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## Freak storm damage

No, this isn't the work of a 'Phantom' jet and nor was it the result of Forestry Officer Ian McDonald "blowing his top". It was just Mother

Nature in one of her more playful moods.

A freak storm hit Yallourn on the evening of Sunday, 11th November, causing several thousand dollars worth of damage at the Forestry Section.

Fortunately no-one was on duty at the time and there were no injuries.

The storm uprooted a tree in front of the office but by good luck it missed the building, as the photograph shows.

The office lost most of its roof, though, and so did the store behind it.

The roofing from the store was smashed against the machinery building at the rear; removing part of the wall.

The power line in the depot was brought down and a number of smaller trees were flattened.

### OUR COVER

The No.12 Dredger is well on the way, as this photograph by the department's senior photographer, Cliff Cleverly shows.

The dredger is expected to be in service early in March, next year, and cost nearly six million dollars.



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## Engagement



On 10th November, 1973, Jill Peacock, Personnel Division, to David Hayse of Moe.

On 17th November, 1973 Alf Vella, Personnel Division to Stella Frendo, Commercial Division.

## DOWN FROM THE NORTH



A former well known Latrobe Valley identity was back in the area recently and called in to thank us for the regular receipt of 'Contact'.

He was Ernie Slingsby, who retired five years ago to live in Queensland.

Ernie was an electrical mechanic at Yallourn Power Station.

He now lives with his wife in a caravan park at Hervey Bay, 200 miles north of Brisbane, and loves every minute of it.

It appears that his caravan is a regular port of call for many L.V. personnel who make a point of escaping the Gippsland winters.

These people and Contact seem to keep him well in touch with what's happening in the department.

Ernie keeps "his hand in" doing some wiring for a local electrical contractor.

He also spends part of his time brewing his own as the local product doesn't appear to come up to his standard.

After spending some time with his niece Mrs. Pat Boehm of Wallace Street, in Morwell, Ernie and Mrs. Slingsby went to Elsternwick and later will go to Sydney for a spell with some relatives.

They will then head back home in plenty of time for Christmas. Mrs. Slingsby, it seems has to make her Christmas Cakes and Ernie has "to get a brew up" for the holiday period.



## Keeping it in the family

If you call for a "Tewierik" at Hazelwood Power Station you get a choice of four — George, John, Marcel and Paul. With brother Tony, a dredger driver in the Morwell Open Cut, the boys make up the biggest family group in the Department — or do they?

Just for the record, Mr. Tewierik senior, also worked in the Department until his retirement in 1964 and two other brothers, Theo and Louis are former employees.

The family's association with the Commission doesn't end there. John's wife Sue, is a Typist at Morwell and Marcel's wife — she was Janine Tantau until 10-11-73 — is in data processing at Yallourn.

In the photograph are, left to right, Tony, Marcel, George, John and Paul.

If there are three or more members of your family working in the Department, Contact would like to hear about you.

## Yallourn Resettlement

# HOME PLAN DEVELOPMENTS

The Commission has already paid out a total of \$72,750.00 to 36 former Yallourn tenants, under the resettlement scheme.

This was announced by the full time resettlement officer, JACK PENNEY at a special meeting of the Resettlement Committee held in Monash House, on November 16th.

The meeting was also advised of a new procedure allowing the payment of the \$2,000 to be made to the solicitor of an eligible tenant. The Chairman of the Resettlement Committee, Mr. G. Black said, "This procedure will enable a house purchased

Photographed above are members of the Resettlement Committee at their meeting in Monash House.

Left to right: Graham Black, Geoff Coulsell, Jack Penney, Mike Answerth, John Irving, Jack Swann, Neville Thompson and Roy Morison.

to be finalised before the tenant vacates the Yallourn house."

Mr. Black announced that sales of the first three houses to tenants had been completed and arrangements can now be made for their removal.

He also advised the Committee that he will be attending meetings of the Yallourn Town Advisory Council at regular intervals, to keep the Committee up-to-date with commission plans.

## National Bank finance

The National Bank has announced that it will co-operate with the Commission in a scheme to assist Yallourn residents who are buying or building a home or arranging to remove one from Yallourn.

Details of this scheme and any other information on resettlement matters are available from JACK PENNEY at Flat 1 No. 2 Maiden Street or Telephone 622393.





