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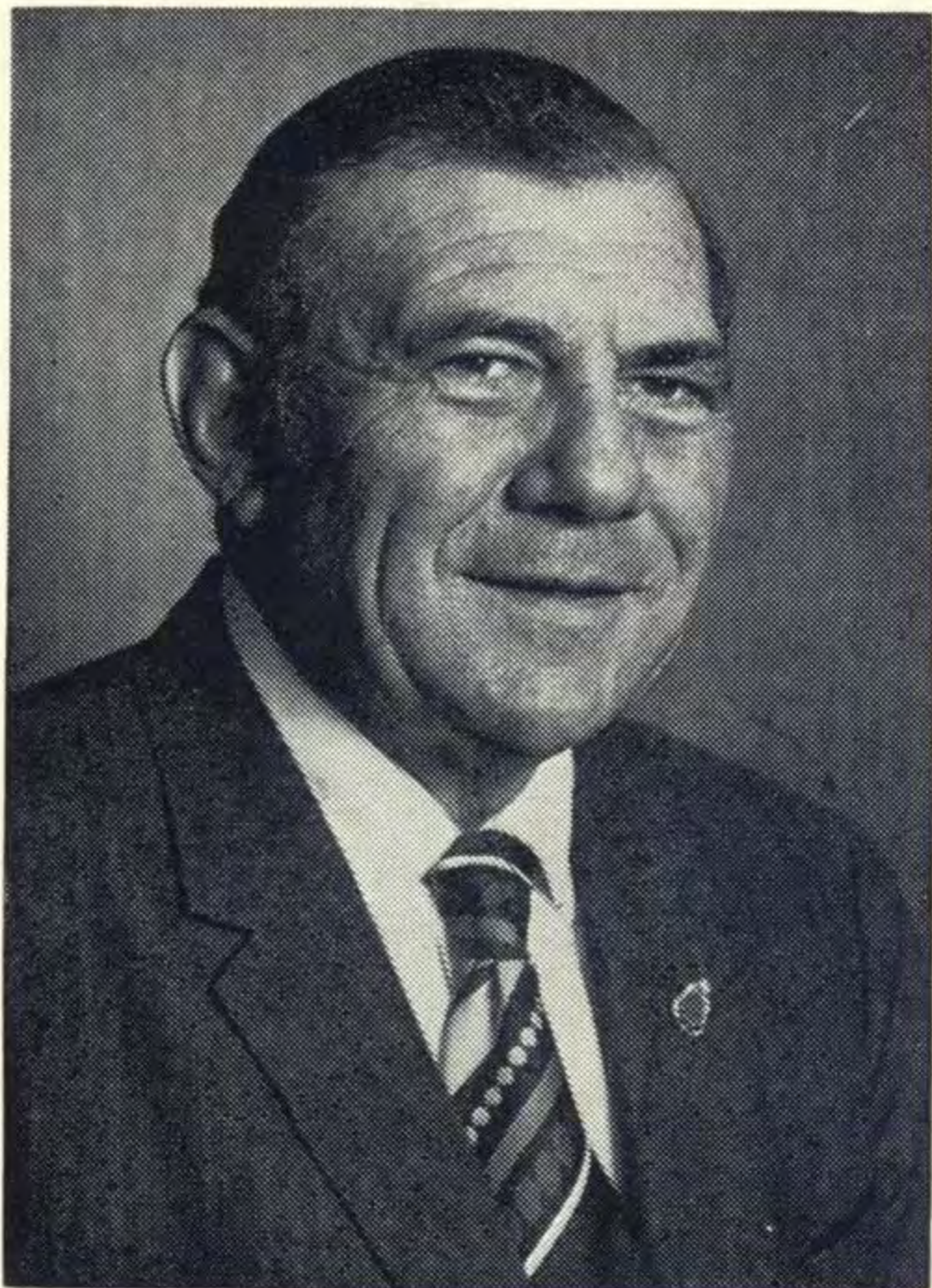
Merry Christmas

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DECEMBER, 1973



An eventful year draws to a close

1973 is drawing to a close, ending yet another eventful chapter in the history of the Latrobe Valley Department.

