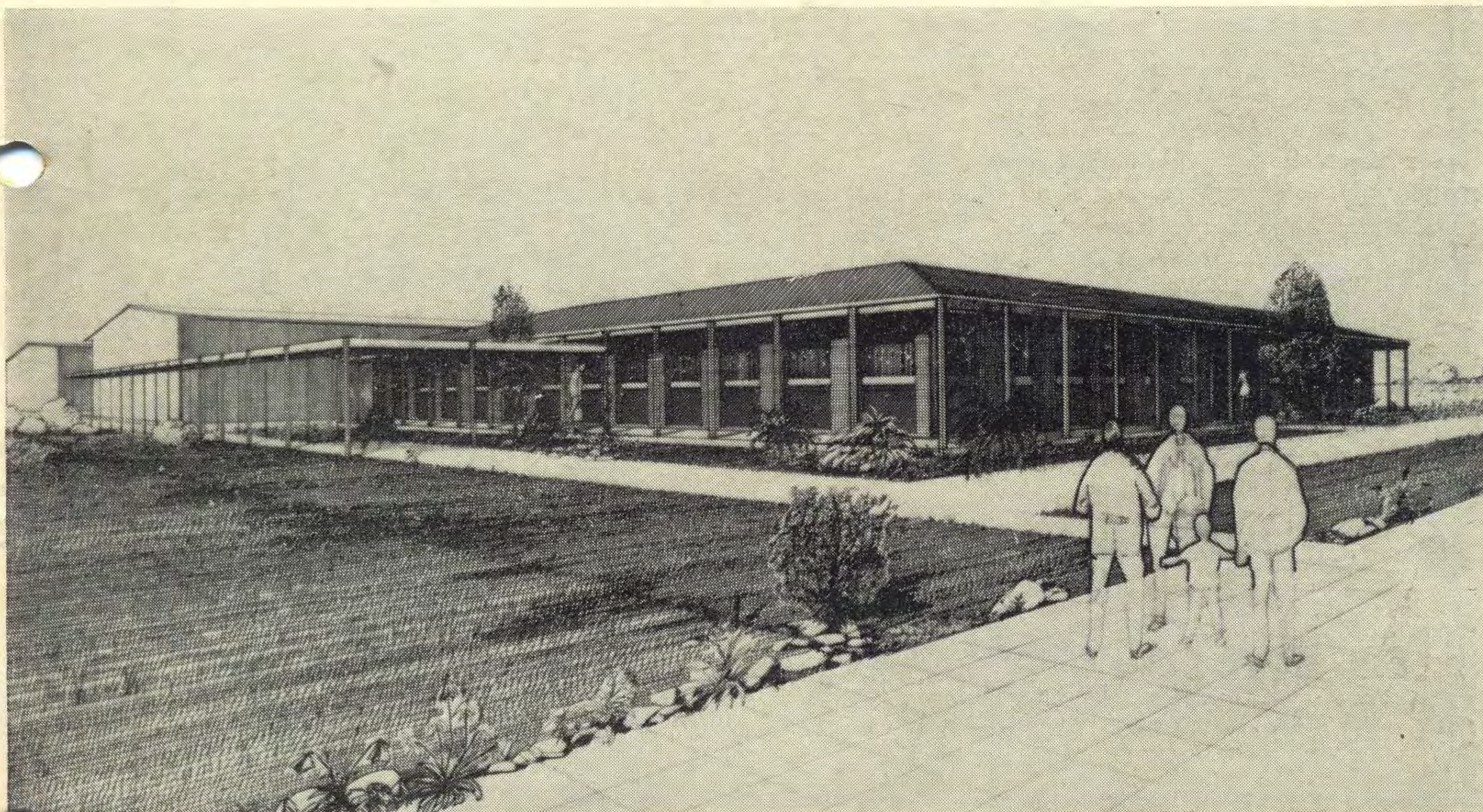


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New Morwell Admin Wing to pay for itself in four years

The Administrative Office block at Morwell is to have an additional wing as shown in the illustration above.

Since the development of the Morwell complex, the Commission in the Latrobe Valley Department has been burdened with a split personality due to staff being divided between Morwell and Yallourn Administrative offices.

The new wing at Morwell will pro-

vide sufficient extra office space to enable all Departmental commercial staff to be accommodated in one building.

This consolidation will lead to substantial savings as duplication of work will be eliminated and transportation costs greatly reduced.

The overall efficiency of the Divisions and sections concerned should also improve because the consolidation

will lead to easier and more effective communication.

When the various Sections move from the Yallourn Main Office building to the Morwell building, the vacated areas will enable other staff groups to be consolidated with further economies resulting.

The cost of the new wing is around \$200,000. This is a large amount of

money, but the savings are such that the total amount of the investment will be recouped in under four (4) years.

Some of the movements from Yallourn Main Office to Departmental Administrative Offices to obtain the desirable consolidation are as follows:

- (i) Accounting staff (Costs and Disbursements Sections).
- (ii) Personnel Division staff (Personnel Records, Amenities and Safety personnel).
- (iii) Administration staff (Typing, Clerical, Teleprinter, together with Claims Detachment).
- (iv) Management Services group.

Consequential moves consolidating staff in the Coal and Services Divisions will follow, but details of these moves have to be finalised.

This movement of personnel is of a relatively large scale. However, I intend it to be carried out with a minimum of disruption to work schedules and the least inconvenience to the people involved.

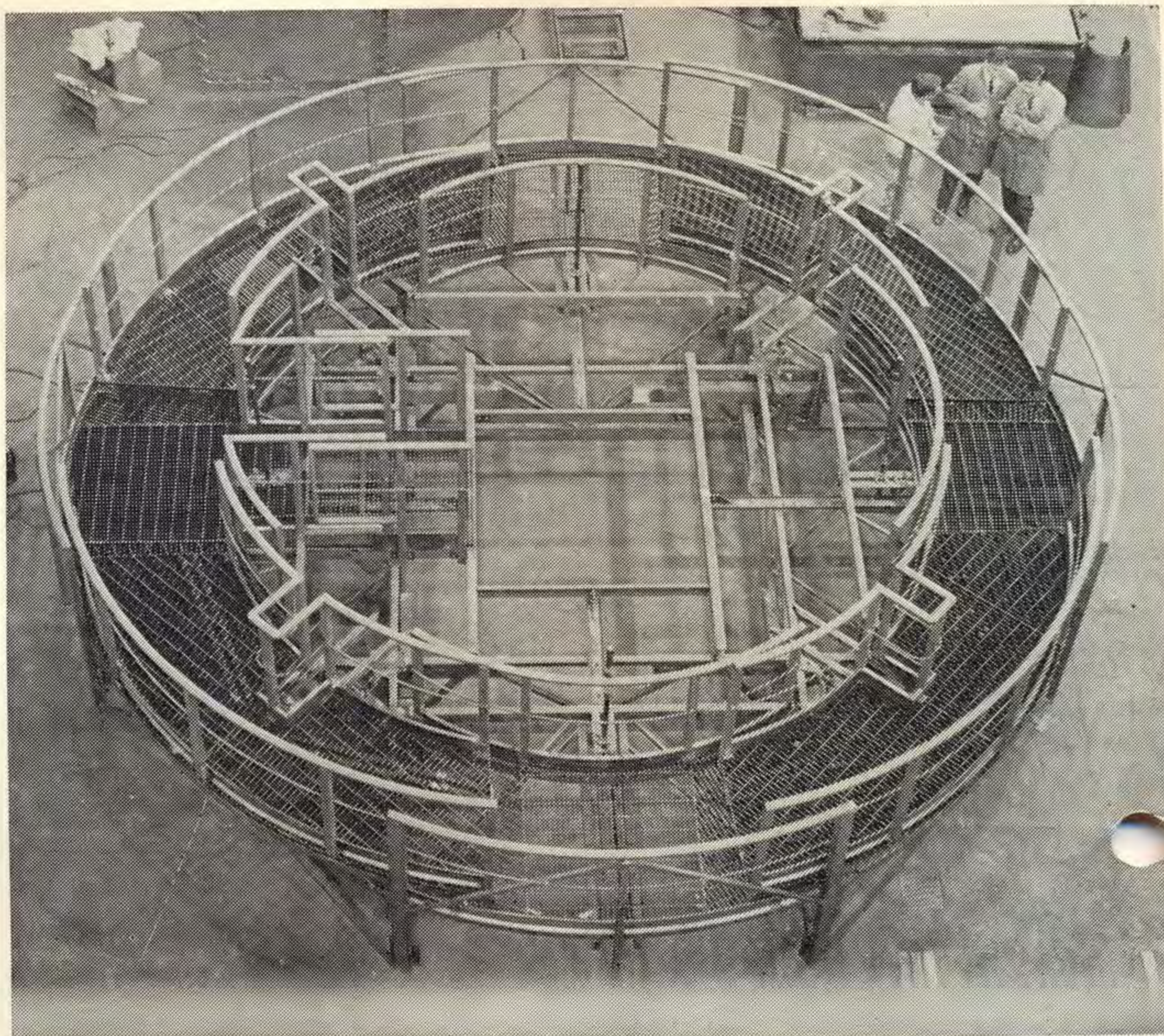
J. M. Schuly

Manager,
Latrobe Valley Department

The Last of the Few

History was made this month when the last rural electricity supply undertaking in Victoria was connected to the Commission's state-wide network. Mallacoota, that lovely fishing and recreational town, which is well-known to many Latrobe Valley personnel, became part of the Gippsland Electricity Supply Branch at mid-day on July 18. The power station at Mallacoota was shut down for the last time and the residents now receive the benefit of the Commission's uniform tariffs.

On the afternoon of July 29, there was a celebration in the form of "A day for everyone". The programme included a Golf Tournament and Children's Picnic Sports day followed by a Barbecue and Harnie (a Maori form of cooking made famous in Mallacoota by the abalone divers). The official part of the proceedings and the cutting of the ribbon to mark the Switching On of Supply took place at 7.30 p.m. and was followed by a dance on the foreshore.



Discussing the final assembly of the platform before dismantling for transport to Hazelwood Power Station are (left to right) Leading Hand Clem Hill, Foreman Alan Walker and Supervisor Norm Eason.

VARIABLE-SIZED PLATFORM FOR HAZELWOOD CHIMNEY REPAIR

Yallourn Base Workshops were recently involved in manufacturing a variable-size work platform to be used in repairing the brickwork lining of Hazelwood Power Station chimneys.

The platform will be suspended from a steel truss or cathead which will be located on top of the chimney, probably lowered into position by a helicopter. The platform will be raised or lowered by winches, so that men and materials can be positioned convenient to the particular section of the chimney in need of repair.

The platform is constructed of eight annular segments supported by a frame. The segments are designed so that they may be extended or contracted so that the work platform is of identical diameter to the changing

internal diameter of the chimney. The diameter can be varied from a minimum 19 feet 2 inches to 26 feet 8 inches.

The platform is made from steel sections; a large percentage of these are hollow rectangular tube and light pressed sections.

Structural design was by Power Department in conjunction with the Department of Labour and Industry and close liaison was maintained with Yallourn Base Workshops during manufacture.