Reg Weaver

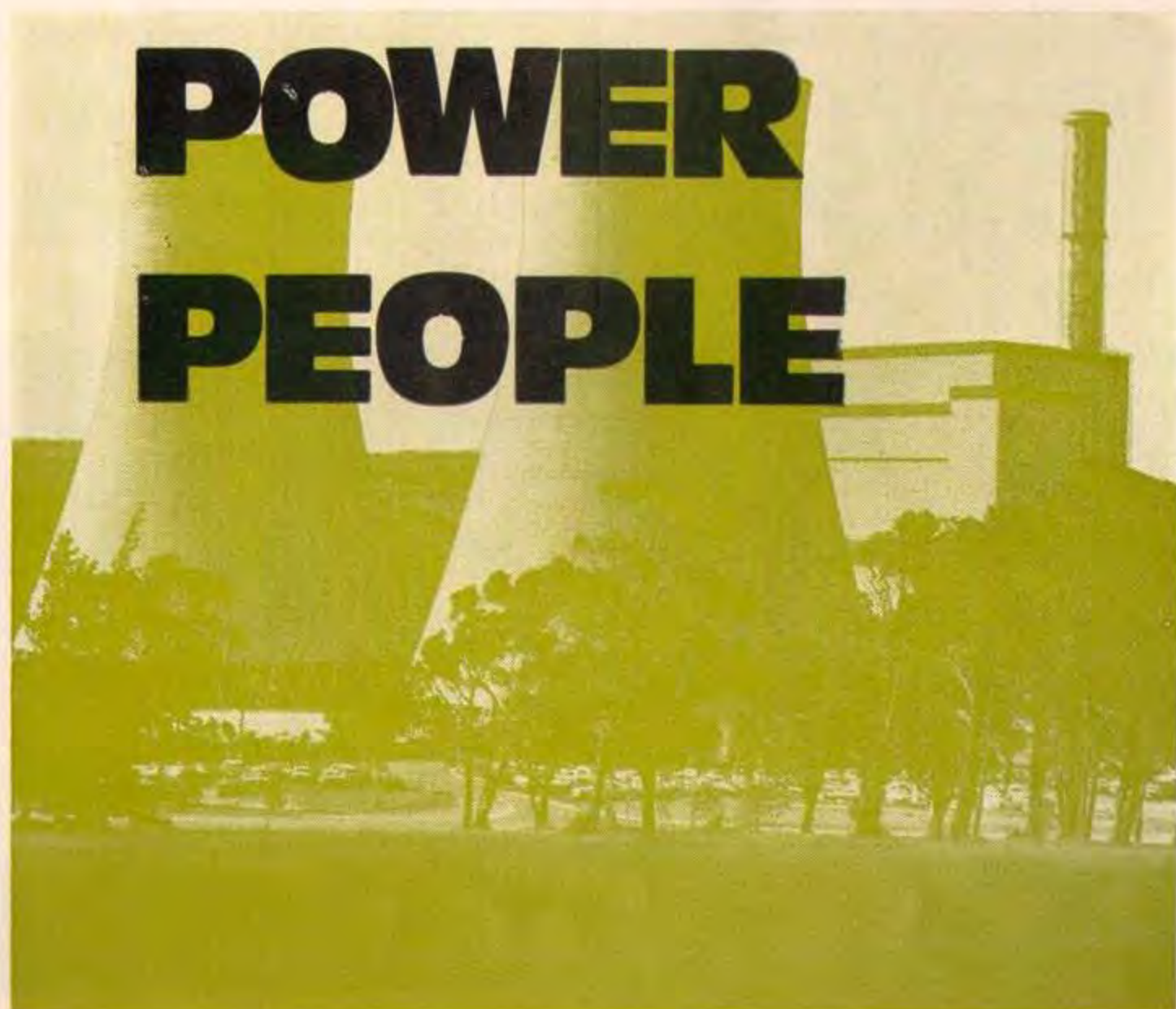


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# MEET THE POWER PEOPLE



Yallourn 'W' Power Station has two huge cooling towers, the first of their kind in Australia. It has a chimney towering 168 metres into the sky. Its two boilers, the largest at any power station in the country, are each over 80 metres high.

But big 'W' also has men, construction, production, maintenance and training men.

It has engineers, overseers, clerks, tradesmen and their assistants, scientific assistants, technical service officers, cleaners, a typist, chemist, lift operator and canteen attendant.

It also has six charge engineers—Reg. Weaver, Len Coleman, Hughie Wilson, Jim Garnett, Ron Clarke and Bill Fletcher.

This particular story and the photographs on these pages are concerned with Reg Weaver and some of the operational boys who work with him. They JUST happened to be on duty the day Contact visited the station.

In addition to the charge engineer, there are two unit controllers, two assistant unit controllers, two unit attendants, five plant attendants, an electrician and a scientific assistant on each shift. The training of these categories is done in the Valley, a great deal of it on the job.



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Depending on his experience, education and technical qualifications, a unit attendant has to undergo eight months of training, followed by two years of practical experience. If his work performance is satisfactory, he then has nine months of classroom training to become an Assistant Unit Controller. This in turn is followed by at least two more years of practical experience. After that period and again depending on his performance, he can apply for appointment as a unit controller.

Reg Weaver and the other "charges" joined the Station three years ago. In those days, the foundations of the turbines had been laid and the boiler drum of No. 1 unit was in position. Like captains of ships the "charges" watched the station grow from there on.

Reg has been with the Commission for sixteen years, all the time in the Valley on power production.

He claims he gets a lot of personal satisfaction working at Yallourn 'W'. "The plant is much bigger, newer and more sophisticated than anything we've ever experienced", he said, "and you cannot help but be interested in it. I am sure all the boys who work here feel the same way," he added.

He admits, however, that the personalities he meets on the job make it the most interesting part of the job and by all accounts, the station already has its share of them.

The "handing-over" to the Department of Unit No. 1 at Yallourn 'W' is now almost completed and the operational staff are all set to start really earning their keep.

1. Unit Controller LOU VIZKELETY (right) and his assistant RON WILLIAMSON in the control room of Unit No. 1.

2. Unit Controller BARRY WARRILLOW (right) and his assistant KEVIN FRANCIS make up the other "two-some" in the control room.

The training of Unit Controllers and their assistants is very extensive and calls for hard work on their part. They claim it is interesting and they all seem to enjoy it.

3. Unit Attendant GREG FRAILE (centre) removes a danger tag to put an item of plant back into service. Looking on are Plant Attendant

GEORGE JAMIESON and IAN LEE, a Trainee Unit Attendant.

4. Plant Attendant RON FREEMAN (right) with Trainee Unit Attendant NEIL BARRETT altering the direction of one of the shuttle conveyors that feed the boiler bunkers. On the completion of his training, Neil, as a Unit Attendant will supervise the work of Plant Attendants like Ron.

5. Plant Attendant MURRAY KANE (right) is setting up the ash plant for automatic operation. Looking on are Unit Attendants NICK SPACKMAN (left) and Trainee Unit Attendant GEOFF PATTLE. Geoff, Neil Barrett and Ian Lee were Unit Attendants at Hazelwood. They are undergoing further training on the more sophisticated equipment at Yallourn 'W' before taking up their appointments.

6. LLOYD LEWIS — a scientific assistant checking on the performance of an instrument that measures the concentration of silica in the boiler water. There are five Scientific Assistants, One Technical Officer, and one Chemist at Yallourn 'W' and between them they have "notched" up nearly one hundred years' experience in power station chemistry.

# APPRENTICES MEET THE COMMISSION

Members of the Victorian Apprenticeship Commission led by its President, Mr. A. Pead, visited the Latrobe Valley Department last week.

This was the first time the Commission, as a body, had visited a country area.

After lunching at the Yallourn Technical College, the members of the Commission visited the Departmental Training Centre at Yallourn.

There, they were met by senior officers including Mr. J. Drewett, Assistant Departmental Personnel Officer, Mr. A. Robinson, Education and Training Officer, Mr. G. Davis, Mechanical Services Engineer, and Mr. W. Smith, Electrical Services Engineer.

After a brief welcome by Mr. Robinson, the party inspected the Apprentice Training Workshops and the Central Workshops, where they observed the excellent training facilities and spoke to a number of apprentices and trainees at work.



Above—Members of the Apprenticeship Commission with senior SEC officers.

