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SOCIAL CLUBS GROUP TO CO-ORDINATE LV ACTIVITIES

Creation in recent weeks of a social clubs association embracing all clubs within the Latrobe Valley Region will do much to co-ordinate and advance social activities throughout the area.

A number of meetings between representatives of the various clubs has been followed by the election of a Management Committee and an Executive Committee, and adoption of a constitution.

Many of the clubs have long histories - the Yallourn Stores in particular going back 31 years.

The association is to be known as "The Association of SEC Social Clubs - Latrobe Valley", and the Manager has recommended that the Association be formerly recognised by the Commission and granted affiliation with the SEC Social League.

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Program is "brewed"



* "BREW-TIME" FOR REPRESENTATIVES at Combined Social Clubs' meeting. Yallourn (from left) Eddie McGuinness, Elec Services; John Chipman, Morwell Staff; Graeme Robinson, secretary; John Shaw, TWS; Jack Davis, YPS; Charles Spencer, Yallourn M/O; Keith Moloney, Morwell W/S; Lex Derham, MPS and B/F; Franz Onger, CPM Yallourn; Rupe Bartley, Yallourn Stores; Noel Edwards, treasurer; Ron Farrington, president; Frank Fletcher, YPS; and Ken Lofts, CWS.

The challenge ahead

Manager's message

The Commission central administration, myself, and the Regional Staff and employees, have a common interest in the welfare of the Latrobe Valley Region and in its prosperity and progress.

You must all be aware that currently our biggest problem is the change-over from old to new in our operations - progressive retirement of older sections of Yallourn Power Station and Briquetting factories which are coming to the end of their economic working life and commissioning of new plant in power stations and open cuts.

These changes are quite inevitable and have nothing to do with the introduction of natural gas. They would have occurred

in any case. Technological changes are occurring more rapidly each year in the international scene and indeed we are fortunate that we are able to base our operations on efficient modern plant at the time when natural gas is entering the energy market.

I realise that all of us find it difficult to adjust to change and we are trying our best to handle this matter with a great deal of regard for the human problems involved.

We have for some time now been paying considerable attention to improving efficiency and reducing costs and quite substantial results have already been achieved in many fields of our operation. To a large extent the future of the SEC

in the competitive race is in our hands as we play such a paramount role in the whole of the Commission's enterprise.

One of the most important aspects of efficiency in any business organisation is to get two-way communication between management and employee and I am proud to be responsible for the establishment of this our own journal, which you will see from the editorial should assist enormously to achieve contact, mutual confidence and understanding between all of us.

Our future provides for continually increasing production of fuel and electrical energy and we have an exhilarating challenge ahead which omens well for our futures and for the future of the



* MR. SCHULZ

SEC of Victoria.

A Merry Christmas to everyone and best wishes for success in 1969.

'Hughie' won't be far away!



One of the Region's most widely-known, best loved, and respected engineers, Mr. A. C. (Campbell) Hughston, retired last month in a series of rousing farewells.

But "Hughie" won't be going far — the former Construction Engineer, Power, will continue to live in his Middle Creek homestead, almost within sight of the Hazelwood Power Station which he nurtured.

An art connoisseur, fond of good food and wine, good motor cars (Rolls Royce Club member) and yachts (Latrobe Valley Yacht Club), he is deeply respected as an engineer and for his capacity, when the occasion warrants, to be "one of the boys."

Campbell Hughston first made contact with the SEC when he joined the Melbourne Electricity Supply Company as an electrical mechanic in 1923.

In the next 45 years he was to resign three times, but his sojourns outside the Commission were relatively brief.

In 1928 he was an operator at Yallourn, then the metropolitan area, followed by Rubicon, and seven years later was engineer to the Sub/E's section, Electrical Branch, Head Office.

After a brief stint at gold-mining in New Guinea he was back again in the Substation section, Distribution Division, ESD, and nine years later resigned again to enter the apple industry.

Campbell returned in 1951 for his longest term "in office", spent two years as Electrical Superintendent at Kiewa, and since 1956 has played an important role in the Latrobe Valley construction at Morwell, Hazelwood, and Yallourn.

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PICTURED prior to his departure, Mr. Campbell Hughston (left) with his successor Mr. Phil Ashmead, and Babcock and Wilcox Personnel and Safety Officer, Mr. George Ragen.

Speakers at a farewell ceremony at West Mess, Yallourn, on November 27 included the Manager, Mr. Schulz, Babcock and Wilcox director Mr. Spent Shurtle, C.A. Parson's resident engineer, Mr. Syd. Storey, and his successor Mr. Phil Ashmead.

