

In the last issue we provided a brief outline of the assistance the Commission will give any employee who has the ability and desire to improve his education.

Another job of the Education and Training Section is to assist line managers and supervisors with one of their major tasks, the training of the people they supervise.

Each supervisor and manager has a responsibility to ensure that all of the people under his control have the technical knowledge and skill required to perform their tasks satisfactorily. In addition, where any of his people, in turn, supervise the work of others, he has a responsibility to ensure they have the required supervisory skills. It is in relation to this latter area of responsibility that the Education and Training Section can assist.

The Training Officer, Bob McLeod, and his assistants operate, locally, a wide range of courses. Well-established courses already available at the Regional Centre aim to improve skills in Memo and Report Writing, Speaking to Groups, Conference Leading, Planning and Instructional Techniques for Group Train-

ing. For a job that demands a lot of reading, a programme can be undertaken that will considerably improve reading skill.

About 100 Foremen can confirm the value of the Pre-Supervisory Training Scheme. The scheme extends over eight months for each group and includes five one-week segments of classroom training, many part-time sessions and training assignments carried out while the trainees are performing a responsible supervisory job. It is, we believe, the most comprehensive scheme of this type conducted in Australia.

Although these training schemes are well established and constantly under review, they can only be effective if they are undertaken by people who really need the training; who understand why they are there and who will be encouraged by their own supervisor to make use of their newly acquired skills when they return to the job. This again emphasises that the real responsibility for training rests with line supervision. No matter how good the training courses seem to be, they are only of real value if they are helping line supervision to meet this training

responsibility. Bob McLeod is therefore interested in any comments any supervisor or manager may have concerning the value of existing courses or the need for new ones.

In addition to providing more suitable facilities for Supervisory/Management training, the establishment of the Regional Training Centre has enabled various types of safety training, coal operations training, electrical training and trade training to be brought together in the one location. Now that the 'Centre' has been in operation for eighteen months, the less obvious benefits are starting to show. Under the control of Acting Education and Training Officer, John Drewett, strong co-operation has developed between the various instructing groups. The instructors participate in regular activities designed to further improve their instructional skills.

The training library and private study facilities are proving valuable to many groups and the administrative assistance provided by John Archibald's administrative group is enabling the instructors to concentrate on their primary task - instructing.



Bob McLeod, Training Officer at the Regional Training Centre, conducts a class of supervisory personnel. Judging by the expressions, Bob is livening his discourse with a touch of humour.



U.S. STUDY TRIP

Bob Bigelow, Education and Training Officer for the Latrobe Valley Region, will leave for the United States on August 27.

Bob will attend a year-long course at Michigan State University at East Lansing,

which leads to the degree of M.A. (Communications).

The course is designed to utilise the latest research on methods of improving communication between individuals. As the course is attended by people from many different countries, it also helps in

promoting international understanding.

Bob will be accompanied by his wife Heather (formerly Heather Parr, who worked for six years at the Commission's Fishermen's Bend Training Centre) and their three little girls, Lisa, 7, Karen 4 1/2, and Helen, 2 years of age.

"Dinty" Williams on the Santa Fe Trail!

"DINTY" WILLIAMS ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL:

Well-known Yallourn couple, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. (Dinty) Williams, are currently enjoying a world tour.

Dinty, a notable sportsman and personality, retired from the S.E.C. several years ago after many years with Electrical Plant Section at Yallourn Power Station. He still shows no apparent loss of his old pep and sparkle and his breezy accounts of his tour experiences have been a

source of great entertainment to his old workmates.

In accordance with his interest in cultural activities, Dinty took particularly keen note of the spectacular gyrations of topless go-go dancers during his visit to Africa.

In a card from Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dinty tells how he astounded a group of Cherokee Indians by dramatically whipping off his hair piece in front of them. They thought he'd scalped himself!

Dinty and Mrs. Williams are now high-

ailing it up to Arizona and will soon finish their North American wanderings and head out across the Pacific for Japan and other parts of Asia. Dinty is known to be intrigued by the legends of the mysterious East, and we look forward to hearing of his experiences there.

Dinty advises that he and Mrs. Williams are due in Melbourne on October 12. That is, if their mule team doesn't stampede and leave them stranded on some desolate stretch of the Santa Fe trail!!

He wore his hat and kept his head

Cliff Chessum, Welder Special in the Mechanical Maintenance Section of Hazelwood Power Station, was working on a boiler header on February 19.