The finalisation of plans for the resettlement of the people of Yallourn, the bringing into service of the first unit at Yallourn 'W' Power Station, and towards the end, the long-awaited announcement, indicating that we are on the verge of another major development in this area, were three major happenings of the year.

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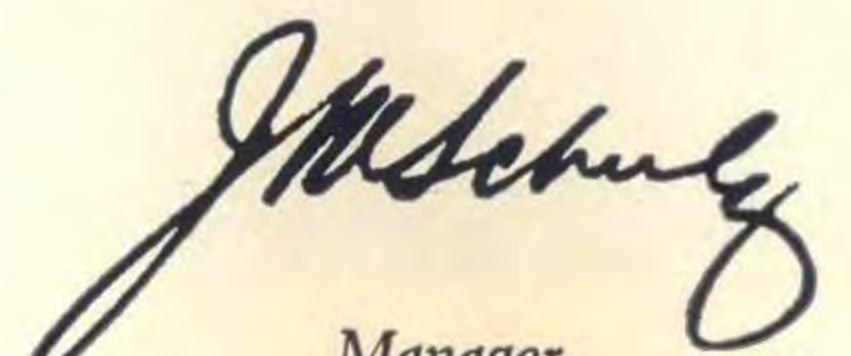
We can all feel justifiably proud of the fact that the first 350 MW generator at Yallourn 'W' has been operating at full load on tests, which are a prelude to the machine being taken over by the Commission for commercial operation.

The unit is, of course, the largest by far, in our State system, and its successful entry into service will mark another milestone in our history. I offer my sincere congratulations to all who have been and still are associated with it.

There will be few people in this area who will not be delighted with the news that the Commission will proceed with detailed investigations into the Loy Yang project. To quote the official announcement, if the investigations are favourable, "it will be the SEC's third major brown coal undertaking in the Latrobe Valley and will meet the growth in Victoria's base load electricity requirements until well into the 1990's."

An announcement confirming the Project would guarantee the continued development of this Valley which means so much to all of us, and I hope it will finally silence the many critics and "knockers" of this area.

For my part, I extend to you all, and to your families, my sincere best wishes for the forthcoming holiday season, I hope that it will be a safe and accident-free time for you all, and I trust that next year will be a happy, peaceful and prosperous one for all of us.


Manager,
Latrobe Valley Department

Whilst I do not wish at this time to enter into any controversy on the future of Yallourn township, I feel that there are some matters concerning the resettlement of its citizens that need to be restated.

First of all, the decision to re-compensate our employees, retired personnel and widows of former employees, who will be leaving Yallourn under the resettlement programme was made after lengthy discussions and deliberations.

The offer of finance was made because of the Commission's genuine desire to help its people in Yallourn when the time came for them to leave.

It is a matter of regret that this offer should now be considered by some people as a bribe to encourage the residents to leave.

Secondly, I would like to re-emphasise that no one will be asked to leave Yallourn before 1979.

Thirdly, I re-affirm that the Commission will do everything in its power to ensure that the people of Yallourn are re-settled with the minimum of of inconvenience to themselves.

Mr. Jack Penney, at present the resettlement officer, has been appointed to look after the interests of Yallourn people. I earnestly ask them all to seek his advice on all matters relating to their re-housing. He can be con-

Our cover

The four Stalwarts on the cover had over 120 years service between them with the Commission. They are left to right, Ted Huxtable, Frank Fuller, Bob Anderson and George Botten.

They were just four of the 150 retired Latrobe Valley Personnel who returned on 12th December, as guests of management.

There will be more photos in the next issue of contact.



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Yallourn Resettlement

Resettlement committee gets on with the job

The Yallourn Resettlement Committee, formed on 13th December, 1972, has now been in existence for one year. Since its formation, the Committee has met 13 times and a meeting has been held with interested State Departments and Municipalities.