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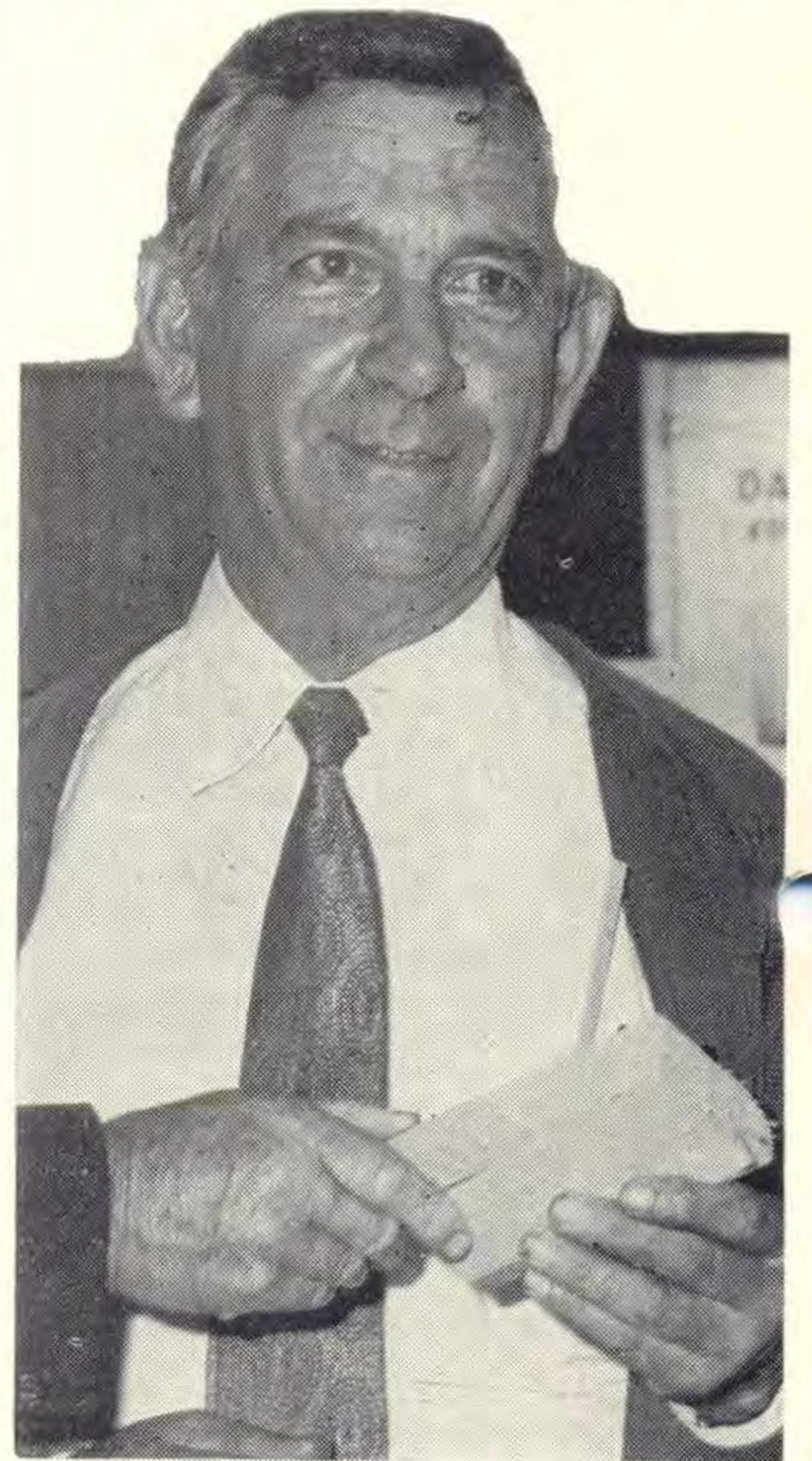
Messrs. J. Lannan; F. Hansen; A. Pead, President of the Commission; G. Hayes and W. Ryan.

Back Row:

W. Smith, Electrical Services Engineer, Transmission Division; J. Drewett, Assistant Departmental Personnel Officer; R. Gotts; P. McCormack, Secretary of the Commission; G. Davis, Mechanical Services Engineer, Services Division; D. Fisher and A. Robinson, Educational and Training Officer.

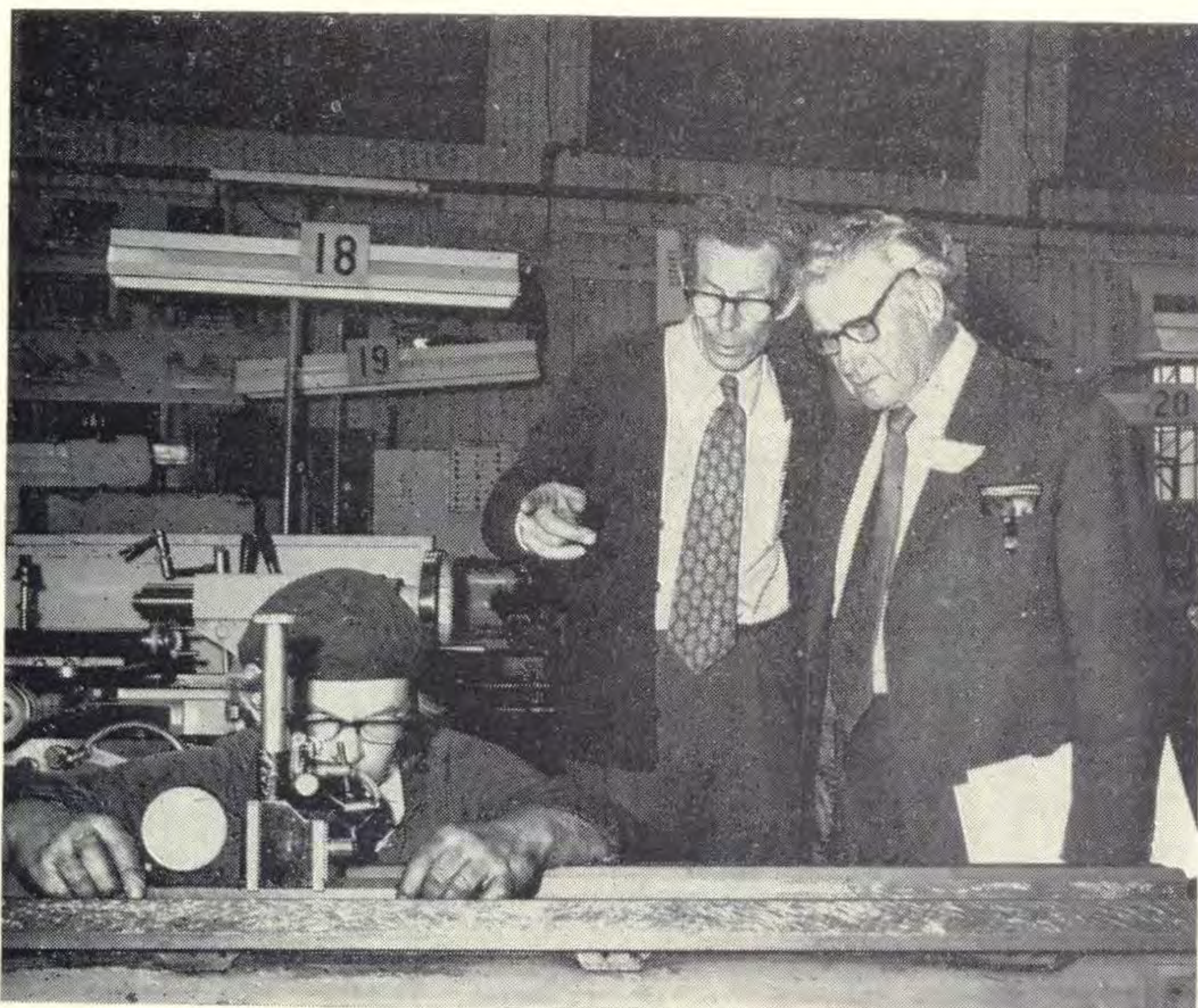
Below—Ken Horton (centre), Apprentice Training Supervisor, and Mr. G. Hayes, watch 2nd year Apprentice Fitter and Turner, Tony Dyt at work.