A piece of steel plate weighing about 1 lb. fell 22 ft. and struck him on his safety helmet. As Cliff was wearing his helmet a serious and possibly fatal head injury was prevented. Cliff suffered no injury at all.

On August 17, Cliff became a member of the Turtle Club and was presented with his Turtle Club Helmet, Membership Certificate, Lapel Badge, Wallet and Membership Card by Mr. Graham Black, Acting Manager.

Mr. Black, congratulating Cliff, said that safety was more important than either production or costs. In the past



four years, the accident rate in the Latrobe Valley had dropped 42%, Mr. Black said. In the same period, accidents at Hazelwood Power Station had decreased only 28%, but the station's safety record was slowly improving.

Mr. Don Clark, new Power Station Super-

intendent at Hazelwood, said he hoped to see a big improvement in safety awareness in the future. Safety was a state of mind and team spirit was essential if Hazelwood Power Station was to achieve a satisfactory safety record, Mr. Clark said.



SAFETY AWARDS IN MORWELL OPEN CUT

On Tuesday, August 11, Gang No. 922 of Coal Division, Morwell were presented with safety awards for their third successive year free of lost-time accidents.

Mr. Jack Vines, Regional Coal Production Engineer, congratulated the men on their performance and Mr. Ian Wilson, Coal Production Superintendent, Morwell Open Cut, presented the individual awards

which consisted of Wall Clocks, Toasters, Cigarette Lighters, Gold Plated Ball Point Pen and Pencil Sets, Bathroom Scales and Wall Thermometers.

— MEET YOUR UNION REPRESENTATIVES —

George Wragg

Mention trade unions to most people in the Latrobe Valley and the name George Wragg, President of the Central Gippsland Trades and Labour Council, comes to mind.

George, a Leading Hand Fitter at the Base Workshops, Yallourn, has been a staunch unionist since the tender age of 14 when he started his apprenticeship in Nottingham, England.

He served as secretary to the junior workers' committee of the Amalgamated Engineers' Union prior to being called up in 1945 at the age of 18 for two years' National Service.

George elected to serve in the Royal Navy and was posted to HMS Kenya on the West Indies station as an Engine Room Artificer. Upon his demobilisation in 1947, George rejoined his former employer in the textile industry and was given the job of taking a complete plant of knitting machines to Melbourne and installing it.

Liking the look of Australia, George decided to try his luck here and for the next year or two worked for a variety of employers, including the S.E.C. at Newport.

Deciding he'd like to see a bit more of Australia, George, together with his brother, spent the next one and a half years rabbit trapping in the Riverina, New South Wales and most of South Australia.

Having literally had his fill of rabbits, George returned to Melbourne, then came to the Latrobe Valley and joined the Commission as a Fitter in 1956.

Apart from his two-year stint in the Navy, George had retained continuous membership in the A.E.U. and taken an increasing interest in union affairs. He was a shop steward and in March, 1958, he was elected to the Trades and Labour Council as the A.E.U. delegate.

In 1960, George Wragg was elected Secretary of the T. & L. C. and, apart from a six-month period in 1964-65 when he had to resign for family reasons, has been an executive officer ever since. In 1965 he was elected President, a position he has held to the present day.

In the political area, George contested the seats of Morwell in 1964 and Narracan in 1967. He has represented the Moe branch of the A.L.P. at State conferences since 1960 and also at the State Electoral Council's annual conferences.



George's union and political involvement has meant a greatly restricted home life and he pays tribute to his wife's understanding and help that has enabled him to devote so much time to these activities.

Besides his other commitments, George is an Elder of the Moe Presbyterian Church and is on the Board of Directors of the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshops.

When time allows - not too often - he relaxes by doing some work in the garden or going fishing.

George is cautiously optimistic about employer/employee relations in the Latrobe Valley. He sees as most significant that management and employees are now able to communicate more effectively. As he puts it: "The whole tenor of industrial relations is moving onto a higher plane than ever before".

SHELTERED WORKSHOPS APPEAL

The right to work is basic to human freedom.

There are, however, many people who, because of disability or accident, are unable to keep pace with their more fortunate workmates and are consequently denied this basic right.

A sheltered workshop is a business enterprise that is designed to minimise physical handicaps by tailoring equipment and facilities to the capability and capacity of each individual worker.