For such a complicated structure, involving a considerable amount of work, alterations during construction were minimal — a credit both to the designers and manufacturers.

Souvenirs of Latrobe Valley

Now Available

Many visitors who tour the Commission's Latrobe Valley installations have expressed disappointment that they have not been able to obtain souvenirs of their visit.

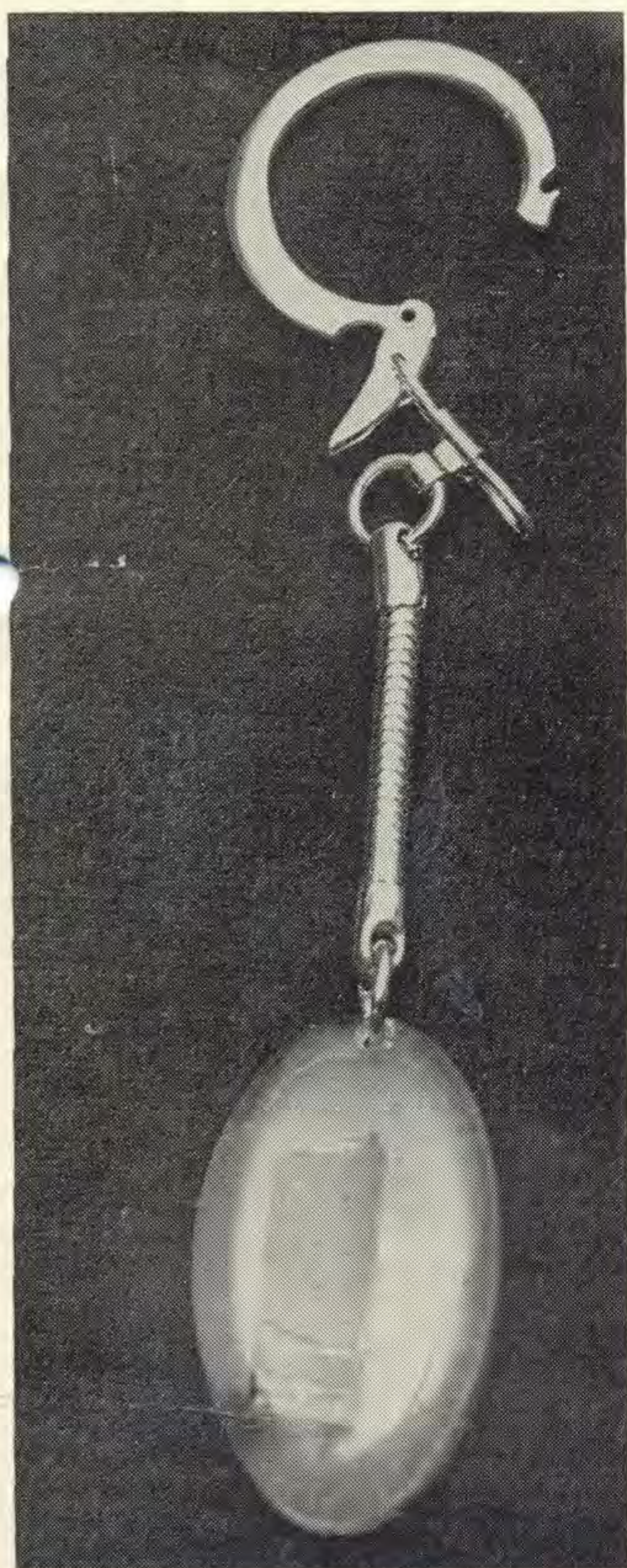
That situation no longer applies. The Commission has arranged with the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshops to produce a suitable range of souvenirs.

These consist of fossilised woods from the open cuts encapsulated in clear resin and incorporated in key chains, samples on explanatory cards, round, rectangular and tray-shaped desk sets.

The souvenirs will be on sale at the Visitors' Centre, Yallourn, and are on display from 8 a.m. to 4.21 p.m., seven days a week, except on Good Friday and Christmas Day. Commission personnel interested in buying any of these items are cordially invited to

inspect them at the Visitors' Centre.

Our photographs show (top right) Jenny Davis, who is handling the sales of souvenirs; (bottom right) the round desk set and (bottom left) the key ring.



**YALLOURN
POWER STATION
SOCIAL CLUB'S
CABARET BALL**
*held at
Kernot Hall
Friday, July 7*



Dewatering Morwell

Open Cut

By Ian Wilson, Coal Production Superintendent, Morwell

When bounteous Nature performed the miraculous task of laying down the coal seams of the Latrobe Valley some 40-odd million years ago, she also built in certain hazards for future Open Cut coal developers. This article discusses some of the problems associated with underground water.

WHY THERE IS A WATER PROBLEM

The formations laid down prior to the coal seams, also between different coal seams, consist of permeable material. When such material is impregnated with water a very extensive

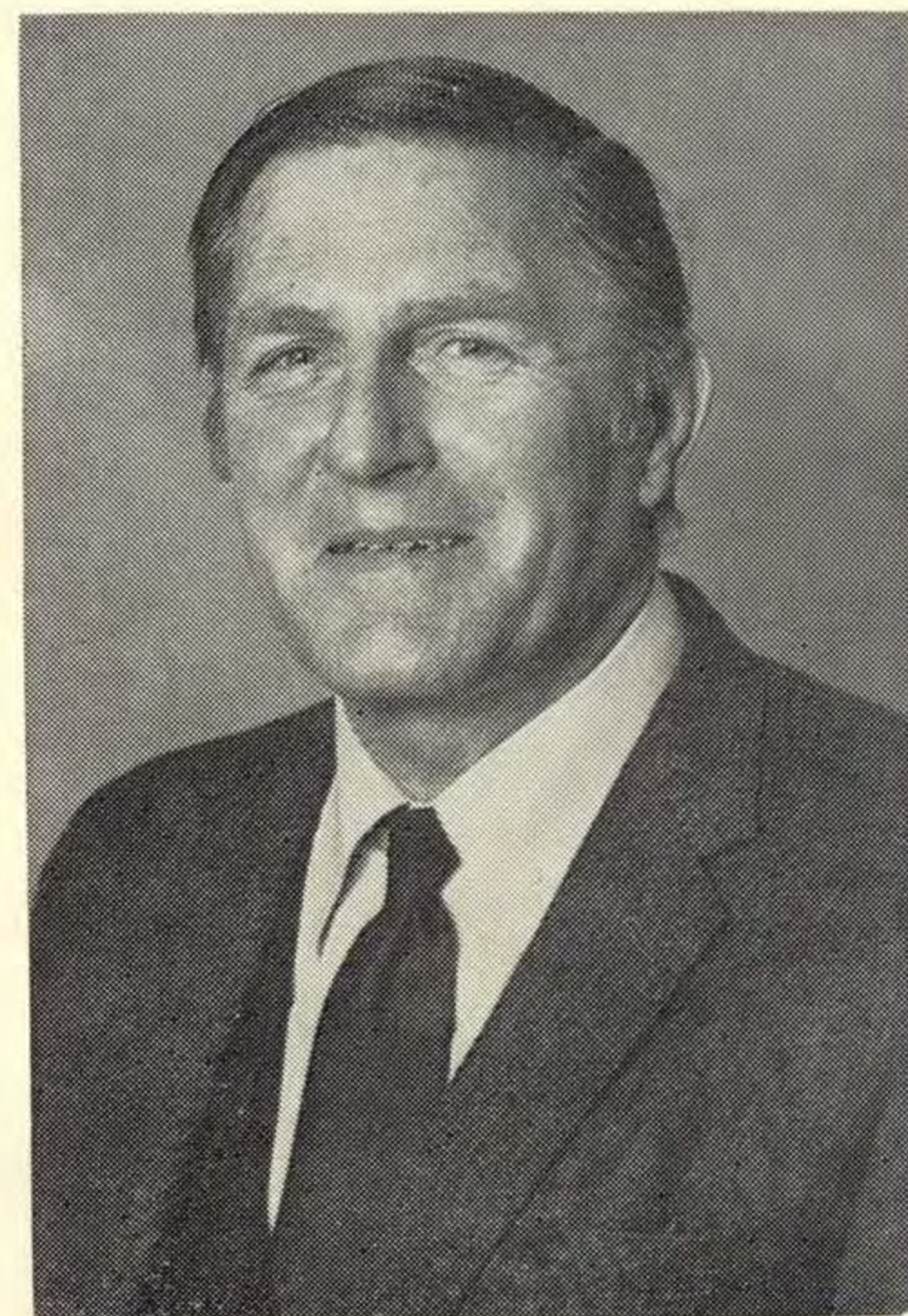
reservoir of underground water is formed and the water bearing stratum is called an aquifer.

Subsequent earth movement, subsidence and folding that has taken place in geological time has tilted up the edges of the aquifers, so that they now carry water under pressure. In the undisturbed state of the area the overlying strata balance the hydrostatic pressure of the water, but Open Cut operations, which require delving deep below the surface, interrupt the natural balance of the water in the aquifers and the workings have to be protected from the hazard of water pressure. The method of protection is to reduce this pressure.

THE AQUIFERS AND OPEN CUT DEVELOPMENT

There are two aquifers in the Morwell Open Cut area that are of concern to operations. No. 1 aquifer carries water at a temperature of about 110 degrees F. and lies below No. 1 coal seam. It is about 350ft. to 400ft. below ground surface level.

No. 2 aquifer carries hotter water at about 140 degrees F. and lies below No. 2 coal seam and is between 700ft. and 800ft. below grass level. Excavation has already been carried out in the Open Cut to within 100 feet