Mr. Schulz said his personal associations with Campbell Hughston as a colleague in the Latrobe Valley Region have been exhilarating and rewarding. His standards and integrity were such that it was unlikely they would be surpassed, his leadership had been "unexcelled."

Mr. Shurtle said he had been associated with many construction projects, but had never worked on any undertaking

Social clubs group

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Objects of the Association are:-

- * To promote and consolidate a spirit of harmony and good fellowship amongst all personnel employed by the State Electricity Commission in the Latrobe Valley.

- * To assist affiliated Clubs in whatever manner is deemed advisable.

Mr. R.A. Farrington is president of the Management and Executive Committees, and Mr. Graham Robinson is secretary.

Editorial

CONTACT MEANS JUST THAT!

With approximately 8,000 employees in the Region — a major undertaking by any standards — it is appropriate that we should publish our own "house journal" or magazine.

"Contact" means to provide, as its name indicates, a means of communication and contact between all the varied facets of our organisation.

It will be distributed to every employee including retired personnel.

Everywhere we have people doing a job which goes to make up the whole, yet in a Region such as ours we know few of them individually. "Contact", we hope, will provide an opportunity to get our operations into perspective; introduce personalities; explain the jobs they're doing.

It will also contain news of our social activities, a cartoon comment (for which we're seeking subjects from those "in the know") and a run-down on the Region's sporting fraternity.

It's a two-way deal, of course: its success depends upon the subject matter it contains, and the Region's acceptance of "Contact" as its OWN magazine.....and most of that will depend upon the co-operation and personal interest of YOU, the reader.

Ideas for articles, comments on the magazine's shortcomings, features you'd like to see, newsworthy items from around your section, characters with a story to tell.....we can't promise to use them all, but we'd like to know anyhow.

Channel your information through the Public Liaison Section (Morwell 3170, Yallourn 2773), and let's make "Contact" spark!

where he had received greater courtesy, co-operation and understanding than at Hazelwood under Mr. Campbell Hughston. The contractors' problems had been dealt with in a sincere, friendly and good-humoured manner.

Coming up!

Here's the pre-Christmas social program:

DECEMBER 14: Childrens Christmas Treat Yallourn Main Office Social Club. DEC. 15: Cabaret Social - Central Workshops, Yallourn; Shaw's Ballroom, Moe. DEC. 15: Central Workshops, Yallourn - Christmas Picnic - Thorpdale Oval. DEC. 15: Transport Workshops, Yallourn Club Picnic - Martin Walker Reserve. DEC. 15: Electrical Laboratory, Yallourn, Picnic. DEC. 17: Yallourn Briquette Factory Smoke Night - Yallourn Football Club Rooms. DEC. 20: Yallourn Main Office Social Club, Christmas Cabaret Dance. DEC. 21: Power Station Social Club. Distribution of hampers to widows and retired personnel at their homes. DEC. 21: Electrical Laboratory - Gentlemen's Smoke Night Yallourn Football Club Rooms. DEC. 22: Power Station Social Club Picnic - Thorpdale Football Club.

...AND THEN THE STARLINGS CAN HAVE IT BACK!

Plenty of people "do a Melba" but nobody ever expected that after digging 23 million cubic yards of overburden in its 12 years of operation at Morwell Open Cut, No. 20 Dredger would make a come-back!

Early this year No. 20 was retired, and few people regretted the decision because the dredger was tied to rail transport — not the comfortable passenger rail style, but the roller-coaster variety that develops when temporary tracks are laid on not soft ground!

Heavy bullocking work was required to maintain tracks in these conditions with constant jacking and packing of both transport and dredger tracks to make them level, but de-railment still occurred resulting in lost production and lost tempers.

With installation of more efficient conveyor systems rail-mounted No. 20 Dredger went out. Only 4,000 feet away a completely new dredger stood poised to supplant it. No. 10 dredger was designed with twice the output, crawler track mounting, greater manoeuvrability.