A sheltered workshop exists primarily to provide handicapped people with the opportunity of becoming useful, productive members of the community, but it can only be effective when it is managed as a profit-making concern, not as a charitable institution.

The Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop was opened in Moe in February, 1968, in the foyer of the Civic Cinema, as a result of the initiative of the Morwell

Jaycees' Community Development Commission.

Mr. Campbell Hughston, former engineer in charge of Hazelwood Power Station construction, was part-time supervisor, but as the Workshop's activities grew,



the need for a full-time supervisor became apparent.

A gift of \$5,000 from the Commission enabled the Workshop to engage a full-time production supervisor and Mr. Dennis Butcher was appointed.

The Sheltered Workshop is now housed in the old United Church building on the corner of Rintoull and Vasey Streets, Morwell, where engraving, woodworking, bookbinding, ironing and various repetitive jobs of all kinds are undertaken.

Approximately a dozen people are presently employed and there is a waiting list of more than 40. but as current

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estimates put the number of employable handicapped persons in the area as around 400, a real need exists for greatly increased facilities.

A plan exists to build a large modern workshop on a site that has been donated by the Morwell Council. This is located on the Princes Highway on the outskirts of Morwell in the direction of Moe.

Money is, of course, needed to build this new workshop.

Under the Sheltered Employment (Assist-

ance) Act, a Commonwealth subsidy of \$2 for every \$1 raised is available.

The Central Gippsland Trades and Labor Council has actively supported the Sheltered Workshop from its inception and has now come up with a fund-raising scheme that should go a long way towards making the dream of a new, modern workshop a reality.

To explain the scheme, we give on the opposite page the text of a letter sent on behalf of the Trades and Labor Council by the President, George Wragg and Secretary Franz Onger, to employers within the Latrobe Valley.

"Dear Sir,

"On behalf of the Central Gippsland Trades and Labour Council, I appeal to you for any assistance which you may be able to render to the appeal of the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop.

"We feel this to be a most worthy undertaking in the Latrobe Valley for one never knows when he himself may in fact one day be looking for employment in a similar industry.

"On behalf of the Council, I have written to all unions covering members in all types of industries in the Valley and we find that they are recommending this

appeal to the members. The idea is that every employee or those who agree to it, shall authorise the deduction of 5 c. per week from their wages towards this appeal, and this money to be forwarded direct by you to the organisation.

"I appeal to you to do everything you can to assist us in the collection of this money. The idea is that this appeal is to run for 3 years for at the end of that period we are assured that this workshop will be self-sufficient and will in fact by that time be making a profit.

"Should you want any further information, please write to Council and an Executive member will call on you and explain more fully the scheme".

The commission, which has especially strong ties with the Sheltered Workshop Association - Don Bromilow, Morwell



Power Station Superintendent, is Secretary and Max Williamson, General Services Superintendent, Morwell, is Planning Committee Chairman - is pleased to co-operate fully in this project.