## Ingenuity earns cash



Morrie O'Neil, Overseer in Yallourn Carpentry Shop received 250 dollars for introducing a new system for making wooden press blocks, used in briquette presses.

The official recommendation read—"the award is in recognition of the ingenuity of the suggester in developing an efficient and economical method of manufacture and the design of an improved type of press block. The design of press blocks is outside the normal duties of the post."



## GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL

Safety is a very important matter in our Department. Nowhere is it treated more seriously than in the apprentice Training Workshop at Yallourn, where many of our workforce start their working lives.

Every month a different safety theme is chosen for the apprentices. Recently driver education was the monthly topic. Ernie Smith, Technical Training Officer for the Transport Division and Keith Buckland, an Assistant Training Officer came up from Fishermans' Bend to conduct the courses.

During the course, which lasts for a day, the apprentices, most of whom have either just received their driving licences or are ready to go for their test, are shown every aspect of driving safety. Subject dealt with included road laws, safe driving, vehicle inspection, vehicle handling under ad-



verse conditions and the road worthiness of vehicles.

Donald Cameron (left) a first year Fitter and Turner apprentice gets the good 'oil' from Keith Buckland; Steve

Taig in the centre is very interested. The apprentices in the background are Peter Ryan (left), and Manuel Mifsud.

This course is always popular with the boys, it is well received and in this particular case, they were very enthusiastic about the whole exercise.

## Retired men to get together

A reunion of retired Latrobe Valley personnel is being held on Wednesday, 12th December,.

Already quite a number of former employees have accepted the invitation to tour the Works Area and to be the guests of the Manager at lunch.

Transport is being supplied for those who require it.

Buses will leave the Electricity Supply Offices in Morwell and Moe at 10.00 a.m. and from the Kernot Hall, Yallourn, at 10.15 a.m.

If you are retired from the Latrobe Valley Department and wish to join your old mates on Decemeber 12th, and haven't already done so, will you please advise Mr. Stan Aitken, Public Relations Officer on 34 2244 (Extension 3179) or Mr. Rod Doig on extension 3425.

## Glamorous Geologists

The field staff of Coal Division are definitely improving especially in looks, as witnessed by these two birds on the left.

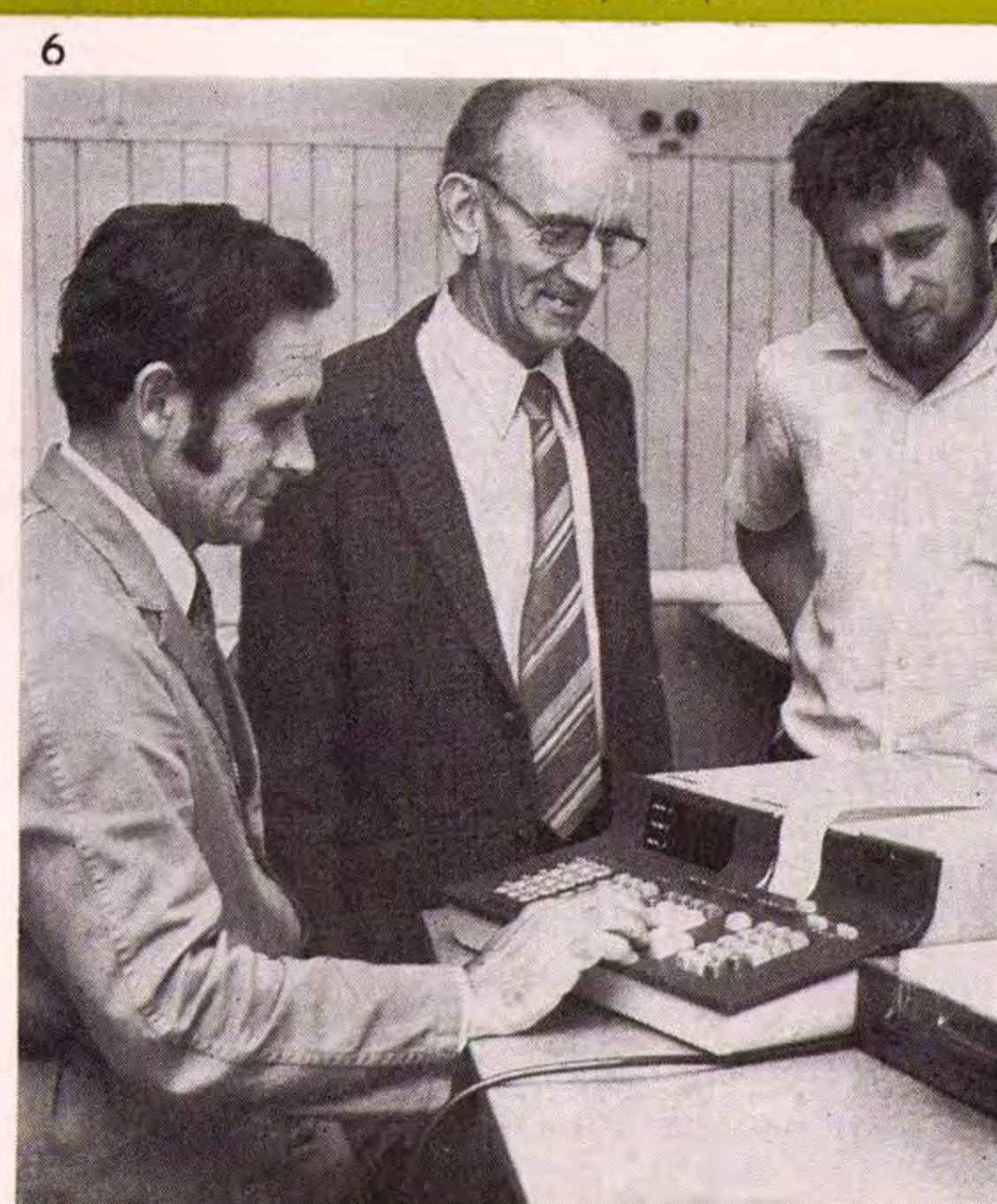
The girls are Georgie Waterman (left) and Sigrid Kraemers.

They're studying for their B.Sc. in geology and geography at Melbourne University and are with us as vacation students.

When they get their Degrees the girls hope to become School Teachers.