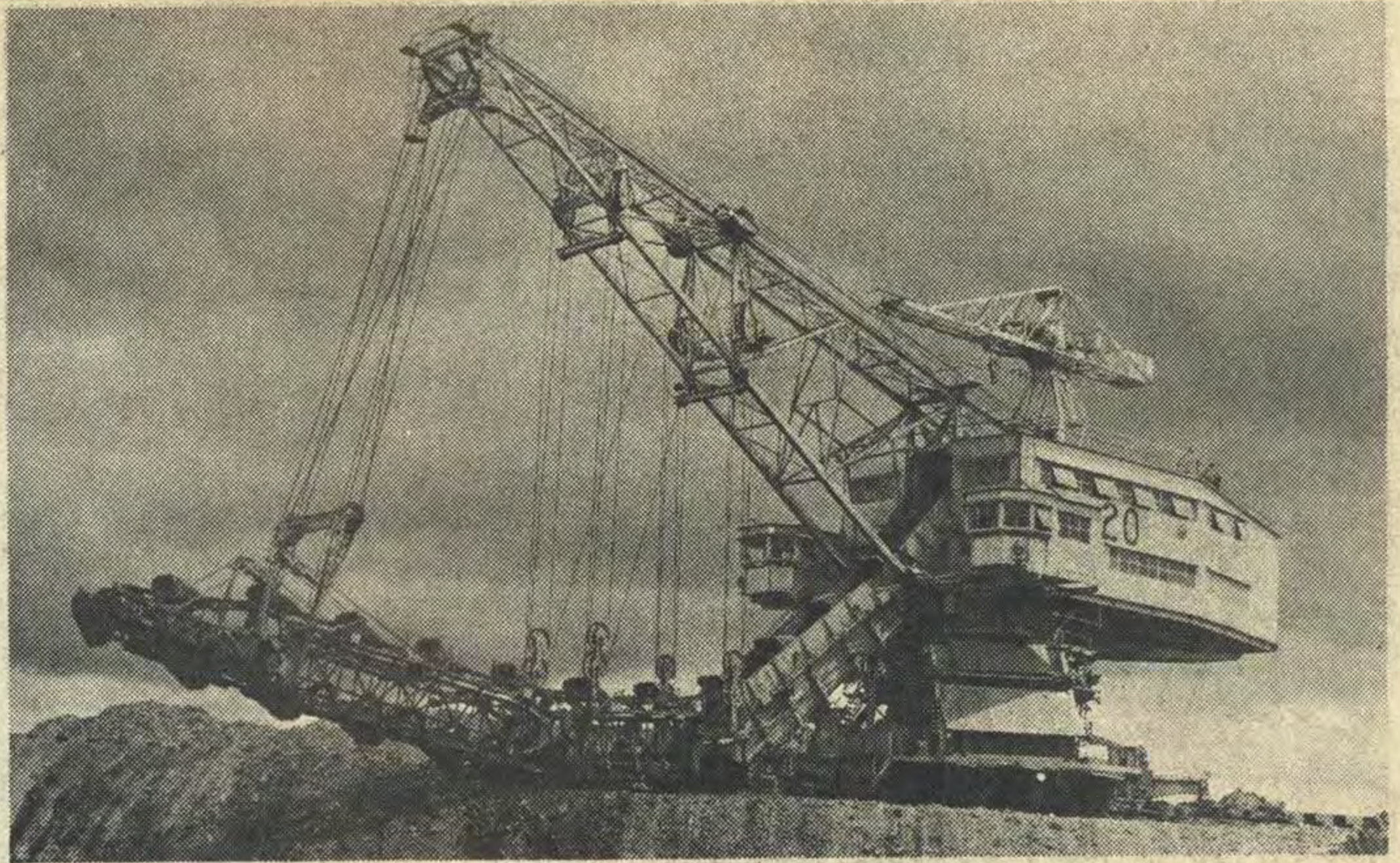
In February No. 20 Dredger was parked in the south side of the open cut and even the starlings nesting in its switch room thought it was due for a lengthy retirement.

Extensive damage to No. 10 dredger on May 10 this year, completely changed this picture. The need for additional uncovered coal meant No. 20 was taken off the pension list and re-employed.

It must be emphasised No. 20 does not replace No. 10 Dredger, as more than mere overburden removal was expected of this new machine. It was planned that No. 10 would achieve three important tasks this year. Firstly, it would remove overburden in the West Field in the summer of 1968/69, by digging overburden and coal above No. 1 level.

With this overburden removed it would dig coal below No. 1 level to help meet demands of Hazelwood Power Station in the winter of 1969. An important aspect of this second task was the availability of both additional coal tonnage and an additional conveyor route to supply it to the power station.

In November or December, 1969, the



second stage West Field development will commence with the installation of conveyors on No. 3 level. No. 10 Dredger's third task was to remove sufficient coal above this level to enable dredgers to dig on No. 3 level early in 1970.

Current planning is for the three tasks to now be performed by other dredgers. The first and largest step in this program has already been taken. The face conveyor which was initially erected on No. 1 level for No. 10 dredger has been dismantled and re-erected on top of the overburden. The connecting conveyor has been extended up to grass level to connect the excavation area with the new disposal unit. Two parallel standard gauge rail tracks 4,000 feet long have been laid to enable No. 20 to straddle the face conveyor. In addition, alterations have been made to the dredger chute to replace the truck loading equipment with a feed chute suitable for loading conveyors.