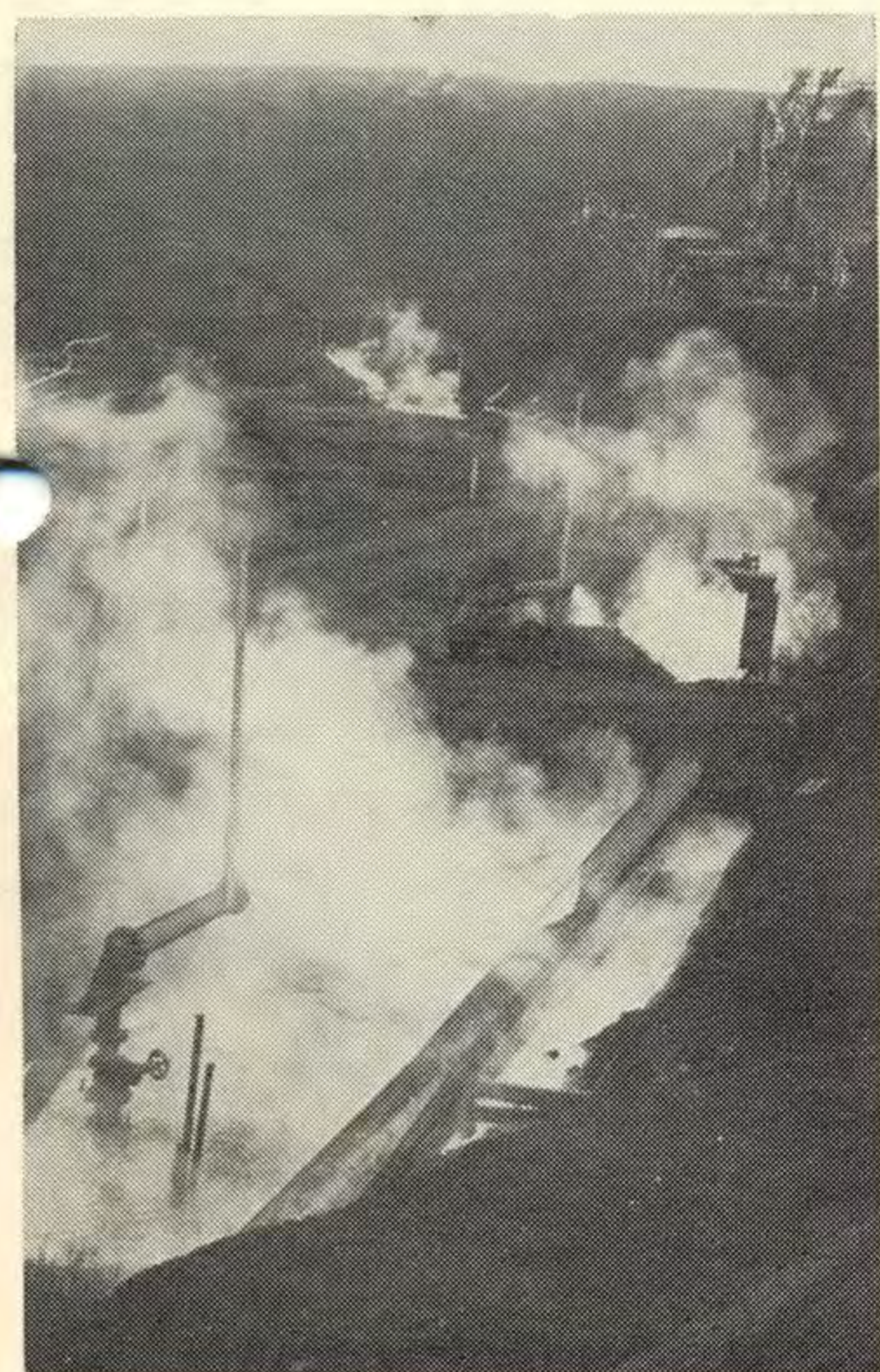


IAN WILSON

of the bottom of No. 1 Seam, that is, to about 100 feet below sea level. Winning of the final 100 feet of coal is dependent upon further dewatering, the programme for which is proceeding steadily.

RELIEVING THE WATER PRESSURE

The underground water is tapped by drilling vertical bores into the aquifers and the pressure in the aquifers forces the water up the bores. Further reduction in water level is gained by installing submersible pumps into the bores. S.E.C. drilling rigs and also those of contractors have been in the area almost constantly since the first dewatering.



A view of No. 6 Level showing a series of bores discharging artesian water from Nos. 1 and 2 aquifers. A manometer gauge board for ascertaining the bore flow rate is attached to the near bore delivery pipe.

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Dewatering Morwell Open Cut

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ering bore was drilled in the Open Cut in 1960.

Generally, an observation bore is drilled first to provide a means of measuring and studying the water level in that location and this is followed by a free flow or pumping bore alongside. In the present state of development of the Open Cut there are 9 pumping bores for No. 1 aquifer and 18 free flowing bores for No. 2 aquifer in operation. These produce water at the rate of about 11,000 gallons per minute.

It is the general aim of Open Cut operations to reduce the water table level near to or below the deepest excavation level. The means of ascertaining the water table level is by measuring the water level, or piezometric level as it is called, in the various observation bores and plotting the results. Any breakdown of the bore pump installations is followed by a rise

in the piezometric level. This type of dewatering, therefore, has to be continued during the life of the Open Cut.

QUANTITY OF WATER

The present production of bore water at 11,000 gallons per minute is equivalent to an annual output of some 25,800,000 tons of water. Adding the rain water which falls in the Open Cut area, amounting to say another one millions tons per year over the present opening, it will be seen that the dewatering on a ton for ton basis almost doubles the coal production output which for the year 1972-73 amounts to 14,260,000 tons.

At present the bulk of the water is pumped out of the Open Cut to No. 1 Fire Service Reservoir, and the balance with the Main Drain on grass level. Transfer pumps on the Fire Service Reservoir pump approximately 7,000 gallons per month to the Hazelwood Power Station effluent pond. The excess water from the Fire Service Reservoir overflows into the Main Drain

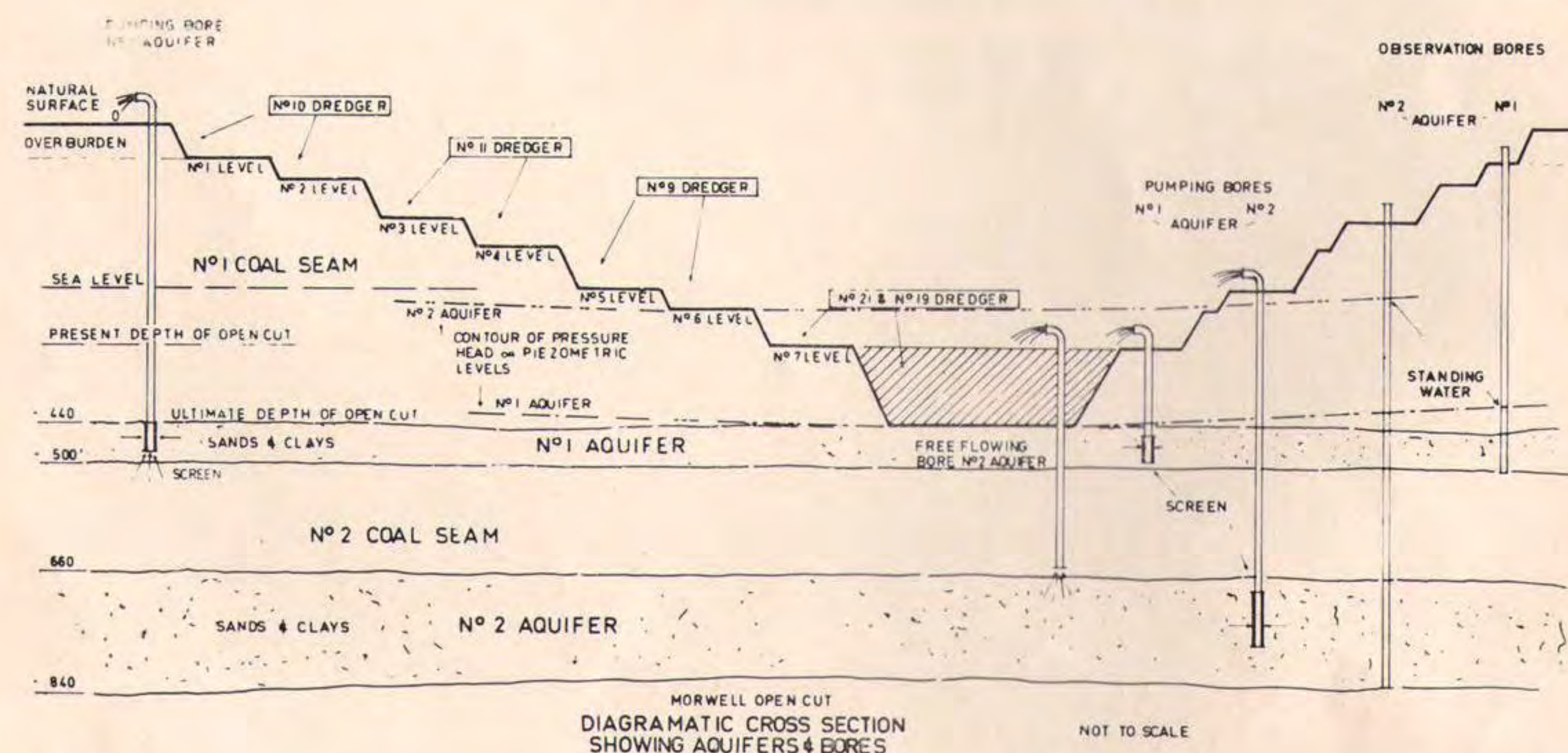
which connects via a settling area with the Morwell River. Planning is well advanced for pumping all the clean bore water direct to Hazelwood Cooling Pond and the remainder to the Hazelwood Effluent Pond. When this programme is completed the use of No. 1 Fire Service Reservoir will be discontinued.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

As the area of the Open Cut expands, further dewatering of the aquifers must proceed. Current estimates are that the bore water production will have to be increased from the present 11,000 gpm to 30,000 gpm by 1978, and this figure could even go as high as 45,000 gpm.

While this water handling problem is of major importance in the Morwell Open Cut it is by no means an exceptional one by world standards. Recent figures quoted for the Frechen Open Cut in West Germany, for example,

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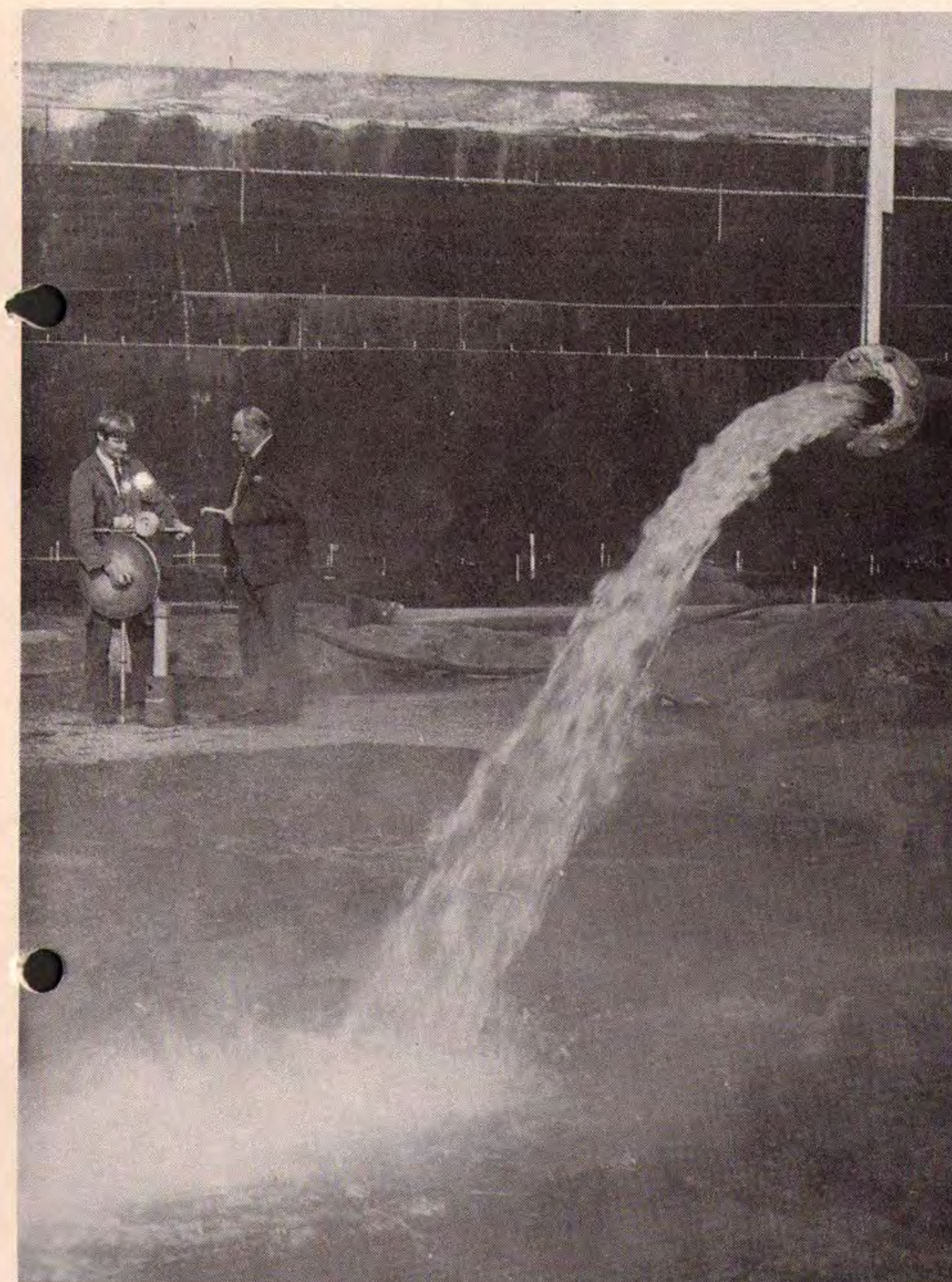
show that this mine produces 10 million tons of coal a year but requires to remove 3.5 million cub. metres of overburden and 500 million cub.