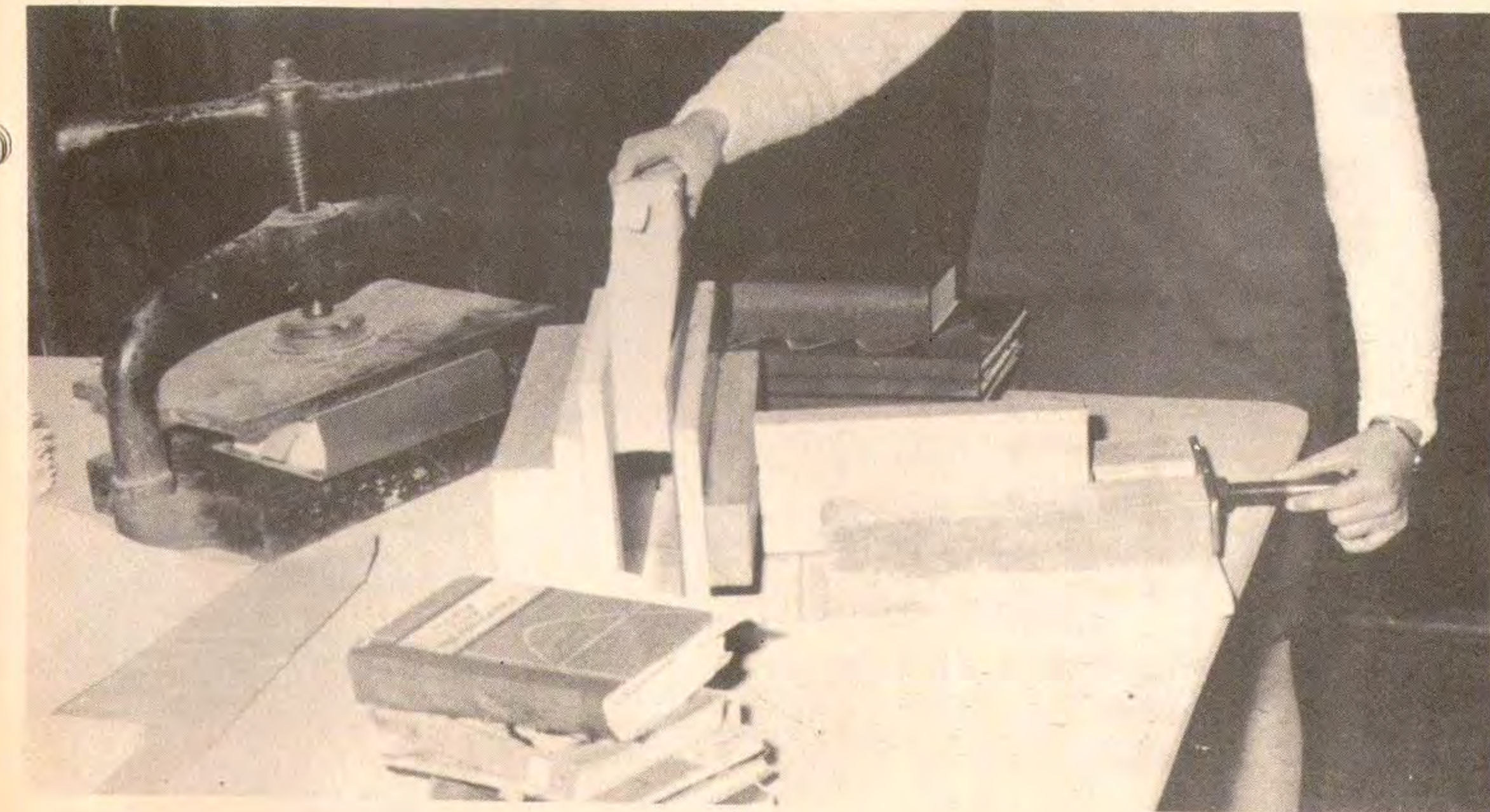
Commission employees who wish to support the Sheltered Workshop appeal by having 5 cents a week deducted from their pay should ask for a pay deduction authority form. These are available from time-keeping centres and the cashiers at Yal-lourn, Morwell and Hazelwood. The forms will also be distributed by the Gippsland

Trades and Labour Council to all trade union members.

The FEDFA State Executive has also fully supported this appeal for the Sheltered Workshops and has already made a donation to the appeal.