Bill Conrow, who prepared this article, is an engineer with Coal Production, Morwell, and involved in Development and Planning.

It would be an obvious choice to re-activate No. 20 for overburden removal, but the alterations have entailed considerable effort and a high order of ingenuity on the part of the personnel concerned.

Despite the pressing urgency and the innovations required, this unique plant has proved functional and reliable. Since it commenced operations in late September this year, most of the "teething" problems associated with the new con-

* ABOVE: No. 20 back in action. BELOW: Modified feed chute suitable for loading Conveyor Belt.



veyor and disposal system have been overcome. It is estimated that when No. 20 ceases digging overburden in June or July, 1969 it will have removed some two to two and a half million cubic yards.

The second and third tasks initially planned for No. 10 Dredger, coal winning and development of West Field coal faces, will be carried out by No. 21 Dredger when it finishes digging in the East Field in August, 1969.

To provide a conveyor route for the coal from No. 21 Dredger, the face conveyor will be shifted from grass level and erected on a coal level. At this time, being mid winter, the starlings will appreciate their comfortable shelter back in No. 20 Dredger!



Gerry tells how he 'migrated'

When His Excellency the German Ambassador, Herr Hans Schirmer, visited the Region early in November he had quite a deal to talk about with former fellow-countrymen now settled in the Latrobe Valley — including current German Club president Mr. Gerry Kruger (pictured right).

Gerry, who joined the Commission in 1955, is an engineering assistant at Yallouen, and works on the digital computer systems.

He told the ambassador of his slightly unorthodox entry to Australia — as a POW back in 1942!

Gerry, born in Berlin 52 years ago, served on the captured British mine-layer "Doggerbank" until he was transferred in Japan to the raider "Ramses". It was a lucky shift, because soon after the "Doggerbank" was sunk by one of its own U-Boats.

He was wireless operator on the "Ramses" when it was sent to the bottom by HMS "Adelaide" and ended up a guest of the Australian Armed Force at a German POW camp near Tatura.

Released in 1946 he elected to remain here, brought out his wife from Germany, and share-farmed at Tatura before joining the Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Kruger now live in Newborough.

Traditional "tucker"

Home Advisory Service expert Trina Williams "cooked up" these traditional — and filling — recipes for the coming festive season.....and don't forget the five-cent pieces in the pudding.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

1lb plain flour,
1/4 lb. S.R. flour,
1/4 teaspoon salt.
1 tablespoon mixed spice
1 lb butter
1 lb sugar (brown)
8 eggs
6 oz. almonds
2 oz. mixed peel
1 1/2 lb sultanas.
1/2 lb raisins
1/4 lb cherries
grated rind one orange and one lemon
2 tablespoons sweet orange marmalade
1/2 cup brandy
juice one lemon
1 lb currants

Sift flour salt and spice. Cream butter and sugar and add eggs one at a time, beating in well. Fold in sifted ingredients alternately with fruit, grated rind and marmalade. Lastly add brandy and lemon juice. Bake in an 11" square tin (or two 8" round tins) well lined with paper. Bake in an oven 325 degrees reset to 275 degrees, allowing 3 1/2 - 4 hours for one large cake and 2 1/2 - 3 hour for two smaller cakes.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

christmas plum pudding
2 oz plain flour
2 teaspoonsfuls mixed spice
2 teaspoonfuls cinnamon
1 teaspoonful nutmeg

from Trina



4 oz mixed peel
4 oz blanched almonds
chopped
1 tablespoon syrup or treacle
4 oz. soft breadcrumbs
4 oz. shredded suet or margarine
4 oz brown sugar
4 oz. apple (grated)
juice and rind of an orange
8 oz. raisins
4 oz. sultanas
4 oz currants
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 - 3 tablespoons rum

Mix together all ingredients. Stir well and wish. The mixture may be left for 24 hours to mature. Place into a 3 1/2 - 4 pint earthenware basin. Cover with two layers of greaseproof paper and two layers of foil. Steam or boil 6 - 8 hours. Remove the coverings and allow to cool completely before recovering. Cook for 2 - 4 hours on Christmas Day. In a pressure cooker, cook for 2 1/2 hours at 15 lb. pressure and 3 - 4 hours at 3lb pressure.

MINCE MEAT

1lb brown sugar
1/2lb seeded raisins
1/2lb sultanas
1/2lb fresh apples
1/4lb beef suet
4 oz. shredded suet or margarine
1/4 lb mixed peel
1/4 lb blanched almonds

grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
6 tablespoons sherry, brandy or orange juice.

Have fruit well washed and dried. Peel and grate apples roughly, chop mixed peel and blanched almonds. Skin and finely chop or shred the suet. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Bottle and store in a cool place.