metres of water which amounts to about 490 million tons in weight! By comparison one must admit that Nature has really let us off rather lightly in the Latrobe Valley.

Coal Division Statistics for the Year Ended June 30, 1972

YALLOURN OPEN CUT		TONS
Coal Production for Year	8,648,667	
Coal Production to Date ..	310,236,307	
Coal Delivered to Power Station, Yallourn	5,073,509	
Coal delivered to Briquette Works, Yallourn	367,627	
Coal delivered to Briquette Works, Morwell	3,207,231	
Highest Daily Output (29-7-71)	38,446	
Highest Monthly Output (July, 1971)	973,292	
Overburden Removed for		CU. YDS.
Year	5,187,295	
Overburden Removed to Date	130,035,836	
Area of Open Cut at		ACRES
Grass Level	1,960.3	
Area of Open Cut at Coal Level	1,853.9	
Perimeter at Grass Level	8.7	MILES
YALLOURN NORTH EXTENSION OPEN CUT		TONS
Coal Production for Year	310,615	
Coal Production to Date	5,565,431	
Overburden Removed to Date	7,607,857	

MORWELL OPEN CUT		TONS
Coal Production for year	13,278,062	
Coal Production to Date	93,348,051	
Coal delivered to Power Station, Morwell	2,348,947	
Coal delivered to Power Station Hazelwood	10,928,110	
Coal delivered to Power Station, Yallourn	1,005	
Highest Daily Output (1-4-72)	59,178	
Highest Monthly Output (June, 1972)	1,297,330	
Overburden Removed for Year	2,891,424	
Overburden Removed to Date	38,892,918	
Area of Open Cut at		ACRES
Grass Level	569	
Area of Open Cut at Coal Level	464	
Perimeter at Grass Level	4.80	MILES



Engineers Heinz Hulbe and Graeme Freshwater measuring the pressure level of No. 1 aquifer using an electrical device in a pilot bore of No. 7 level. The discharge from a bore pump approximately 150ft. below can be seen in the foreground.

Fred the Aquarist

Fred Douglas, Apprentice Training Officer at the Departmental Education and Training Centre, Yallourn, first became interested in tropical fish in 1947.

Fred was in the Army at the time and was stationed at the ancient town of Wuppertal in Germany. Many of the townspeople were keen aquarists—the term used to denote those who keep fish in aquariums—and after a while Fred and his wife also got the bug.

In next to no time Fred had two tanks full of tropical fish. He'd just got his set-up completed when the Army transferred him to Oldenburg.

Undaunted, Fred moved his fish and tanks to Oldenburg, got them installed and then was told he'd been posted to Duisburg.

Fred and his fish survived another couple of moves before he was posted to Scotland. This time he didn't take his fish with him, but disposed of his collection in Germany.



A pair of Kissing Gourami that Fred has had for nearly fifteen years.



Fred can get some of his fish to eat from his hand, but unfortunately, when the photograph was taken, none of the fish would oblige.

Fred also left behind him a more substantial memento of his stay. In 1950 Fred's commanding officer asked him to construct an aquarium for the officers mess. Fred obliged by making a tank nine feet long by three feet high and three feet deep. Filled with gaily coloured tropical fish this constituted a living picture and was the pride of the unit.

In Scotland, Fred started up again, building the tanks himself and breeding two hundred Angels, in Fred's opinion the most graceful of all fish.

Another couple of moves later, Fred completed his army service and moved all his fish without a single loss to the south of England. It was not long, however, before Fred's itchy feet got

him on the move again, to Australia and the Latrobe Valley.

Fred lived at first in Moe, where he once again started up a collection of tropical fish, then came the inevitable move, this time to his present home in Newborough.

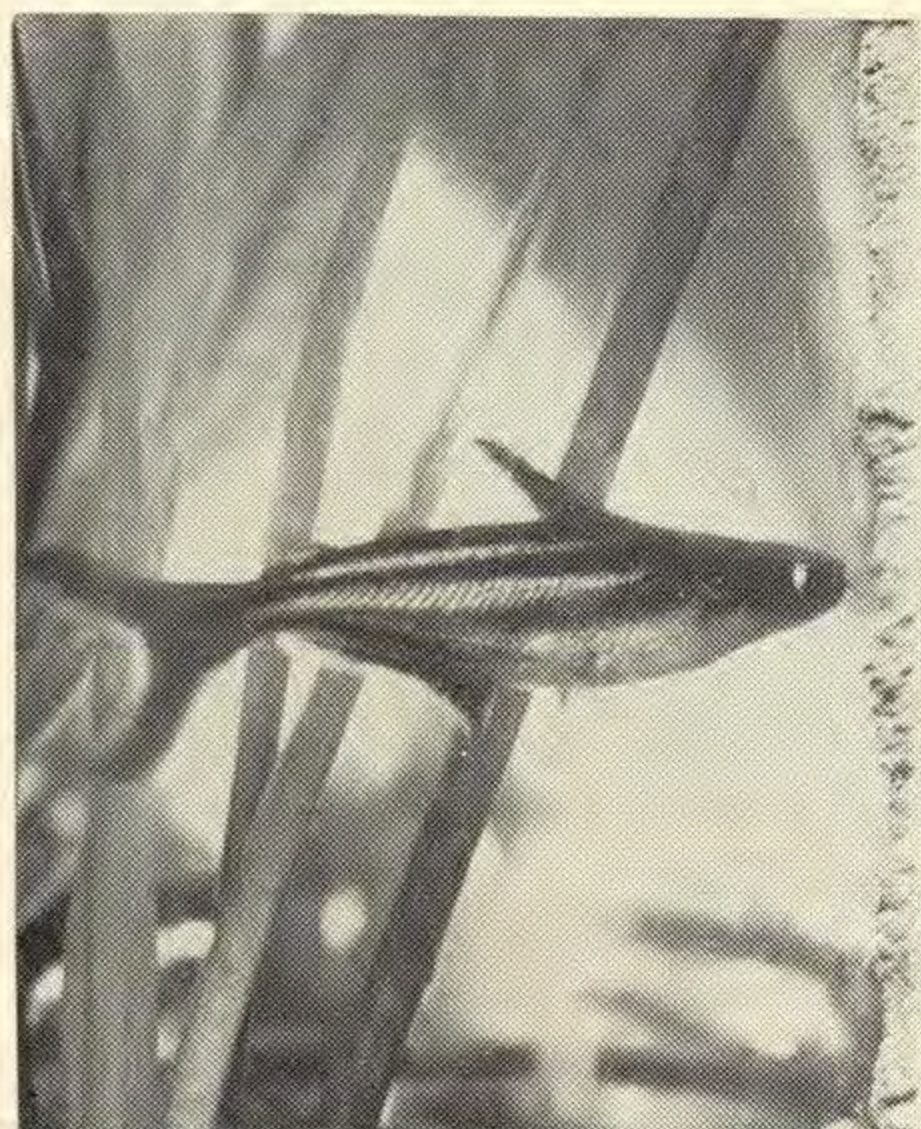
In addition to the tropical varieties, Fred now breeds and keeps cold water fish. He has three inter-connecting ponds including a 'maternity pond' for breeding in his back garden. The ponds are bordered by rock and mineral specimens that Fred has collected during his travels in Australia. The fish in these outdoor ponds are mainly goldfish of a wide variety of types and black fantails. The tropical varieties in the indoor tank include lace

gouramis, shark, catfish, angels, and many types of guppies. One of the more peculiar varieties is (and Fred vouches for its name) *Gyrinocheilus Cymoniere* — a kind of sucker fish that is unable to float as it has no swim bladder.