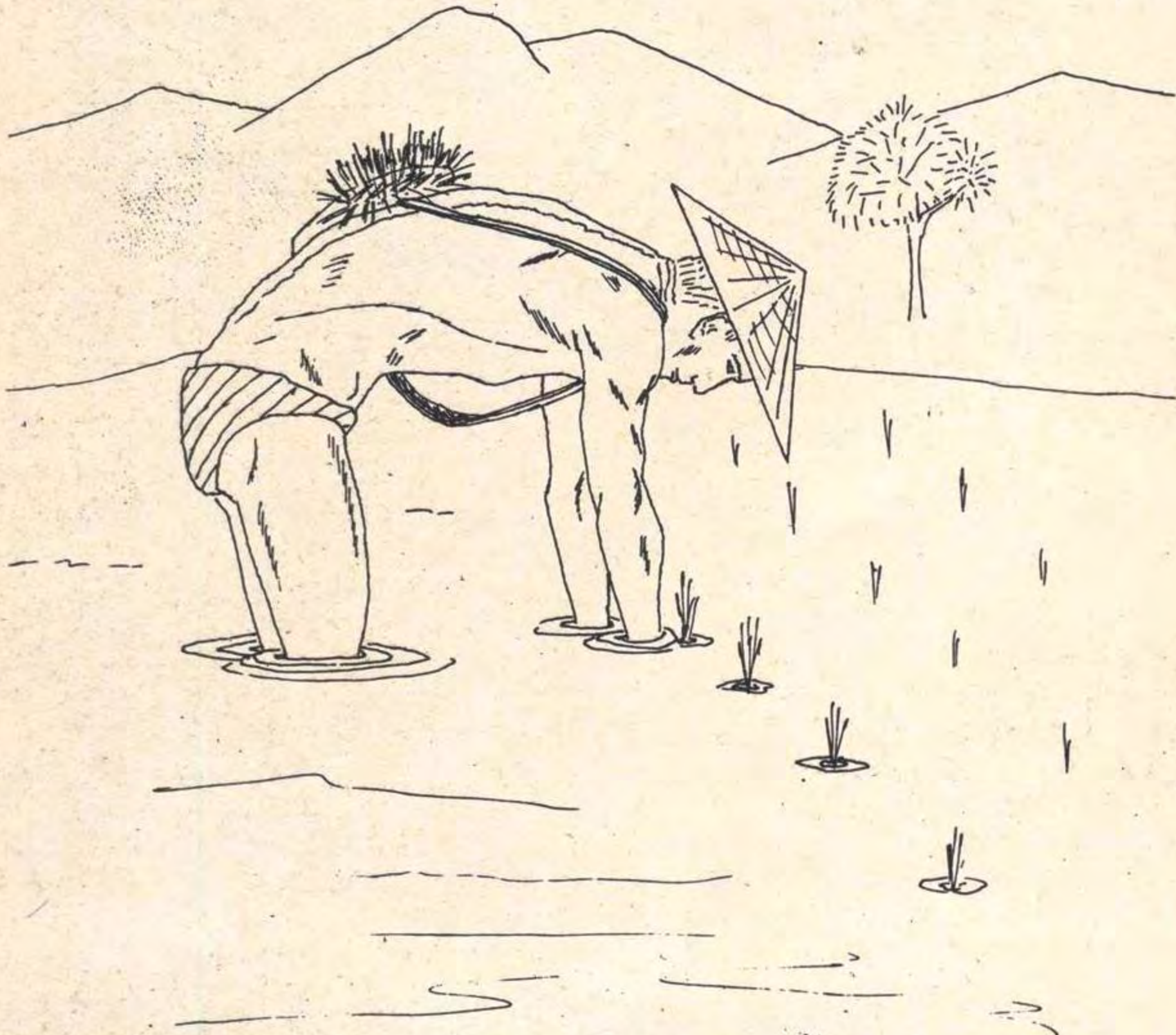
With such wholehearted co-operation between the unions, the Commission and other major employers in the Latrobe Valley, the appeal should be a success.

Whether it is, however, depends on you. Make sure you fill in a pay deduction form.



THE RICE-PLANTERS PREDICAMENT

By Brian Gregory
Asst. Charge Engineer, Operations Section, Yallourn Power Station.



We have all seen pictures of straw hatted Asian peasants toiling in their paddy fields. Often, when planting out the rice seedlings, the peasant farmer spends the whole day - dawn till dusk -

slowly working his way back and forth, laying out his new rows of rice plants. His back remains arched over almost continuously and one may well wonder whether he gets a nasty backache out of this marathon ordeal of back-bending toil.

He does, in fact, suffer greatly from backache, and it is often a regular practice for the peasant's children to set to work rejuvenating dad's back in the evenings. By pummeling up and down the spine with clenched fists, they manage to relieve much of the strain and pain of the day's toil. The aggrieved back may also be treated with one of the mysteriously concocted back lotions and liniments treasured by many Asian peoples.

The essential fact of the matter is that the spine, when bent is very vulnerable to strain and injury.

Some of the spinal ailments will be minor aches that soon disappear of their own accord, but others may require manipulative or even surgical treatment. Their effects can be painful and crippling. Even minor back troubles may ultimately expand into significant and painful ailments as the