Bargain basement

Each issue "Contact" will contain an item from Electricity Sales Department which is on special offer to all SEC employees, and this time, appropriately, it's on the Pope "Dove" home air-conditioning unit.

It has a heating capacity of 12,000 Btu/hr, and cooling of 10,500 Btu/hr and is reduced to \$300.75.

Installation costs range from \$48 for a weatherboard house to \$68 for solid brick.

See your nearest SEC showroom at Traralgon, Morwell, Yallourn or Moe.

"Woman-hours" were part of the safety record too



For the first time in the history of the Commission, Latrobe Valley Stores to September 12, achieved one million man-hours of safe working after 890 days without a disabling injury.

The safety award banner was presented by Chairman Dr. W.H. Connolly to Mr. Ron Farrington, Superintendent of Stores, at a special ceremony at Morwell Admin. on October 31.

But "Contact" is conscious that many "women hours" were involved in achieving the record too, so we got together the Stores femmes for a special picture.

They're part of the 222 personnel engaged in a wide range of activities from clerical work to handling of goods and occupied with a diverse range of materials requiring the use of gantry cranes and mobile plant.

The risk of lost-time injury associated with clerical work is perhaps not particularly high but manual handling is a totally different situation and statistics indicate that 25% of all accidents in industry occur in this field; so not only have Latrobe Valley Stores achieved an excellent record, they have achieved it in a field where a lot of accidents and injury is suffered.

Prior to this one million manhours, Latrobe Valley Stores have achieved other good records, with 215,000 manhours immediately preceding this one million manhours, and the Morwell and Yallourn Stores prior to integration had individual records of 420,000 and 485,000 manhours respectively.

* FROM LEFT: Pat Grant, Mrs. L. Williams, Sofia Kilasa, Lyn Clothier, Margaret Laszczyk, Kathy Devlin, Maree Clegg, Elaine Moore, Jeanette Lane, Mary Danyluk, Carol Maxwell, Mrs. M. Sharman, and Mrs. M. McLeod.

From these statistics it is obvious that safety and the attitude to safety of all employees in Latrobe Valley Stores is active and alive.

Some particularly good safety records have been achieved in the past by SEC

personnel. The more outstanding ones are 346,000 manhours by East Metro Branch, 366,000 by Barwon Branch, 700,000 by Apprentice Annexe, Yallourn and 800,000 by Tests and Communication, Yallourn.

Fishing rod for Mick

After 28 years' service with the Commission Mr. A. E. (Mick) Connley, Leading Hand Electrical Fitter, retired on Wednesday, November 27.

At a function in the Transmission Section Canteen, chaired by Mr. A. T. Brogan, Maintenance Engineer (Transmission), Mick was presented with a standard lamp and a fishing rod.

Mr. George Bates, Transmission Engineer, spoke of his long association with Mick and made special mention of his ability, loyalty and co-operation. Mr. Bates' remarks were supported by Mr. Frank Krausz who spoke on behalf of Mick's workmates and friends.

Mr. W.C. Crossman, Electrical Engineer, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Mick for his service, wished him and Mrs. Connley good health and a happy retirement.

Mr. Crossman then made the presentation on behalf of Mick's workmates, and also presented the Commission's cheque.



* Mick looks surprised as Mr. Crossman hands over one of his farewell gifts . . . a fishing rod.

racing at Thorpie...!



• **THEY'RE RACING** at the Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory Social Club Christmas picnic on Sunday, December 1, held in glorious sunshine on the Thorpdale oval.

We built a cooling pond-and a new Valley sport!

It is most unlikely that when Commission planners sat down to design the Hazelwood cooling pondage they spared much thought for one of its ultimate uses . . . as a summer and winter boating playground for the Latrobe Valley!

But that's the way it worked out, and the temperate waters of Hazelwood — the whole two square miles — has since 1960 become known throughout Victoria as a venue for boating and water sports.

On its south west shore, on six acres of land leased by the SEC to the Morwell Shire, an impressive new structure is rising. It bears an impressive title too — the "Hazelwood Pondage Aquatic Centre."

It consists of two buildings: a 36 square club house and a 30 square boat storage building and Melbourne architect Peter Hooks, working with the SEC's own architects, designed them to meld with the picturesque surroundings.

When completed it will be used by three local boating clubs — the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club, the YMCA Rowing Club and the Hazelwood Power Boat Club — under the management of a committee comprising representatives of the clubs, SEC and Morwell Shire.

Boat club members, including a high percentage of Latrobe Valley Region employees, formed a committee to help raise funds to build it.

In recognition of their efforts, and in order to encourage recreational use of the pondage, the SEC has agreed to make substantial contribution toward its initial establishment.