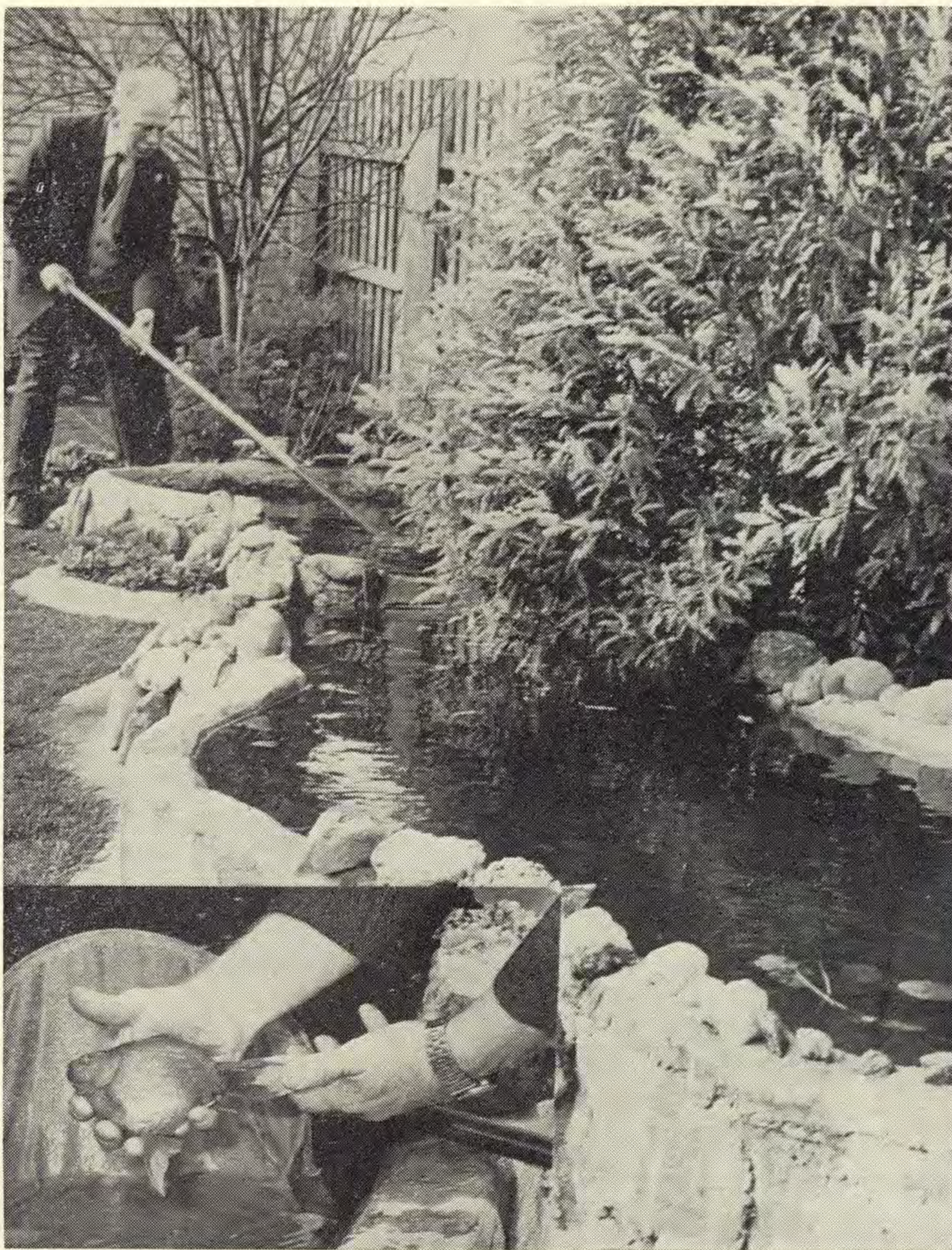
Since Fred has settled down in the Valley, he has started many friends on the hobby of keeping tropical fish. Periodically he swaps fish with other collectors as this cross breeding improves the fish and leads to new colours emerging.

Last year Fred took long service leave and he and his wife went on a 10,000 mile car trip. Included in the journey was a stopover at Green Island to view the tropical fish from the underwater observatory there. Fred much admired the variety of fish and coral in the waters of Australia's east coast, particularly on boat trips to Hayman, Daydream and South Molle Islands and Tweed Heads.

Back home in Newborough, Fred reckons that his tank of tropical fish offers better entertainment value than television — and what's more, it's in colour.



One of the fastest swimmers in the aquarium—a young Black-Grey Shark.



Fred Douglas tries to net one of the goldfish or fantails in one of the outdoor ponds. Inset shows he was successful in catching a plump fantail.

ATTENTION!! COMMISSION DRIVERS

As from MONDAY, AUGUST 14, the Morwell Administration Gate on Ridge Rd. will be CLOSED to All Vehicular Traffic

BOGONG HOLIDAY HOMES VACANCIES

Vacancies exist from September 9 to December 23. Further information can be obtained from Ham Ballagh, Extension 3539.

HIGH VOLTAGE UNDERWEAR

A report from a British computer laboratory claims that computers, particularly the new and more delicate types, are frequently affected when girls in nylon underwear pass by.

It says some girls generate charges of 600 volts after walking 25 yards—sufficient to make the otherwise stoical machines behave erratically with the amount of static electricity that builds up in nylon underwear.

Because of this phenomenon, some British firms now require female computer attendants to wear cotton underwear.

IT'S AN ILL WIND

During the last S.E.C. power strike one diesel engine manufacturer alone sold 29 generator sets, ranging in capacity from 5 kW to 500 kW, to Commission customers.

In addition to these direct sales of generator sets, 21 more diesel engines were installed as power units of generators sold by other manufacturers.

FOR SALE

15ft. 6in. Bondwood Boat, 2 years old, 35 h.p. Mercury Outboard, on trailer, registered until January, 1973, many extras, \$1,000. Ring ext. 2506 (or 622100 after 4.30 p.m.).



BEAUTY AT THE SHIRE HALL

Miss Australia, Gay Walker of Queensland, attended a civic reception last month at the Morwell Shire Chambers.

Here she is (far left) chatting with

Latrobe Valley girls (left to right), Lea Rosa, Helen Duyndam, Shirley Clark and Eleanor Lucas-Calcraft, who attended the reception as representatives of the Commission.



Rosedale Shire Councillors Here

Latrobe Valley Department Deputy Manager, Graham Black, points out a feature of the model on display in the foyer of Hazelwood Power Station to a group of Rosedale Shire Councillors.

The Commission has many dealings with the Shire of Rosedale and invited the Councillors for a goodwill tour of the Morwell-Hazelwood area.

RECORD ELECTRICITY DEMAND

This year's cold winter has resulted in the highest electricity demand yet made on the S.E.C. system.

The record peak occurred between 5.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on July 4, and reached 2,908 megawatts—equivalent to 25 million household electric light globes in use at the same time.

The 24-hour consumption was also a new record — 55,310,000 kilowatt-hours.

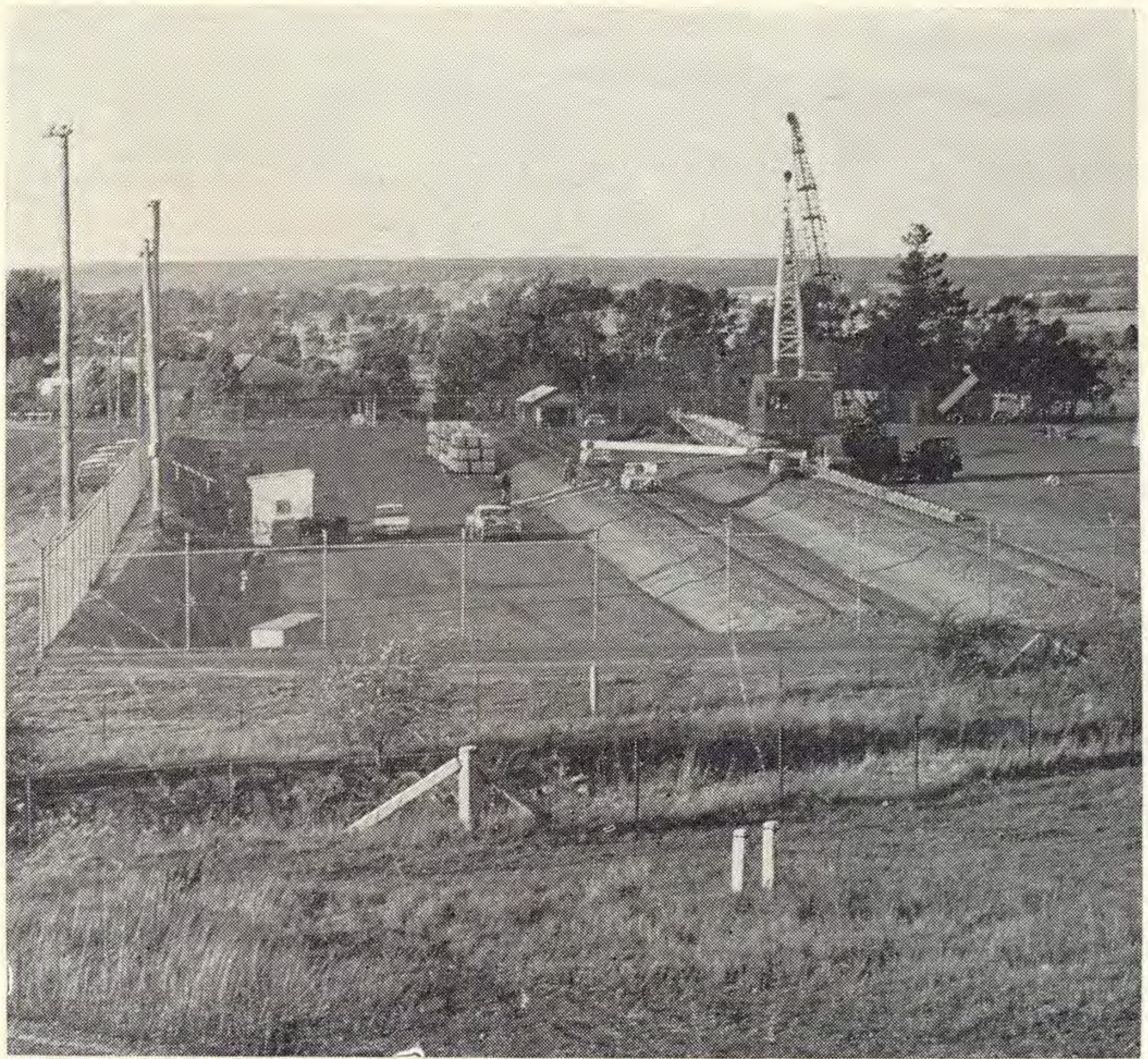


Testing 'W' Station's Cooling System

The photograph shows cooled water falling into the pond at the base of a cooling tower 21 minutes after beginning its cycle.

Cooling water from the pond is pumped through the steam condensers, returned to a height of about forty feet inside the tower, distributed by 2,500 sprays and trickles down between three million square feet of corrugated asbestos cement sheets while the tower's natural updraught cools it from about 99° to 75°F.

The cooling system test was successful.



Dredger Erection Site Nears Completion

The No. 12 Dredger erection site in the eastern section of Hernes Oak is nearing completion. Security fencing now surrounds the site and the photograph shows the erection crane being assembled on the crane rail tracks.

The Commission now owns all but nine properties and is negotiating for

most of the eastern section of Hernes Oak. It is this section that will be required for coal-winning from about 1974.

Component parts of No. 12 Dredger, which will be used in Yallourn Open Cut, are due for delivery from Australia and German manufacturers next month.

SHOCKING NEWS FOR BACTERIA

Microbiologists in France have discovered that bacteria can be killed by electricity.

By passing an ordinary low voltage electric current, 59 cycles per second, through the liquids to be sterilised, all common bacteria are dead within thirty minutes.

WARNING TO COMMISSION DRIVERS

The section of roadway at the south-east corner of the Transport Workshops, Morwell, previously restricted to "one-way" traffic, has now been converted to "two-way" traffic.

SAFETY SECTION

Where Did Your Team Finish on the 1971'72 'Safety Ladder'?

Section	D.I. Frequency Rate	No. of D.I.'s
Materials	0.0	0
Elec. Tests and Communications	4.1	1
Morwell Briq. Works	4.7	5
Administration	5.4	4
Operations Section Transmission	5.8	1
to below 200 and serious injuries to		
Yallourn Briq. Works	7.7	2
'W' Power Station	7.8	1
Open Cut, Morwell	9.4	9
Morwell Power Station	10.0	7
Briquette Distribution	10.6	1
Stations Section, Transmission	14.2	2
Central Workshops, Yallourn	16.7	21
Civil Works, Morwell	18.1	5
Open Cut, Yallourn	19.8	25
Central Workshops, Morwell	24.9	12
Hazelwood Power Station	26.2	52
Yallourn Power Station	26.5	48
Ops. and Plant, Coal	32.4	3
Mech. Services, Hazelwood	36.7	4
Electrical Services	37.0	17
Municipal and Forestry (Y)	38.3	12
Civil Works, Yallourn	42.9	19
Not included due to low hazard level employment:		
Personnel	0.0	0
Drafting	0.0	0
Accounting	3.7	1

The 1971-72 year has drawn to a close and perhaps if we can interrupt our thoughts on income tax returns we might consider for a moment our achievements for the year in accident prevention.