Come to think of it School Teachers seem to get younger and prettier every day, too!!





# The 'oldies' are really up to date

The Yallourn Survey Group is one of the oldest in the Latrobe Valley Department, and for that matter, in the Commission, and there are documents in the form of field sheets to prove it.

"Our Survey sheets date back to 1920 and some of them are still being referred to for present day surveys," said Noel Connelly, Surveyor-in-charge at Yallourn.

Noel, who is well known in Yallourn golfing circles, joined the Commission in 1956. Prior to that he spent four years in New Guinea in oil exploration — doing seismic and geological surveys for the Australasian Petroleum Company.

Like their colleagues in Morwell, the

Yallourn team's biggest problem is the weather. "We are often called upon to carry out urgent surveys and the weather is just not allowed to hold us up" said Noel.

Noel's greatest impression of surveying over the last twenty years is the tremendous and rapid changes that have taken place with the introduction of electronic equipment. "We've pretty well thrown away measuring tapes" he said "and we are now using sophisticated electronic equipment and photogrammetry (that's aerial surveying to the layman) and getting more detailed, accurate and faster results."

The survey boys perform a great variety of jobs and work in so many different conditions from the paved

streets of Yallourn, to the dense scrub country surrounding it. Some of these interesting jobs are illustrated in the photographs on these pages.

1. Noel Connelly (right) and Alex Hood examining a field sheet of the original survey of the Yallourn township. The survey was carried out in 1923 by the late G. D. Jones, who was the Commission's head surveyor at that time. The section is responsible for Crown Grant and title surveys.

2. John Nerrie (left) and Laurie Wheller, operating a model 6 geodimeter. This instrument, purchased in 1966, was a forerunner of the medium range electronic distance measuring instruments. It can measure distances of up to 25 kilometres to an accuracy of 1 centimetre plus two parts in a million.

3. Ralph Leditschke working on the computer terminal at the Tests and Communications Centre in Yallourn. The terminal is one of fourteen such units working on the time sharing operating system, and was installed recently, in the Latrobe Valley. It is connected to the large 370/155 I.B.M. computer at Head Office, and is used by the Yallourn Group for more involved survey computations.

4. Frank Roncan (left), Geoff Barnes (centre) and Theo Belgraver, setting out the boundaries of a subdivision which will accomodate some of Yallourn residents who will leave the town under the Resettlement Scheme.

5. Ray Vincent (left) and Bernie Hansford working on a stereo sketch in which details from a stereo pair of aerial photos are transferred to a plan. The unit is often humourously referred to as the 'Confessional'.

6. Brian Lalor (left) computing on a Hewlett Packard programmable calculator with Charles Lester (Centre) and Sandy Caines looking on. This electronic machine is equipped with a print out unit and has dramatically cut computing time in the Yallourn Office.

7. Fred Agius (left) and John Crozier, setting out a target to be used in aerial photography. Large scale engineering projects require reliable and accurate base maps for design work. Maps prepared from aerial photographs are used extensively by the Commission. This particular target is one of a pattern which will control the plotting of an accurate map to be used for the design of units 3 and 4 at Yallourn 'W'.

## Tommo's Big Day

# Yallourn golfers can do it in style

When Frank Tomlinson, President of the Yallourn Golf Club, gets on your back he really stays there. Ask the Club members, especially those associated with the building of the new Club House.

The building is finished now. It is a magnificent monument to all those who worked so hard on it.

When the "christening" ceremony was held on 21st September, three hundred members turned up—it was restricted to members—and many of them were dumbfounded to learn that they were co-owners of such a splendid Club House.

From its conception until its completion, the inspiration and driving force behind the project was Frank Tomlinson.

The Club Committee was so appreciative of his inspiring and untiring efforts that it unanimously recommended that he be given a life membership at the Annual Meeting in February next.

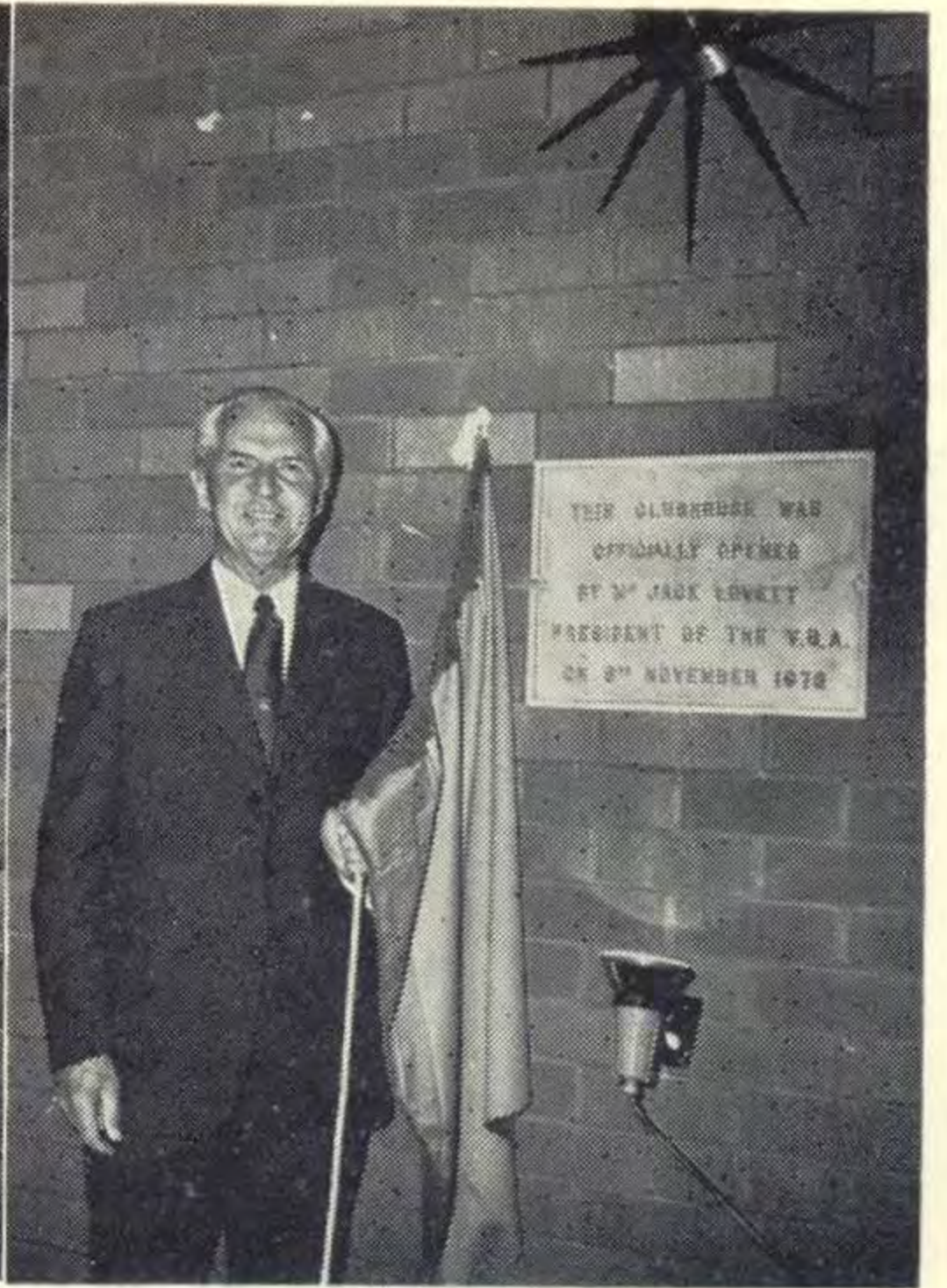
This was announced at the official opening of the Club on 3rd November by the former Club Captain and Vice-President Noel Connelly who said that the Club House would have been built without Frank Tomlinson, but it would not have been of the same dimensions, it would have been built at a far greater cost and would not have been completed in 1973.