A total of 38 people have received assistance amounting to \$77,600 to re-settle elsewhere. Of these 15 are retired or widowed and 23 are still in the Commission's employ. A further 18 applications are being dealt with.

Seven of those who are retired or widowed now live elsewhere in the Latrobe Valley, four in other parts of Victoria and four Interstate.

Ten of those still employed by the Commission now live in Newborough, one in Moe, one in Yallourn North, five in Morwell, three in Churchill and three in other adjacent towns.

Since the arrangement was introduced recently whereby Commission tenants can buy and remove the houses they occupy or have first priority on houses being disposed of, two are buying their own homes and three are buying houses listed for sale.

The Housing Commission has provided plans of single storey, two-bedroom units which we have asked them to build in Newborough for elderly people and this project will soon be under way. The Housing Commission also is proceeding with drawings for a land subdivision at Trent Street, Newborough, which will provide about 40 blocks and work will soon start there.

The National Bank is co-operating in providing loans for housing to assist Yallourn tenants to buy or build elsewhere and information can be obtained from the Yallourn Resettlement Office.



Blow-up at Morwell

The 11 kV cable supplying the No. 1 11-220 kV transformer at the Morwell Power Station Switchyard, blew up the other day and the photograph above shows what was left of the cable.

The fault occurred on a bend in the tunnel almost underneath the transformer.

The force of the explosion lifted the covers off the tunnel manhole and damaged the brick wall around the transformer.

It also blew down the personnel protecting screens back in the cable basement under the power station.

There were no injuries.

Keeping it in the family

Alex Hood and his twin sons, Alex Jnr. and James, comprise this month's family group.

Alex Snr. is a Stores Officer at Morwell. Alex Jnr. is a Draftsman in the Yallourn Survey Section and James is a Mechanical Engineer at Yallourn Power Station.

Young Alex is a qualified pilot and spends a fair part of his spare time flying. He is also a leader in the Boys'

Brigade.

James is a Rover Scout and, with his father, is active in light drama and in opera.

Pictured are (left to right), Alex Snr., James and Alex Jnr.

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





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They're in the silk department

The next time you look at a suggestion poster or see a warning sign in the Stores or in an Electrical Switchyard, the chances are almost certain that you are seeing the work of the Silk Screen Section of the Yalourn Paint shop.

Civil Workshops Overseer, Morrie O'Neil and his Leading Hand Painter, Ron Decarli are in charge of the small

group who produce all the silk screen work for Commission branches throughout the state. Their products vary from metal road signs to safety posters, from precise gauge dials for power station instruments to printed electrical circuits for Tests and Communications Section.

The change to Metrification has meant a great deal of work for the

Section in producing hundreds of new dial faces in metric units. In 'W' Station and Hazelwood alone some 1500 new gauge dials were required.

The Section prides itself on the quality of its work and on the fact that it can turn out a product at a cost which compares favourably with private enterprise.

"Our workforce has the know-how and equipment to carry out almost any signwriting or silk-screen job," said Morrie O'Neil. "The quality and unit cost of our products are the reasons why we are asked to do work for Commission branches all over the State."

In the photos on these pages members of the Silk-Screen Section are shown producing a variety of Commission signs and posters.

1. Kevin James is spraying the metal plates with enamel paint as a background for the lettering. The plate, usually made of aluminium, has been treated with a de-oxidating solution and given an undercoat of zinc chlorate.

2. For large lettering a hand cut stencil is used. Apprentice Screen Printer Harry Wissmer (right), watched closely by Leading Hand Garry Downes, is cutting out the letters for a sign stencil.

3. Apprentice Phillip Osborne (right) operates a typositor under the careful eye of Leading Hand Ron Decarli. This machine is used to produce a film of the lettering, for a variety of smaller lettering when required. Phillip and Harry are the first two Apprentice Screen Printers trained by the Commission.