In July, 1971, the Department set a ceiling frequency rate for disabling injuries of 17. Unfortunately we did not quite stay beneath it due mainly to May and June being by far our worst two months for the year. The final rate for the year was 17.8 and although this was not under the set ceiling rate it was an improvement on last year's figure of 20. In all 253 disabling injuries (including one fatality) and 663 serious injuries were received by employees during the year.

Congratulations to Materials, Tests and Communications, M.B.W., Administration and Operating Transmission for making the top "five" on our 1971 ladder. It is hoped that the lower 'teams' accept the challenge to improve during 1972-73 and finish higher up the ladder next year.

The best improvement for the year was put up by Morwell Open Cut who reduced their D.I. frequency rate by 75% and their disabling injuries from 31 for 1970-71 to 9 for 1971-72. Congratulations to all concerned for a first class effort.

Briquette Distribution also put up a fine effort with a 66% improvement in their D.I. frequency rate from last year.

For 1972-73, the Department has set a disabling injury frequency rate ceiling of 14 and a serious injury frequency rate ceiling of 42. Serious Injury ceiling rates are to be set for all sections for 1972-73 and will become our yardstick in the measurement of our performance. To achieve these ceiling rates a complete team effort will be required throughout the Valley to reduce the number of disabling injuries to below zero and serious injuries to below 600.

—GEOFF HALL
Safety Engineer

MY HAIR

The night is black,
The moon is yellow.
My gal is out
With another fellow.
She's out having fun,
While I'm home in bed.
'Cause a certain crescent
Was dropped on my head.

You see, my hard hat
Messes up my hair.
And I can't feel the breeze,
From the warm summer air.
My hard hat is hot
And it drives me nuts.
It makes ridges in my hair
that look like ruts.

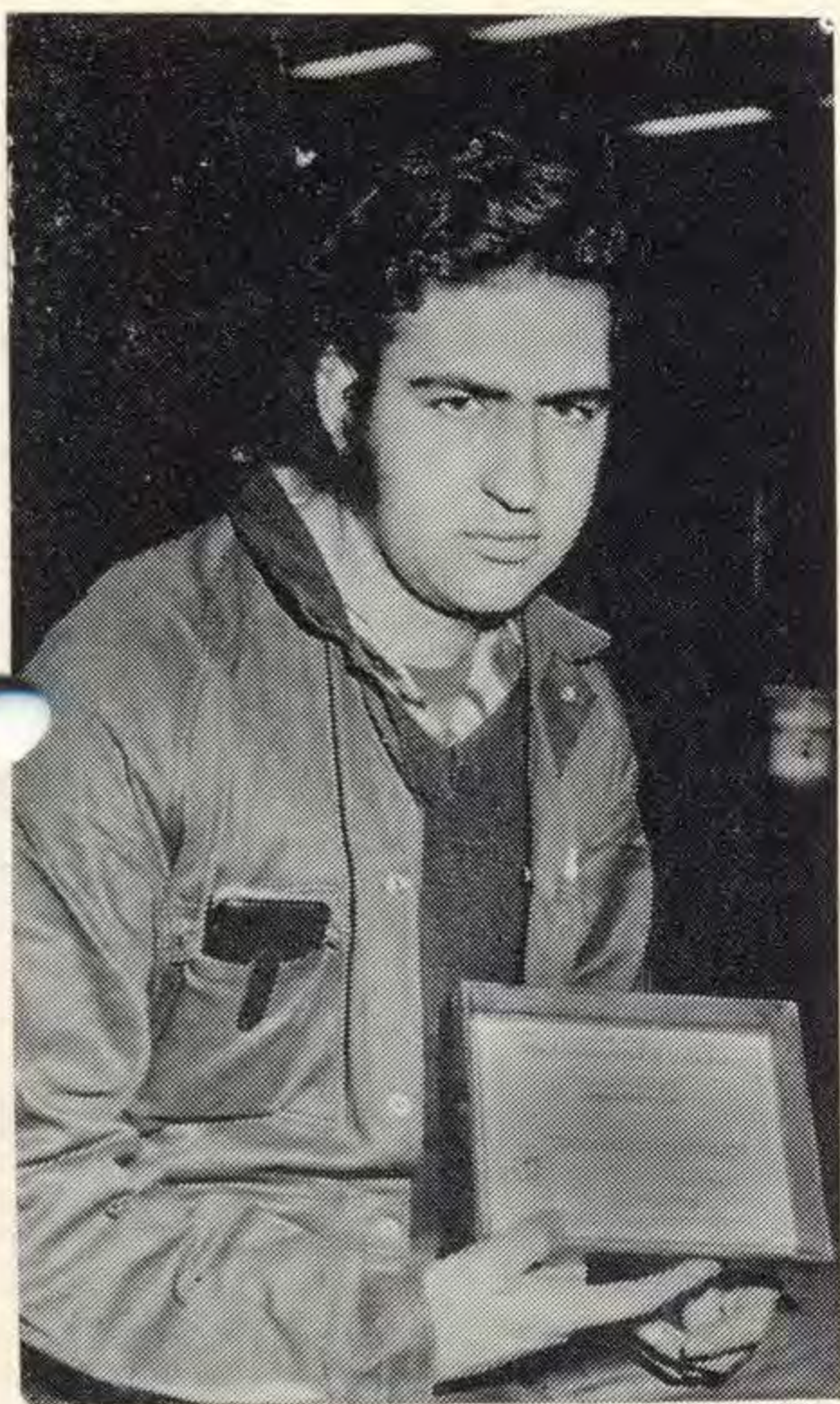
It's always falling off,
Or getting in the way.
And I have a headache
By the end of the day.
Well I guess I'm lucky,
I'm not really dead.
But when they put in stitches
they shaved that hair off my head.

WISE OWL No. 9

Jose Vazquez, the ninth Latrobe Valley employee to become a Wise Owl member, was presented with his membership certificate and badges by M. Gray, Manager, Services, on Wednesday, July 5.

Jose, a plumber in the Plumber's Shop, Yallourn, received his membership for an accident on May 12. Jose was lead soldering the joints of a lead lined metal box, when without warning there was a sudden blow-back of molten lead from the vicinity of the gas flame, spraying the lens of his safety spectacles with molten lead particles. Jose received minor spot burns to the face but retained the sight of his eyes.

Once again we can see the value of wearing the protective equipment we are issued with.



Tax Problems

Remember — there is no tax on safety, but injury WILL tax your family.

WEDDING RING DANGERS

We are grateful to the Detroit News for the following extract from their "Dear Abby" column:

Dear Abby, I am one of those foolish wives who insisted that their husbands wear their wedding ring at all times. My husband is a maintenance mechanic and that is what happened. Yesterday, I received a call informing me that my husband was at the hospital. While jumping off a construction truck, he had caught his ring on a piece of metal and his finger was practically torn off. I was told he was lucky he wasn't killed as he lost his balance and fell under the wheels of the truck. Abby, please put this in your column as a warning to other women who want their husbands to wear their wedding rings to work.

—Al's Wife

"Dear Wife: Thank you for your letter. And while we're on the subject read this one":

Dear Abby: When my husband and I were married we had a double ring ceremony, and he promised he would

never take his wedding ring off. And he never did. After a few years, he gained a little weight and couldn't get it off. My husband was an electrician. Well, to make a long and very tragic story short, his wedding ring had worn a tiny hole through his insulated glove and a fatal contact was made. He died instantly. When his lifeless body was examined, the only sign of injury was a small burn where his wedding ring encircled his finger.

—Electrician's Widow

"So Dear Wife, if your husband works around machines or electricity, tell him to leave ALL rings at home . . . if you really love him, that is."

The message conveyed by this extract is very clear. If you are having problems with a sentimental wife in leaving your wedding ring at home, perhaps this article may help to convince her that YOU are more important than the ring or the sentimentality in the long run.

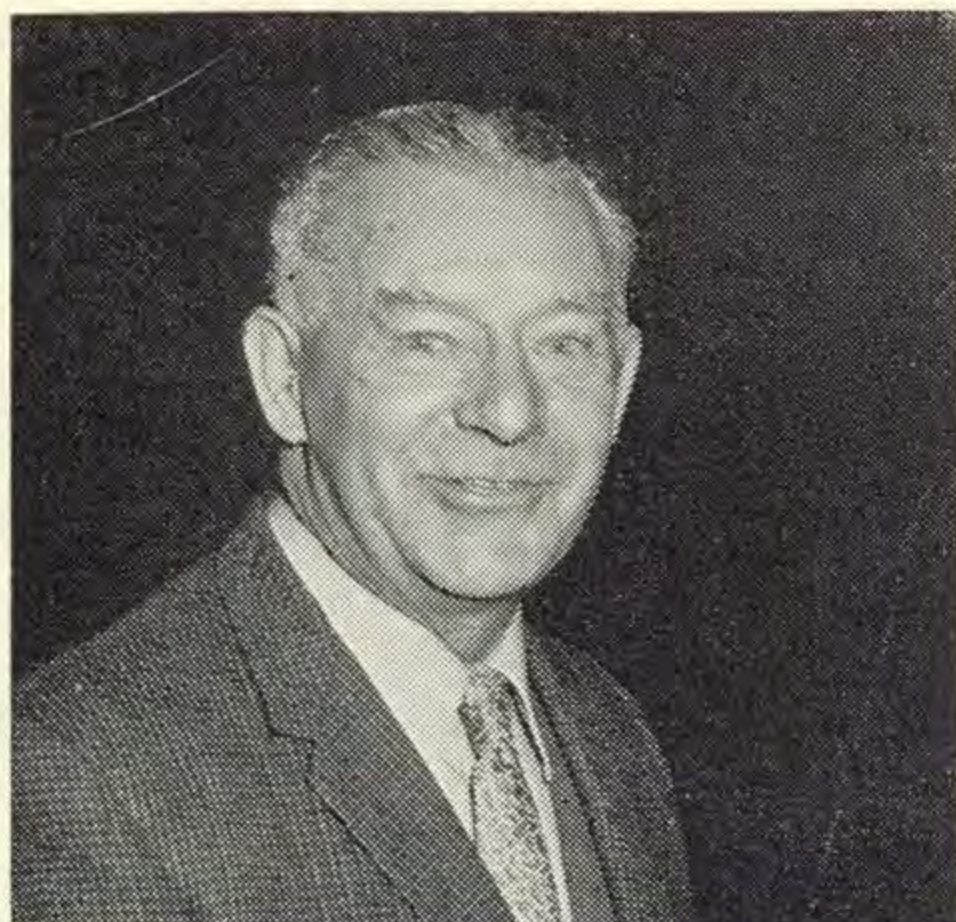


SAFETY SUGGESTION AWARD

Paul Gruss points out the Spindle Mould guard, installed as a result of his suggestion which provides an additional safety measure for the

machinist.