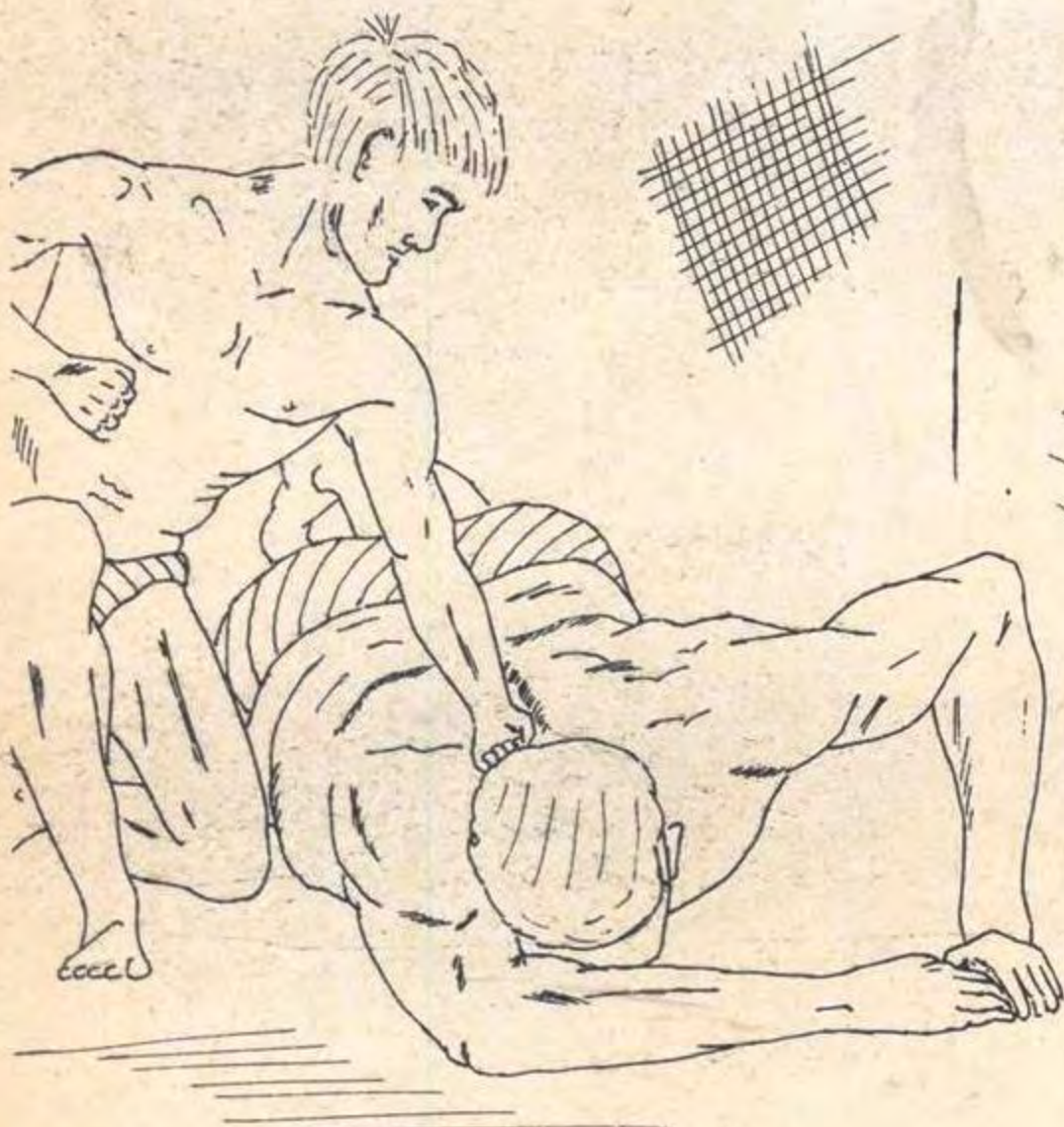
years roll on and cumulative strain is aggravated by gradual loss of spinal resilience that is inherent in the ageing process.

Back care is a broad and complex subject, but, perhaps the most useful principle is "BEND YOUR KNEES, NOT YOUR BACK". This principle, if applied consistently, will do much to eliminate a variety of potential spinal injuries.

The Asian peasant is, of course, in an unfortunate predicament. To bend HIS knees and squat down would entail dipping his posterior and associated bodily components, into the leech and snake infested waters of the rice paddy.

Also, he must maintain his bent posture for hours on end whilst moving steadily along in a repetitive planting process that is vital to his livelihood.

Few of us can honestly claim to have such good reasons for departing from sound back-care principles as we go about our daily work. Remember then, when you have need to reach down, or to lift up any object, "BEND YOUR KNEES NOT YOUR BACK", and your back will thank you for it in later years.