Three hundred and fifty people sat down to dinner at the official opening and they included the President and two Councillors of the Victorian Golf Association and the Presidents of all the Clubs in the West Gippsland Association.

It was a memorable evening for Club members who can now boast of one of the finest sporting Clubs in Victoria.



Frank Tomlinson (right) gets a chit from Noel Connelly entitling him to free beer all night.



Jack Lovett, President of the V.G.A. unveils the plaque commemorating the official opening of the new Club House.

## South Africa's turbine experiences like ours

Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Hazelwood, Bruce Johnson, has returned from a five week visit to South Africa.

Bruce went there specifically to see the Camden Power Station in the Transvaal.

The Station has eight 200MW Parsons generators similar to the six at Hazelwood, and Bruce was interested in operational maintenance aspects of the units.

Although the first unit was installed in 1967—the year after No.3 at Hazelwood, all eight were in service by 1969.

The station operates on black coal and is situated on the coal field near the mine head. There are three shafts, any two of which can keep the Power Station operating.

On the whole, the South Africans are having turbine experiences similar to ours.

Apart from the fuel and the size of the boilers—theirs are smaller—the most striking difference between the power stations is the steam system.

Whereas we use the rigid unit system—the South Africans have a "range" system.

This makes for greater flexibility enabling them to connect any turbine to any boiler. It also, it appears, gives them a better annual output.

On the other hand, their set-up is much less sophisticated than ours they still use turbine drivers and firemen in place of our unit controllers.

Camden Power station has six cooling towers of the type used at Yallourn 'W'.

Bruce was impressed with the prosperity of South Africa. The country seems to be blessed with all the minerals it needs—large deposits of coal, copper, uranium, as well as the traditional gold and diamonds.

He also took kindly to their weather. After Gippsland's harsh winter and early spring, he was amazed and delighted to be in a place where, for several days in a row—there wasn't a cloud in the sky.





# Christmas calendar

*The festive season is almost with us and old Santa has quite a programme ahead of him.*

Some of his commitments to Departmental Social Clubs are:

DATE	CLUB	VENUE
December 2	L.V. Stores Group	Yinnar Recreation Reserve
December 2	Morwell Workshops	Thorpdale
December 8	Yallourn 'W'	Bek's Bridge, Moe (Neil Ipsen's property)
December 9	Central Workshops, Yallourn	Thorpdale
December 9	Morwell Power Station & Briquette Factory	Yinnar
December 16	Yallourn Power Station	Glen Cromie Park, near Drouin
December 16	Hazelwood Power Station	Yinnar

Contact would like to hear from any Clubs we may have inadvertently missed.

We would also like to know times of Santa's arrivals, etc., as efforts will be made to get photographs.

## Power Division transfers

The following transfers of Senior Officers are scheduled to take place within Power Division.

Don Bromilow leaves Headquarters Group to become Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn.

His place will be taken by Don Clark who has been Power Station Superintendent at Hazelwood for the last three and a half years.

Arthur Ewen, Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn, becomes Hazelwood Power Station Superintendent.

Ian Runge, who has been Departmental Planning Engineer for the last two years transfers to Yallourn 'W' Power Station as an Assistant Power Station Superintendent.

Laurie Culph, Electrical Plant Engineer, Headquarters Group, goes to Power Department in Melbourne for twelve months.

## Institute branch in the Valley

A branch of the Institute of Draftsmen of Australia has been formed in the Latrobe Valley.

The President is Vic Vale, Ken Withell is the Vice-President and Reg Felmingham, the Secretary-Treasurer.

Membership of the institute is open to students as well as qualified draftsmen.

The new branch already has 34 members, all SEC personnel from the Latrobe Valley Department and the Gippsland Electricity Supply Branch in Traralgon.

The organisers hope to recruit members from other industries in the Valley, including the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board, the Gippsland Cement and Lime Co. and the APM.

Following its inaugural meeting, the first full meeting of the Branch will be held in the Assembly room of the Admin. Building in Morwell on December 12th at 7.30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be George Davis who recently returned from a fact finding trip overseas.

## Ed Scott retires



An educationist well known to many SEC officers in the Latrobe Valley and elsewhere in Victoria will retire from the Education Department on 31st December, 1973. He is Mr. Edgar L. Scott, PRINCIPAL of the Yallourn Technical College for the last 21 years.

In appreciation of his services to the profession, a Social Evening will be tendered him at Shaw's Banquet Hall, George Street, Moe, on Friday, 14th December, 1973, at 7.15 p.m. Drinks will be served from 6.30 p.m.

Friends and associates wishing to attend should forward \$7.50 (single) or \$15.00 (double) to Mr. Jim Minster, C/o Yallourn Technical College, P.O. Box 63, Newborough, before 30th November.

Those unable to attend but wish to contribute to the presentation will be gratefully acknowledged.

## W.I.C.B. elections

Principal Surveyor, Bob Peters, was re-elected a Vice President of the Warragul Inspectorate Camp Board at the Annual Meeting, held at Trafalgar on November 20th.

Keith Cook, a Foreman at Yallourn North Extension, was elected to the other Vice Presidency.

The W.I.C.B. Administers the school camp located on the North shore of the Yallourn Storage Dam.

Other Commission personnel on the Board are Don Coupe, Dave McNicol, Don Ferguson and Ken McDonald.

# Safety Section

## He wasn't looking for trouble

Doug Stewart, a second year apprentice boilermaker, in the Central Workshops at Yallourn has excellent eyesight, and he can thank his safety spectacles he still has.

He had been grinding pieces of angle iron with a portable grinder. He switched the grinder off but inadvertently placed it on the steel work bench whilst it was still running. The grinder wheel picked up an object thought to be a small piece of welding electrode and flung it towards him, striking his safety spectacles. The photo below shows what happened. It's not hard to imagine what would have happened to Doug's eye had he not been wearing his safety spectacles.