Paul, of the Carpenters Shop, Yallourn, was awarded \$15 for his suggestion.



Bill Brealey, a Leading Hand Electrical Fitter with Services Division, Yallourn, retired on Tuesday, June 20, after 24 years' service.

Bill came to Yallourn from the goldfields of Western Australia in the winter of 1948. He was issued with a sou'wester and gumboots and felt so cold, wet and miserable that he tried to resign three times in his first six months.

A keen rifleman, Bill was also active in the Workshops Social Club and was one of the first committee members.

There was a big turnout at Bill's farewell, including many retired personnel. George Davis, Mechanical Services Engineer, presented Bill with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " Power Drill Kit, a cake stand and an impact wrench.

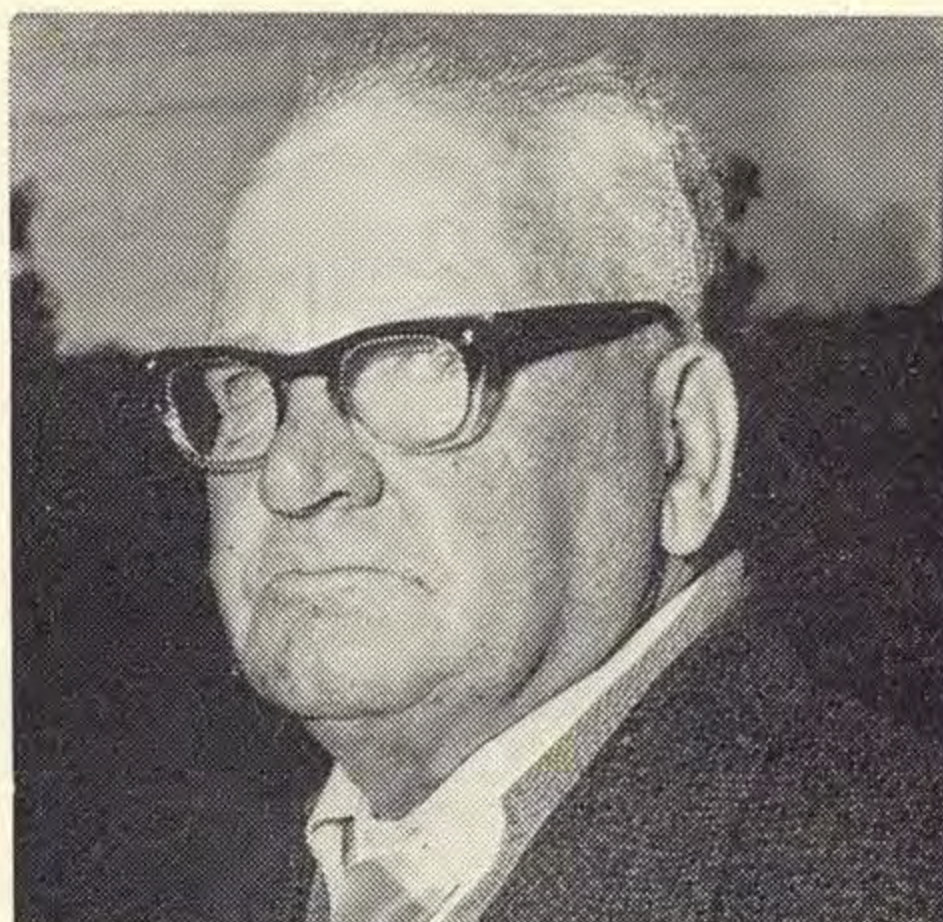


Alex Jack, a Leading Hand Fire Service Operator at Yallourn, retired on Tuesday, June 27, after 23 years' service.

Alex, who worked for many years in the goldfields around Ballarat, started as a Crusher Attendant at Yallourn North before working at Yallourn Open Cut.

Many retired personnel attended the send-off for Alex, and his son Max, an Overseer at Central Workshops, was also there.

On behalf of his workmates, Coal Production Superintendent Eric Foote presented Alex, a keen fisherman, with a rod and a wallet of notes.

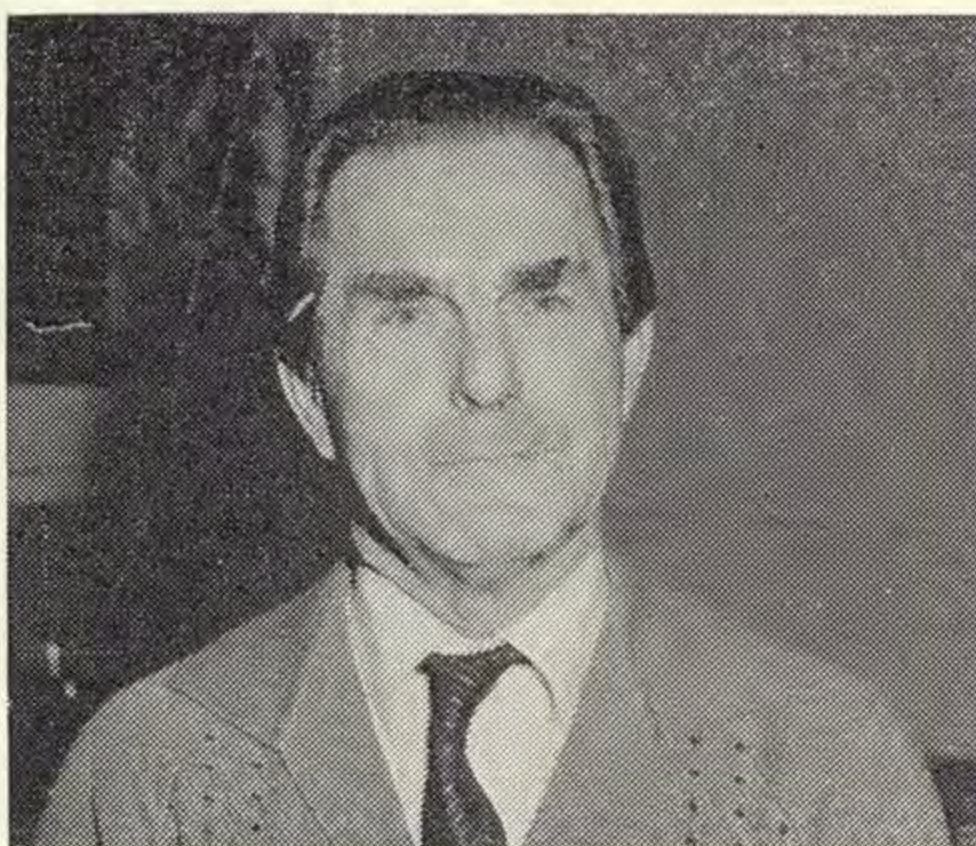


Cyril "Squizzy" Magnuson, a Maintenance Painter with Municipal, Yallourn, retired on Monday, June 19, after 18 years' service.

Squizzy, who was at one time a prisoner of war of the Japanese, worked as a painter with Municipal during the whole of his time with the Commission.

Civil Works Engineer Tom Stillman commented on Squizzy's unfailing helpfulness and, on behalf of his mates, presented him with a wallet of notes. In return, Squizzy promised to keep off slow horses in future.

RETIREMENTS



Wally Harrington, a Carpenter with General Services, Yallourn, retired on Thursday, June 22, after 22 years' service.

Wally's farewell was attended by a good turnout of his mates and by many retired personnel.

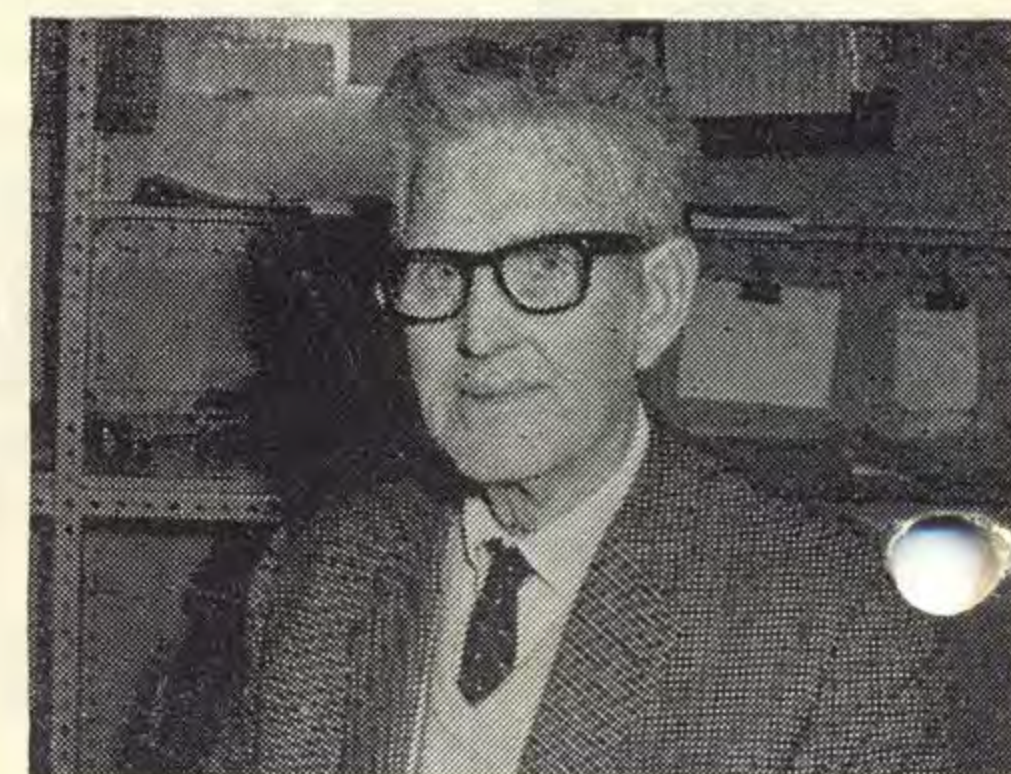
Civil Works Engineer, Yallourn, Tom Stillman paid tribute to Wally's contribution to the Commission over his years of service, both from a work point of view and personally. He then made a presentation to Wally on behalf of his mates.



Alan Humphrey, a Staff Driver with 23 years' service, retired on Friday, June 30.

Alan's farewell function at the Bus Barn, Yallourn, was well attended by his workmates and also by many senior Departmental Officers whom Alan had driven during his years of service.

Deputy Manager Graham Black paid tribute to Alan's valuable work for Legacy and presented him with a set of four lawn bowls and a fishing reel. Alan promised to put these to good use in his retirement at Port Franklin.



Bert Herriman, an Administrative Officer with Yallourn Stores, retired on Tuesday, July 11, after 25 years' service.

Before joining Stores, Bert worked on the construction side and was closely involved in building houses at Newborough and in the development of Yallourn Power Station.

Bert has bought a house at Palm Beach where he intends to spend his retirement. Departmental Commercial Officer Ron Osborne presented Bert with a canteen of cutlery, barbecue tools and kitchen scales.



Howard Baird, an Overseer with Parks and Gardens, Services, Yallourn, retired on Friday, June 30, after 25 years' service.