KEEP YOUR
BACK
STRAIGHT



VALLEY VISITORS

Of the many groups which visited the Commission and toured the area in August, two of the most interesting are featured on this page.

The top photograph shows a party of Japanese Trade Union officials who are touring Australia. They met local union officials and were especially interested

in pollution control measures, amenities and working conditions.

The photograph below shows a group of members of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy who inspected the area as part of their Annual Conference. Here they are watching No. 8 Dredger at work in Yallourn Open Cut.





NEVER A LOST-TIME INJURY

Since the Safety Competition started in 1963, the Orderlies and Laundry Staff section of Eastern Hostel has never suffered a lost-time injury - a total of 407,247 manhours.

On Wednesday, August 19, this feat was rewarded by the presentation of an N.S.C.A. Award of Merit.

Mr. Neville Thompson, Regional Admin-

istrative Officer, congratulated the group and made individual presentations of Kitchen Sets, Barometers, Overnight Bags and Dressing Table Sets.

NEW COAL PRODUCTION OFFICES AT MORWELL

TOM ADAMS - AUTHOR

The article entitled "SAFETY . . . an attitude of mind" that appeared on pages 8 and 9 of the June issue of Contact was mistakenly attributed to Col Harvey, Safety Engineer.

The real author of this article was, in fact, Tom Adams, Coal Division Investigation Engineer.



The new Coal Production Offices at Morwell are gradually nearing completion, as this photograph shows.

Largest - Ever Fossilised Tree Found At Yallourn

This fossilised Kauri Pine, tens of millions of years old, was uncovered in Yallourn Open Cut during August.

The tree is the largest ever found intact in the Valley and is one hundred feet in length and seven feet in diameter. The dimensions are indicated by the white markers and by the figure of Ted Lewis, Fire Service Officer, standing beside it.



N.S.C.A. MERIT AWARD TO YALLOURN POWER STATION

The Technical Services Section of Yallourn Power Station has been awarded the N.S.C.A. Merit Flag and Certificate for having worked over 100,000 manhours from January 29, 1969 to October 20, 1969, without a disabling injury.

Individual awards, which were presented by Mr. Bruce Johnston, Acting Power Station Superintendent, included a variety of carpenter's and handyman's tools, car washers, etc.



SAFETY TROPHY TO MORWELL POWER STATION



The personnel of Morwell Power Station were presented with a Safety Trophy on Thursday, August 13, by Mr. Jack Robertson, Regional Power Engineer.



Congratulating the... on having taken the Power Division's trophy from the holders, Yallourn Power Station, Mr. Robertson said that 600,000 manhours - a four-year period - without disabling injury was an impressive record, established only through the co-operation of all Power Station personnel.

Mr. Robertson then made individual presentations which included such items as car fridges, fishing rods, tea and coffee sets, travel bags, transistor radios and a large selection of handyman's tools.



**Farewell,
Dick ...
Welcome,
Don**

On Friday, August 14, a farewell presentation was made to Mr R. D. (Dick) Wilson, Hazelwood Power Station Superintendent, who has been transferred to Melbourne as Generation Planning Engineer, Projects Planning Division.

Here he is shaking hands with his successor as Power Station Superintendent, Mr. Don Clark, who was previously Power Station Superintendent, Yallourn.

FISHY STORY

The largest officially ratified fish ever caught with a rod and line is a great white shark. Caught by Mr. Alf Dean at Denial Bay, near Ceduna, South Australia, the shark measured 16 feet, 10 inches and weighed 2,664 lbs. Mr. Dean used a 130lb. test line.

SAFE DRIVERS



Transportation Section, Morwell, was rewarded for working two years (175,491 manhours) free of disabling injury on Friday August 14.

Mr. Des McLean, Transportation Super-

visor, introduced Mr. Neville Thompson, Regional Administrative Officer, who congratulated the section on its safety record and made the individual presentations of Travelling Clocks, Towels, Trays and Barometers.

502 INJURY— FREE DAYS

On Tuesday, August 18, the Fitting Section of Morwell Workshops received awards for having worked a total of 502 days without a disabling injury.

The 22 men of the section were presented with their individual awards by Mr Max Gray, Regional Services Engineer.



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carter's column



Same employer - same sport - diversified occupations can be found in the men pictured here. Commission personnel who have succeeded in Australian Rules football. Each won a best and fairest trophy.