The Hazelwood Pondage Aquatic Centre, the result of co-operation effort, will benefit not only members of the boat clubs but all users of the pondage

• its water safety facilities will be available to all.

In addition it will focus attention on the Latrobe Valley and the SEC, and must be considered a firm step in the realisation of the tremendous tourist potential of the pondage.



• **REGION'S** representative on the Aquatic Centre committee, Mr. Tom Stillman (Gen. Services Supt. Morwell) pictured with Petch Constructions (Trafalgar) carpenter Ken Bechaz during construction last week.

Distress fund start

Yallourn Central Workshops Welfare Committee has updated its 1943 Constitution and has included a Distress Fund financed from the General Fund through increased workshop canteen sales.

Next major canteen function, of course, is the annual Christmas dinner when it is expected last year's total of 200 diners will be exceeded.

Retirements in the workshops have been frequent this year, although they've eased over the last two months.

Alf Roy and Bill Hall — both from the Plate Section — have unfortunately retired on invalid pensions and workmates wish the best of health to them both.

Owing to the presence of quite a number of younger members in the workshops wedding presentations have been fairly constant — and with more to follow.

Sadly missed is long-term committee-man Jimmy O'Reilly who died suddenly during the year.

At the annual meeting in October, at which all unions were represented, the following office-bearers were elected:

President, Bruce McKissack (Staff); Vice President, George Hamilton (AEU); Secretary — elected unopposed for the twelfth consecutive year — Joe Metcalf (AEU), Assistant Secretary, Jack Collings (ETU).

WHY WE CAN'T GIVE FIRE A CHANCE

Fire out of control means real trouble.....to us it could mean damage in excess of \$100 million and disastrous disruption to the State's electricity supply.

That's the likely cost for replacement of open cut equipment today based on the damage caused by the last big fire at Yallourn Open Cut in 1944, and in which 13 lives were lost in the Hazelwood area.

Since 1923 when Yallourn operations commenced our assets and activities have been threatened, disrupted, or damaged by outside fires on many occasions.

Fires have come at us from every direction except due east.

Before the 1944 holocaust the Yallourn Open Cut was set on fire three times in 1926, 1929, and 1939.

Work has gone on to prevent fires from starting, minimise the rate of spread and control problems, and to develop an efficiently organised fire suppression force of trained men with suitable equipment.

Our region has been forced to take an active interest in fire control on some 200,000 acres within 10 miles of the main projects and to assist directly or by backing up the Forests Commission and Country Fire Authority units.

Film shows, lectures, demonstrations etc have been given to over 10,000 Valley schoolchildren every year for the past 13 years - during which time the number of rural fires started by children has fallen from about 100 per year to almost nil.

The general public received information, warnings, and constant reminders of fire danger through road signs, barometers, newspapers and radio.

Some 180 miles of access roads, 200

miles of trails and firebreaks and 200 water dams were constructed and maintained to initially break-up large forest areas and have since been incorporated in the Land Utilisation Scheme.

Bush fuels are controlled by rotational burning every three to five years as seasonal conditions permit.

Since July, 1963, bushland has been converted to pasture under the Land Utilisation Scheme at about 3,000 acres per year and to date some 18,500 acres out of an original 22,000 acres of bush owned by the SEC has been cleared.

All grasslands on coal not required for immediate operational purposes - some 14,000 acres - are grazed by some 8,000 head of dairy and beef cattle under leases to about 100 Gippsland farmers.

Some 50 farms are being developed on 11,500 acres off coal under purchase leases, by private operators. About half will be completed in 1968 the remainder by the early 1970's. Most of these properties are being developed as dairy farms or for beef production. A few are small holdings.

It is felt the present combined SEC Group strength should be sufficient to have a reasonable chance of controlling fire sectors nearest to the major interests.

In addition, two CFA Groups (Narracan and Morwell) and APM Forests units would be available within one hour and



By Ian McDonald,
Regional Forestry Officer.

a further six CFA Groups, Forest Commission and other forces could be in action in the Central Latrobe Valley area within two hours of the start of a major fire.

Well equipped and manned urban brigades at Traralgon, Maryvale, Morwell, Yallourn, Yallourn North, Newborough, Moe and Trafalgar are responsible for the safety of the major towns in the area.

* Details of the Region's fire-fighting organisation will be given in a future article.