Now you know what some people mean when they say — SAFETY DOESN'T COST — IT PAYS!



Photographed above are Suzanne Barker, a Clerical Assistant in Personnel Division and her fiancé Phillip Maxwell, a Fitter at Hazelwood Power Station.

They are looking quite happy now, but it was not always like this. Recently Sue accidentally set fire to Phillip's four months old car, and, it is said his moans can still be heard above the noise of the turbines.

Sue had left her magnifying make-

## Burning love

up mirror on the back seat of the car, facing the ceiling. The sun's rays did the rest. Fortunately, they returned to the car in time to prevent what turned out to be a two inch diameter hole in the lining, becoming a completely burnt out car.

There's a moral in this story for young ladies — get yourself an understanding boy friend — or better still, don't leave make-up mirrors lying around in cars.

## Out with the bandages

As Contact goes to print, details are being finalised for the final of the Commission's Annual First Aid Championship. It will be held in the Assembly Room of the Traralgon Technical School, on Friday, 30th November, 1973.

Teams from Swan Hill, Dandenong, Collingwood and Public Lighting will be taking part.

The Competitions were first staged in 1941, and are conducted annually to Foster interest in First Aid and to promote efficiency in dealing with real life emergencies.

The Department and the Gippsland Electricity Supply Branch are co-hosting the function and a Committee, consisting of officers from both organisations and from Personnel Department in Head Office has been at work for some time now organising the event.

Visitors are welcome to attend the championship final in the Technical

School.

Those who have not seen a First Aid final before could be in for some surprises.

Realistic stage settings are used, and in previous years, some of these have rivalled any theatrical production for authenticity.

Last year, the setting was outside the lifts of a large building, where there had been a boiler explosion, causing severe injuries.

The previous year, the setting was an accident on a pedestrian crossing, complete with a car on stage.

Details of scenes are kept a close secret from teams competing, and the first they know of the "situation" is when they actually walk on stage in the middle of the "drama".

The audience can have a lot of fun and excitement seeing which teams correctly identify and treat the injuries, and then try and pick the winner.

# INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MINOR SHOCKS

There has not been an electrical fatality in the Latrobe Valley Department for some 18 years, and over the past three years we have only had three disabling injuries from electric shock cases, one of which there is doubt as to whether the employee received an electric shock or collapsed due to a physical condition. However, during recent months the number of minor electrical shocks (many of which could have proved fatal) has increased. In the three year period mentioned above there have been 30 reported minor shocks, five of which occurred during the last month. The following are an example of the types of returns being received:

1. A cleaner at Yallourn Power Station using steel wool to clean down the Recreation Room wall received an electric shock when the steel wool contacted a live terminal of a damaged power point. The power point had been damaged some time before the event by staff members playing table tennis. They apparently did not see the need to report this hazard. The cleaner may well have lost his life.
2. A third year apprentice electrical fitter at Hazelwood Power Station connected up a three phase 415 volt motor for test then, when it was running, bent down to listen to bearing noises. However, for support, he inadvertently placed his open right hand on the exposed live terminals of the motor. This could easily have proved fatal.
3. At Hazelwood Power Station a lamp patrolman was using an unsheathed screwdriver to lever out difficult to remove fluorescent fittings. After a long period of using this bad work practice, the inevitable eventually happened — fortunately again, not serious. It turned out that the fittings were faulty.

The incidents are quoted as examples of what could be a growing complacency towards 240 volt circuits.

We cannot afford to become complacent, 240 volt DOES KILL. During the year 1973, 93 people were electrocuted in Australia, of these 69 were from 240 volt circuits. During the year 1972 in Victoria (Australian figures not available as yet), 15 people died by electrocution, 11 from 240 volt circuits.

Remember to give that common household 240 volt the respect it deserves both on and off the job.

## Holiday information

### TO LET:

HOLIDAY HOME at Eagle Point. Two Bedrooms — Accommodate 6 persons. All conveniences — Septic Tank, Electric Stove, Refrigerator, Washing Machine, Briquette Hot Water Service. \$28 per week. — Phone Moe 27 2573.

### TO LET:

HOLIDAY COTTAGE overlooking Lake Victoria at Paynesville. 3 B/R. HWC, Septic System, Furnished. Supply own linen. Available over holiday season. Contact V. McGoldrick, Yallourn 'W'

### FOR HIRE:

CARAVAN, 6 berth, fully equipped, permanent annexe, on site at Banksia Caravan Park, Rosebud West, 2 minutes from beach, available anytime except from 26th December, 1973 to 3rd February, 1974. For further details contact Jim Dyer, Morwell Briquetting Works, Ext. 3507.

### FOR SALE:

SURFBOARD — George Rice, 8 foot, 20 lbs. Excellent condition, \$45. — Phone P. Hill, Ext. 2069.

# Lifetime of Community Service

## RETIREMENTS



George (right) tells his successor George Seear what he can expect on the job.

Amenities Officer, George Evans, retired from the SEC on November 14th, after 45½ years service. During that time he also managed to give a total of nearly a hundred years voluntary service to several other organisations including the Yallourn Town Advisory Council, the Yallourn Medical and Hospital Society, the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital, and the Yallourn Friendly Society to name just a few.

The Chairman of the Yallourn Town Advisory Council, Cr. N. Wishart, former Departmental Personnel Officers Arthur Cross and Wes Betts and representatives of the various organisations joined a large group of George's workmates at his farewell.

The ceremony was chaired by Brian

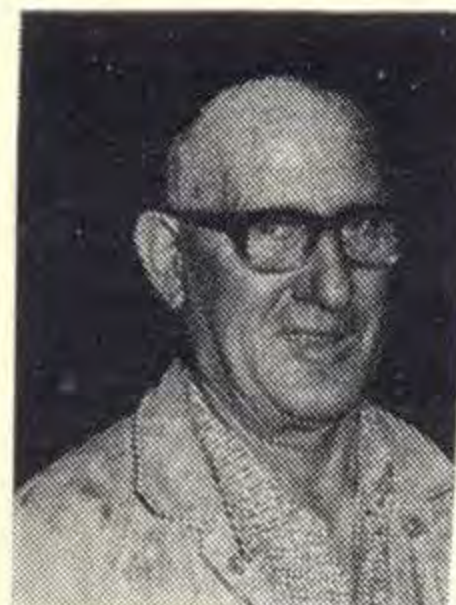
Collier, Departmental Personnel Officer.

Mr. Bill Graham, Manager, Power, outlined George's great service to the Commission as a labourer, leading fireman, crane driver, roster clerk and his last 16 years as Amenities Officer. He said he had brought great kindness, courtesy, sincerity and devotion to his job of looking after his less fortunate workmates.