4. The film from the typositor is placed on a special pre-sensitized film and is exposed to mercury vapour light

in a vacuum table. The image is then transferred on to the "screen." In this photograph John Poelsma is producing a screen for printing of a safety poster.

5. Having produced a stencil on a silk, nylon or polyester "screen" the surface to be printed is placed beneath the "screen" and paint is then forced through the screen fibres with a "squeegee."

John Poelsma hands a printed poster to Geoff McInnes (left) for placing in the drying racks. For multi-colour work a new screen is needed for each new colour.

6. Phillip Osborne is removing finished signs from the electric baking oven.

The oven produces a baked enamel finish on the metal signs.

7. In spite of technical and electronic advances, there is still plenty of scope for signwriters, like Bill Roots shown here putting the finishing touches to a Gold Medallion Home sign for a Gippsland builder. These signs are provided free of charge to builders as a part of the Commission's sales promotion campaigns.



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Apprentices can look to a bright future

Over 100 parents and guests attended the Annual Presentation of Awards to apprentices held at Yallourn on 5th December.

The visitors were welcomed by Mr. Athol Robinson, Education and Training Officer, who said the day marked the end of a stage of the training of apprentices. They would now move out from the training workshops armed with some basic skills upon which to build a career. They were now a year older, more mature and with a sense of pride in their jobs.

Guest speaker was Mr. Don Bromilow, Power Station Superintendent, Yallourn, who said that the SEC would be looking for young, enthusiastic, capable people from within the Latrobe Valley Department to staff the newly announced Loy Yang project. The announcement of the project assured the apprentices of two things—

- The ongoing role of the SEC in the Latrobe Valley and the assurance of continued employment for those tradesmen chosen to stay on with the Commission.
- The opportunity to share in the development at Loy Yang of a reliable economic source of energy for the State of Victoria.

Mr. Bromilow said the future of the Commission rests with the young people of today not only in the sense that what we are planning now comes into fruition in the 1980's and will serve the state beyond the year 2000, but also in the need to change old relationships and attitudes if we are all going to get satisfaction out of our working lives and enjoy better industrial relations than we do today.

He also said that we as managers, the apprentices as tradesmen and the unions have a responsibility to work together to find the solutions to the problems which face us today.

Mr. Bromilow encouraged the apprentices to be curious by asking questions and seeking information and understanding; to be considerate by



TOP: Most Improved Apprentices, winners of Central Workshops Welfare Committee Awards (left to right) — Shane Dobson, Peter McEachen, John Stewart, Peter Shore, Peter Boulton and John Kelly.



ABOVE: The seven Top First Year Apprentices (left to right) — Bill Nelson, Chris Elloy, Trevor Robinson, Stephen Postlethwaite, Fred Riess, Darryl Baillie and Chris Woodbridge.

listening and accepting advice; to be discreet, and lastly to understand the trade union movement, by becoming involved in it.

The Award Winners were—

Top Trade Awards:

Boilermaking — Christopher Woodbridge
Mechanical Fitting — Stephen Postlethwaite
Machining — William Nelson
Electrical Fitting — Darryl Baillie
Electrical Mechanics — Fred Riess
Instrument Making and Repairing — Trevor Robinson
Other Trades — Christopher Elloy (Moulding)

Central Workshops Welfare Committee Most Improved Awards:

Boilermaking — Shane Dobson
Fitting and Turning — Peter Shore
Electrical Fitting — Peter Boulton
Electrical Mechanics — John Kelly
Instrument Making and Repairing — Peter McEachen

Other Trades — John Stewart (Plumbing)

Award of Merit Certificates:

Boilermaking — Paul Zerek (Peter Northover)
Fitting and Turning: Maxwell Young, Richard Henry, Peter Heusmann, Malcolm McIntyre
Electrical Fitting—Christopher Poletti, Laurie Williams
Electrical Mechanics — Frans Heger
Other Trades — Mervyn Kennedy (Carpentry)

SKF Award —

Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Apprentice: S. Postlethwaite.