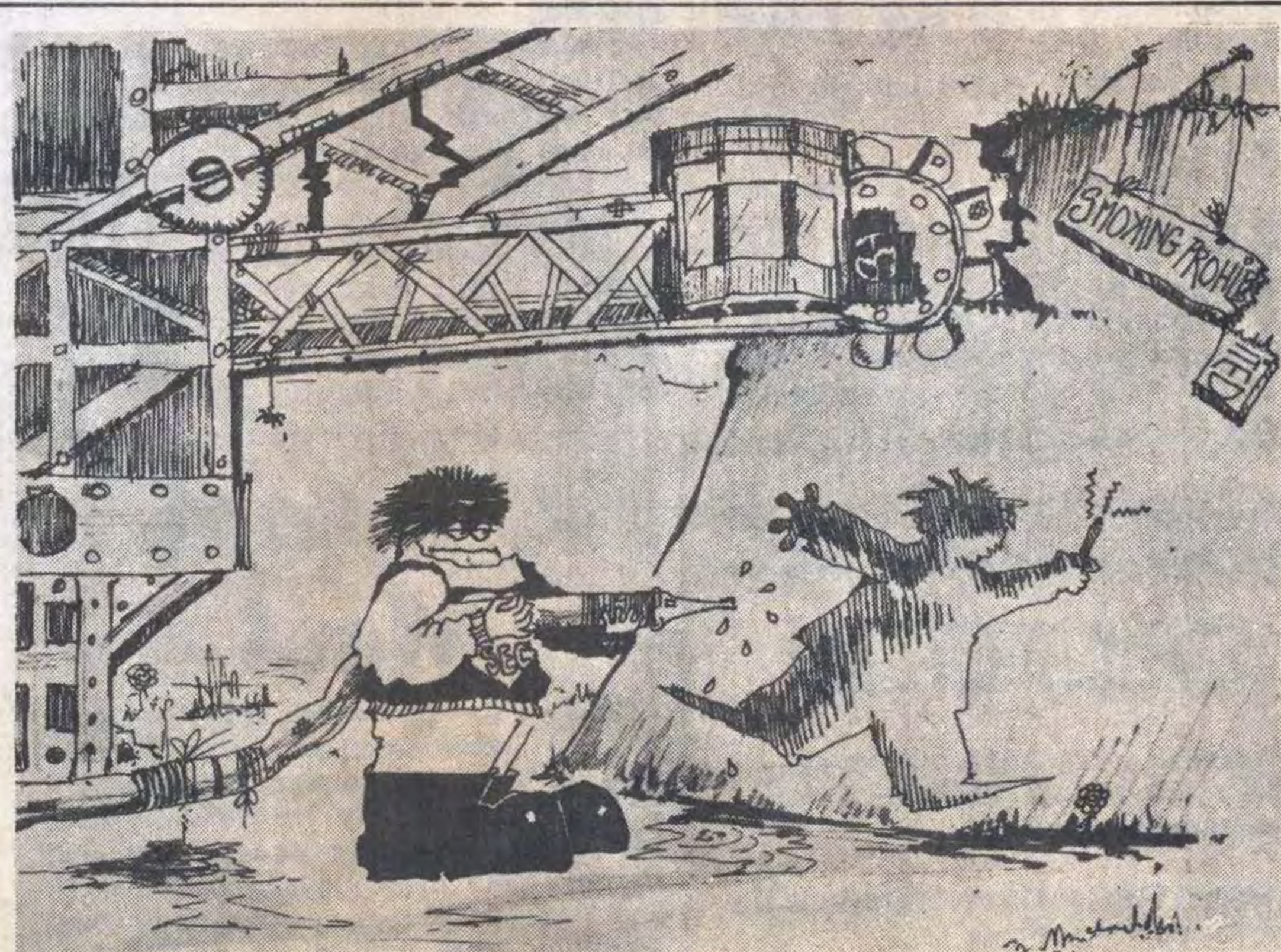
STAY ALERT

A festive season word of advice from Regional Safety Engineer Mr. Norm Trathen.

As the season of Christmas and New Year approaches once more, our thoughts naturally turn to holidays, celebrations and travel.

However, with the number of injuries which are occurring in the home, on the roads and during recreation, we are really much safer at work under the watchful eye of the supervisor!

So make safety a family affair this year and help us all enjoy the Christmas season by keeping it free of the sorrow, grief and regrets which are part of all accidents.



"Told him once . . . told him a millyun times . . . no smoking in the open cut!"

Tom taught many to swim



* Tom Stewart . . . and friend!

A man who has worked with the SEC in the Latrobe Valley for 43 years — and who with his family can claim a total of 90 years Commission service — joined the ranks of the retired on November 29.

He is Mr. Tom Stewart, a dragline driver, who was born in Glasgow in 1903 and who came to Yallourn as a staff mess waiter in 1923.

In 1925 he joined the Commission as a waiter in No. 1 Mess and in 1932, transferred to Yallourn Power Station as a builder's labourer.