Municipal Works Engineer Roy Norden said that the flourishing trees and shrubs around Yallourn were a monument to Howard's work.

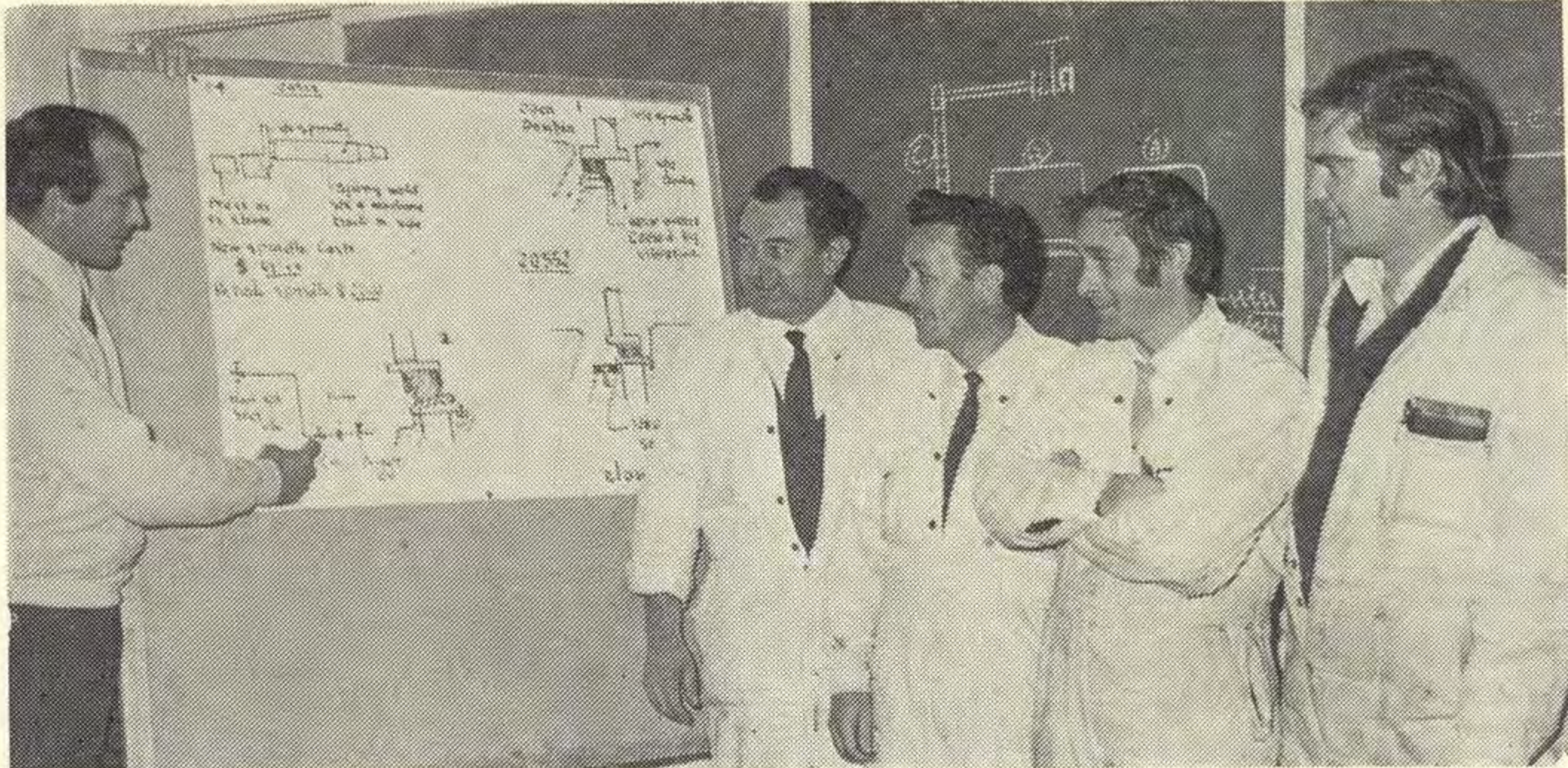
Manager, Services, May Gray presented Mrs. Baird with a bouquet of flowers and a brooch and Howard with a spirit lamp.



Frank Andrew, a Fitter with Mechanical Maintenance at Hazelwood Power Station, retired on Friday, July 7, after 15 years' service.

Frank, who worked at Hazelwood for the past five years, worked previously at Yallourn Power Station and a large crowd of Yallourn mates came to farewell him.

An ex-merchant navy man, Frank is a keen fisherman and spends a lot of time on his boat at the coast. To keep him comfortable in his rare leisure moments he was presented with a reclining rocker lounge chair.



FIVE AWARDS FOR H.P.S.

Five suggestion awards totalling \$410 were presented by Power Engineer Jack Robertson to Hazelwood Power Station personnel on Wednesday, June 14.

Here are the names of the award winners with a brief description of their suggestions:

Mechanical Overseer John Aldersea \$150 — installation of a false seat in the body of the sootblower isolating valves.

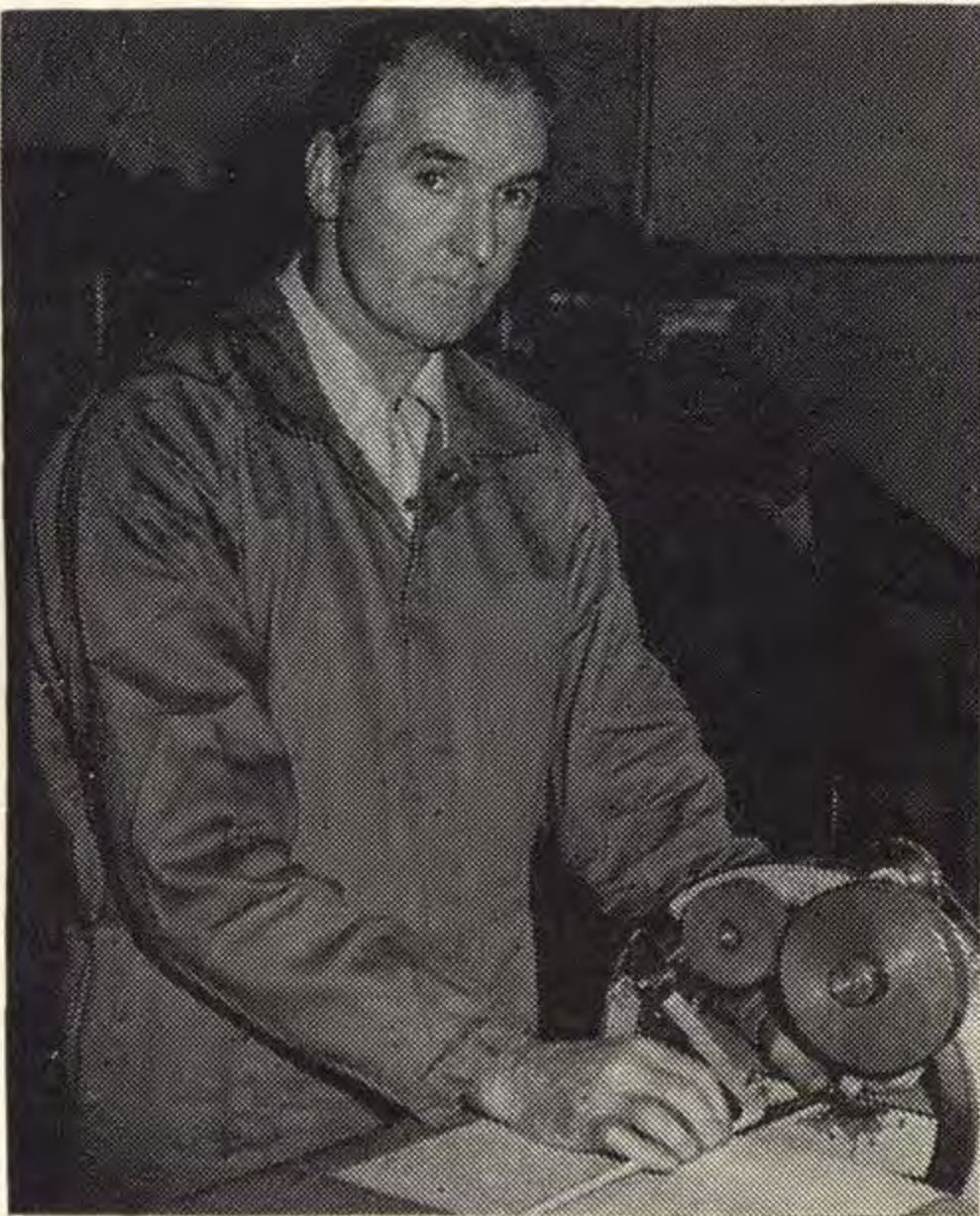
Mechanical Overseer George Wright \$150 — insertion of a stainless steel sleeve in the yoke of sootblower isolating valve spindles.

Electrical Overseer Werner Arheidt \$30 — reducing the travel speed of rotary air heater hoists on Units 3 and 4.

Mechanical Fitter Allan Long \$40 — modifications to the gang control arm on hopper air dampers, enabling these to be individually operated.

Mechanical Fitter Peter Charleston \$40 — fitting of perspex covers to feeder conveyors so that adjustments to tensioning arrangement are visible.

The photograph shows Station Engineer Dick Donchi discussing the awards with, from left, Werner Arheidt, George Wright, John Aldersea and Peter Charleston.



FRED'S \$500 SUGGESTION

A suggestion for a modification to an insulation taping machine at Electrical Workshops, Yallourn, resulted in an award of \$500 less tax to Armature Winder Fred Jobson. The modification saves the equivalent of two men's wages each year.

Mr. Graham Black, Deputy Manager, gave Fred his cheque on behalf of the Commission.

SUGGESTION AWARDS, 1972

	Power		Coal		Services		Transmission		Commercial		Totals	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
January	6	165	—	—	3	40	—	—	—	—	9	205
February	22	620	—	—	4	175	2	30	—	—	28	825
March/April	9	215	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	215
May	9	460	—	—	1	500	3	535	—	—	13	1495
June	8	250	—	—	1	15	1	15	—	—	10	280
TOTALS	54	1710	—	—	9	730	6	580	—	—	69	3020
Approx. Average Awards	\$32		—		\$81		\$97		—		\$44	

SPORT PARADE

Around the Commission at Lunch Time

Commission employees find various ways of passing the time during their lunch break. Some look to be easier on the digestive system than others!

Top right, Records Clerk Bill Cook of Morwell Admin. plays a flowing backhand at table tennis. His partner Val Fletcher looks a little dubious as to whether the ball will clear the net or not.

Bottom right, Tony Paul adopts a balletic stance at batting-on whilst Bill Adams, also of Property Office, Yallourn, eagerly awaits his turn to make like Rudolf Nureyev.

Below, in the Yallourn Power Station Canteen Bill O'Reilly pulls out his darts after what looks like a good score, watched by Andrew Pace and Francis Farrugia.

Underneath, chess players Vic Kilmonis and Vic Rodice are a little less temperamental than Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky and have no objections to Anton Wassacavic and Bill Mitchell picking up a few of the finer points of the game.