TERRY KILDAY (Electrical Services Yallourn). Although only 20 years of age has played 87 senior games in the West Gippsland League, mainly as a ruck-rover or centre half forward. Commencing with Yarragon in 1962, played as 12-year-old in the thirds competition (under 16 years). Commencing at 16 with the seniors in 1966 has played continually to culminate with the League's and the Club's best and fairest this year. He won the B & F in the thirds in 1965 and is a 'true boot' notching 45 goals this year. Asked about the future - Terry's a little non-committal at present - would like to see Yarragon win a flag.

RON SKINNER (Instrument Fitter - Yallourn) at 24 years of age, has notched 134 senior games together. Commenced with Yallourn North in 1963, then transferred to Yallourn in 1967. Cleared from Yallourn to Newborough to take a coaching job, built up a unique record - after finishing third in the Yallourn B & F competition, Ron won Newborough's trophy in 1968 and '69 and topped it off this year with a best and fairest win in the Seniors of Mid Gippsland League against some tough competition. As so often happens, he finished second in his club's contest. Not many players have won the league - club double.

BARRY TAYLOR (Construction Supervisor, W Station) has 15 years of football behind him - and "Tails" as he is known around Yallourn looks good for quite a while yet, still shows form when others are thinking of 'hanging up the boots'. Commenced playing with St. Kilda (VFL) Fourths and Thirds; transferred to Oakleigh (VFA) and before coming to Yallourn, spent some time with Caulfield in the Federal League. Has won 9 trophies as best and fairest and has a good record over last three years with Yallourn. B & F for Club Reserves - 1968; League Reserves - 1969 and Club Reserves in 1970. At 30 years of age, looks fit for another 15 years of football.

JIM HAYLOCK (One time Electrical Operations but at present full time student at Yallourn Technical College). The 20-year-old Jim has been outstanding for Yallourn this season, carrying the bulk of the ruck work. Winning the B & F Medal with Lindenow Seconds in the Bairnsdale League in 1966, Jim came to Yallourn to its best and fairest this year. He recorded 10 points in the LVFL competition. The Haylock's had a good football year - Brother John, who is with Morwell in LVFL, was second League's Reserves



Left to Right: Terry Kilday, Ron Skinner, Barry Taylor, Jim Haylock, Charles Karpinsky.

B & F trophy winner by one point, whilst brother Laurie won the top trophy in the Bairnsdale league with Lindenow South. Jim has notched up 64 senior games to date.

CHARLES KARPINSKY (Administration Clerk - Yallourn) commenced his football career with the Yallourn under fifteens in 1958 and transferred to Newborough in 1960 playing three years in their under 17 side, being a member of their 1961 premiership team in the Latrobe Valley Junior League and became captain of the team in 1963. Was member of the Mid Gippsland League team in 1964 in which year he finished second in the Newborough best and fairest. Has played 120 games for Newborough, winning awards for best club man, most consistent, best utility and most serviceable. This year was runner-up in the Mid Gippsland Reserves and won his club's best and fairest in the Reserves.

Recall I spoke of Baddington last month. Barry Warner and his storemen would like some competition but only challenge to date is from Morwell. Bit hard eating lunch, getting there, playing game, and getting back in 45 minutes - so - any Yallourn takers?

So - if you wish to commence a Baddington contest in your section, here's a few suggestions. Teams of two, play as

many rounds as you have players and the "weaker" players rotate with the "stronger" players after each round. The points are credited to each player - for and against - and you have a winner. How's the game played? To me it looks like badminton with table tennis bats! So if you bear with me . . . NO - better still, give Barry Warner a tingle on SEC 2182 or call over to Stores any lunchtime. They're real keen on the game there.

Winners of recently concluded Baddington tournament at Stores: First - Tony White (84 points); Second - Terry Harris (76); Third - Peter Rollings (72 points, 112.18%); Fourth - D. Robertson (72 points, 110.30%).

Loyalties are hard to forget! At a recent celebration of the Yallourn under fifteens football premiership - coach of the defeated team, Max Madden (Budgets), was invited along, with young son, by his opposite and successful number Don Mussared. Naturally, the Yallourn footy song got an airing - and - joining lustily was Max (and why not, he wore No. 11 in that 1948 premiership year) - but - young son, an ardent Morwell fan was heard - "Break it down, Dad". Just hope Max doesn't finish with a "split personality".