There followed a period of unemployment until in 1934, he joined Coal Division and started work in the Yallourn Open Cut where he has been employed ever since.

During his time in the Latrobe Valley, Tom has lived in both Yallourn and Morwell.

His favorite sports are soccer and swimming and he was, for some years, a member of the Yallourn Soccer Club's Committee. He still follows his old club.

As a member of the Yallourn Swimming Club, he taught many youngsters to swim and in one year had the satisfaction of

Hullo dere! I've moved in from the outer, for inner comment. Think this magazine a great idea. I will still be expressing myself in general in 'From the Outer', but here I hope to give you something of what's doing, in sport, in the Commission. By the way, if you hear of anything good, let's know. Give me a tingle on SEC 2326 or at home, Moe 673. Always pleased to hear from you. I collect pats and brickbats, so keep them coming!

Sport is the great mixer in Australia. This column suggests that this could be developed in Gippsland, with a triangular sporting contest (annually) between Gippsland ESD, Morwell - Hazelwood and Yallourn. (Ballarat - Bendigo - Geelong have had many a stout tussle under these conditions.)

Team events in cricket, soccer, golf, athletics, swimming, basketball and there are others could be conducted over a long weekend, (could even be a part of the proposed Latrobe Valley Festival).

Feel somebody would supply a shield and trophies for winners.

seeing 73 of his pupils awarded Herald Certificates.

Tom has been married for 39 years and Mrs. Stewart has played an active part in school and school canteen committees.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have 2 sons, 2 daughters and 12 grand-children.

Tom and members of his own and his brother Stan's family, can claim a total of 90 years of service with the Commission.

At Southern Pivot, Yallourn, some 70 of Tom's workmates, including some who had retired in earlier years, gathered to wish him good-bye and a happy retirement.

The function was chaired by Mr. Don Wakefield, Coal Operations Superintendent, Morwell; also present were Mr. Ken Lamin, Coal Engineer, Latrobe Valley and Mr. Eric Foote, Coal Production Superintendent, Yallourn.

carter's column



Appointment of Tom Grimes as Secretary Treasurer of Yallourn Football Club would appear to be an extension of his normal occupation with the Commission. Tom is one of our public liaison officers.

His flair for handling public affairs plus his effervescent enthusiasm could bring fruition to the Blues premiership ambitions, for which they have waited so long.

Speaking of Yallourn's premiership hopes, retiring vice-president Geo. Newton said at the club's annual meeting - 'Roy Norden will retire when they go premiers'. This is Roy's 13th year as the Blue's leader. Props the thought - will Roy retire as president the year he draws his provident fund payments? Note this - by their '68 form, feel that 1969 could be Roy's last year as president. IF Geo. Newton is right!

It's the hope of many. The achievement of few. Physical fitness in our middle age. John L. Poelsma of the Base Workshops, Yallourn has done it. Further, he has an unique means of travelling to and from work - he dons his shorts and shoes and runs, just four miles each way, over Coach Road hill, between Newborough and the Yallourn Works area. And what's so remarkable? John admits to be something over 60 years, AND, is still an active athletic competitor with Yallourn - sometimes a distance runner or, at others, a walker. As an amateur boxer he had 144 bouts for seven losses on points; including a win over the Canadian Army light heavy-weight champ. When fighting John was a middle-weight.

A qualified physical teacher and masseur, John appears to have found 'eternal youth'. It's easy to keep fit, but, like John, you've got to work at it.

Alan Schroeder in Spares, Yallourn, in winning the open rifle shooting meeting at Lang Lang recently, has commenced another attempt for the Grand Slam of rifle shooting in Gippsland. This is conducted annually over a number of ranges throughout the Province, concluding at Leongatha.

It was here that Alan missed the Slam last year being only place where he failed to win. His effort at Lang Lang this season indicates he could make it this season. A triple possible over 300, 500 and 600 yards is champagne shooting. These three ranges are the most difficult on a rifleman's calendar.

STORK CLUB

ANSWERTH - To Mike and Marion, a daughter, Susan, on 29/11/68 at Morwell Community Hospital.

Express Offset Press,
21 George St. Morwell.

"Contact" Mart

FOR SALE - CAMPING GEAR. 1 only 9' x 9' tent+ Complete with 9' x 6' annexe, This tent is equipped with umbrella frame. 1 only 15' x 9' Auto Tent complete with Spring Ropes Poles and Pegs; 2 only canvas camp beds; 1 table and 4 chairs; 1 camp wash basin and stand; 1 large ice box; 1 only trailer canopy (canvas) To suit Trailer 4'6" x 6'; - Apply 1 Travers Street, Morwell after 4 p.m.