The Acting Manager, Mr. Graham Black, presented George with a gold watch to mark his 45 years service and with other gifts from his friends. He said George was one of the most selfless person he had ever met. He thanked him for his great service to the Commission and for the personal friendship which he valued highly.



ALBY BENSON commenced as a labourer at Yallourn in 1934 and eventually became a fitter. In 1956 he transferred to Morwell Open Cut as a shift fitter, the position from which he retired on 19th September, 1973.



NORM THOMAS a Motor Mechanic, commenced duty with the Commission in 1951 at the old Yallourn North Depot before transferring to the Transport Workshops, Yallourn, from where he retired on Friday, 9th November, 1973.



RITCHIE (DICK) McCULLOCH retired on October 19th, after 26 years service with the Commission. He began as a shift engineer at Yallourn Briquette Factory and after a spell at Gelong Power Station returned to Yallourn. When the Yallourn factory closed down, he became a shift engineer at the Morwell Briquetting Works.



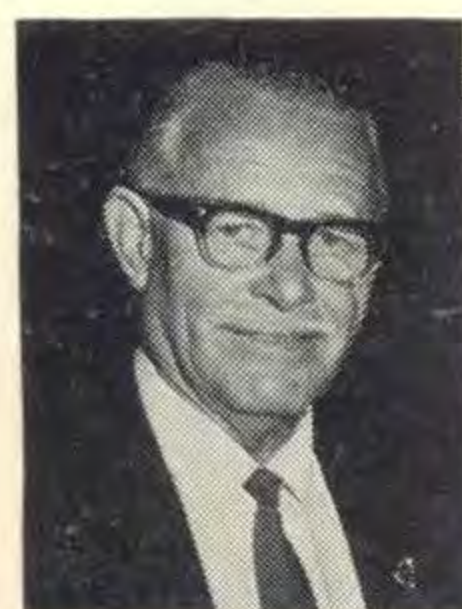
TED MILLET retired on October 31st, after 20 years service. He began with Construction at Yallourn and then transferred to Services in Morwell. For the last 13 years he became a familiar figure as the driver of the mechanical sweeper at Yallourn Briquetting Works.



FRANK RATJAM started with the Commission in January, 1960, in the Yallourn Open Cut where he worked until transferring to Yallourn Power Station as a greaser in 1970—the position from which he retired on Friday, 9th November, 1973.



GEORGE DRAPER retired on September 29th, after 11½ years service as a fitter in the electrical workshops at Yallourn.



FRANK SULLIVAN Loco Driver and FED and FA shop Seward in Central Workshops, Yallourn, retired on 8th, October, 1973, after a total of 13 years service with the Commission. Frank began in 1934, left in 1939 and re-commenced in 1964. He retired early and plans to carry on his own business as a roof-tiler.



ALF SEER started in 1964 in the Yalourn Open Cut in the track gang and later became a Fire Service Operator, the position from which he retired due to ill health.

# Visitors to the Valley

A party of five professional educators from Africa visited the Department on October 17th.

They were led by Mr. L. A. Falk, Regional Director of Education for Gippsland.

After inspecting the facilities at the Departmental Training Centre the party was taken on a tour of Yallourn Open Cut and 'W' Power Station.

Four of the visitors were from Ghana and one came from Nigeria. The Nigerian was Mr. A. Adedifi, a Primary School Inspector.

The visitors from Ghana were Mr. A. R. Cudjoe, Principal of a secondary school; Mr. D. P. Bawah, Deputy Principal of a secondary school and Messrs. C. P. Buabin and S. Boateno, School Inspectrs.

As part of a nine week tour of Australia, the group were attached to the Education Department's Gippsland Regional Directorate for three days, and visited primary and post primary schools in the region.

During the month the Department was also host to a group of motor Trade Executives who visited the Valley with Mr. Peter Moir, Acting Manager, Supplies and General Services and Mr. Cliff Gilbert, Transport Engineer.



The group consisted of Mr. Ned Ziesler, General Manager, William Adams; Mr. Noel Dight, Manager (Fleet and Lease) G.M.H.; Mr. Bob Carter, General Manager, Thiess Bros; Mr. Charlie Quinn, General Manager, International Harvester; Mr. John Badcock, Manager (Fleet and Lease) Ford; Mr. Jeff Knight, Manager International Sales and Services and Mr. Peter Green, Construction and Equipment Engineer, G.M.H.

The party inspected Yallourn 'W' and the Central Workshops in the morning and in the afternoon visited the Morwell Open Cut and Hazelwood.

Above: Ric Crookes (second from left), Assistant Education and Training Officer with, Left to right, Messrs. K. West, D. Bawah, S. Boateno, A. Cudjoe, A. Adedipi, L. Falk, C. Buabin and I Sapwell.

Messrs. West and Sapwell are Field Officers with the Education Department's Gippsland Regional Directorate.

Below: Mr. Ron Osborne (centre), Departmental Commercial Officer, talks about coal to, left to right, Messrs. Jeff Knight, Noel Dight, Bob Carter, John Badcock, Charlie Quinn, Peter Green, Ned Ziesler and Peter Moir.





## Successful golf day at Traralgon

The Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory Social Club held its Annual Golf Day at Traralgon on October, 14th.

A record field of 98 including ladies, battled it out over 18 holes for the various trophies.

The under 24 handicap event was won by C. Troake with J. Baker carrying off the over 25 prize. W. Warren won the Social Club member event and the coveted NAGA Prize went to Alan Campigli.

By all accounts some good cards were returned especially during and after lunch—which was supplied by the social club.



John Dixon



Participants in the Golf Day. Above: Second from left Bruce Fisher, Norm Warren and Alister Thorpe. At the time of going to print we were unable to

identify the gentleman on the extreme left. Below: Left to Right Kath Foster, Kitty Bloomfield and Nola Crozier 'having a spell.'



## JOHN WINS WHEN HE STAYS ON

John Dixon, a trainee rigger at Hazelwood is another one of our successful cyclists. Aged 24, John who lives in Traralgon has been cycling for four years, the last year as a professional.

His first big success came this year when he won the Dandenong to Lakes Entrance race, the world's longest one-day bike race, on October, 6th.

He was favourite for this year's "Warrnambool" but unfortunately "came off".

John was one of a bunch of eight riders, who, as they caught up with another bunch were skittled by a rider sweeping across the road in front of them.

He said he'll be having another go next year. He'll be trying hard to win and that also means staying on the bike.

## Sun Tour no picnic



This year's Sun Tour of Victoria was conducted in some of the worst weather conditions in the events' history, according to our representative BOB KYPRIOTIS, (above).

Bob, a fitter with Coal Division's Mechanical Maintenance Section at Morwell, was tour leader for part of the race and finished twelfth in a field of 24.