The awards were presented by the Manager, Latrobe Valley Department, Mr. J. W. Schulz, who congratulated all the apprentices.

The special award was presented by Mr. Hodges of SKF Ball Bearings.



SUGGESTION OF YEAR AWARDS TO VALLEY

For the third year in succession, Latrobe Valley identities made the finals of the Productivity Promotion Council's Employee Suggestions Awards.

Coal Investigations Engineer, Tom Adams, won the \$500 award for the suggestion of the year with his invention—a steel deflector plate—which will increase the coal winning efficiency of bucket-wheel dredgers in the open cuts, saving the Commission about \$20,000 a year.

And Hazelwood Battery Fitter, Jack Hoggard, received a \$25 merit award for designing overhauling equipment for hydrogen battery cells.

Tom was investigating ways of cutting down coal spillage from bucket-wheel dredgers when he arrived at his suggestion. He is a keen amateur photographer and he took several photographs of the Commission's No. 11 Dredger in conjunction with his research.

The official SEC name for his invention is "PLATHA". The PL for plate and ATHA—Tom's initials.

Because he is an Investigation Engineer, Tom is not entitled to a suggestion award from the SEC.

His \$500 award was the first for the Commission.

AGM (Admin.) Bill De Campo attended the presentation and accepted the Employer's Plaque on behalf of the Commission.

Tom's invention may also be implemented in Western Germany where it has been featured in the magazine, "Braun Kohle Warme Und Energie" in an article written by Tom.

John Hoggard's merit award suggestion also earned him a \$350 award from the Commission.

He is one of the Commission's most "suggestion minded" workers.

Normally about one in every three suggestions are accepted by the Commission. John has submitted six suggestions for four awards from the SEC and one from the Productivity Promotion Council.

ABOVE:

Tom Adams receives his award from Mr. Justice Chambers.

ABOVE LEFT:

John Hoggard with the certificate.

He has received a total of \$450 in awards.

Tom and John are the type of person who conceive their ideas in the bath or "at 2 in the morning" as Tom put it.

They received their awards from the Deputy President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, Mr. Justice Chambers.

All finalists received a bottle of champagne from the Productivity Promotion Council.

WANTED:

HIGH QUALITY Stereo Cartridge and Stylus Assembly. — Phone Les Prokop on Extension 2962.

Mary Dunne has given Contact a....



MERRY CHRISTMAS MENU



Grilled Grapefruit Cocktail

Cut grapefruit in half, cut in between the sections and loosen fruit from the skin. Sprinkle each half with a little dry sherry and dust with castor sugar. Place under hot grill until sugar caramelises.

ROAST DUCKLING

Prepare the duckling and season with salt, both inside and out. Stuff with sage and onion stuffing and place in baking dish with 1-2 tablespoons dripping and cover bird with well-greased paper. Bake in oven at 400°, allowing 20 to 25 minutes per pound. About half an hour before serving, remove paper, brush bird with melted butter and dust it with flour. Continue cooking until brown. Serve with brown gravy, apple sauce, roast potatoes, a green vegetable and orange salad.

SAGE AND ONION STUFFING

4 cups fresh breadcrumbs
2 onions
Salt and pepper
2 teaspoons finely chopped sage
1 tablespoon butter
Milk

Chop onions finely. Place breadcrumbs and seasoning in bowl, rub in butter then add the onion. Mix thoroughly, adding a little milk to moisten if required.

ORANGE SALAD

1 orange
½ lemon
Salt and cayenne pepper
Castor sugar
Chopped parsley
1 tablespoon oil
1 tablespoon brandy

Peel orange and break into quarters, removing pith and pips. Arrange orange in small individual bowls with slices of lemon. Season with salt, cayenne and castor sugar and sprinkle with chopped parsley and the oil. Lastly, add the brandy and place in refrigerator until required.

Grilled Grapefruit Cocktail Boiled Ham

Roast Duckling and Orange Salad Ice Cream Christmas Pudding Nuts—Raisins After Dinner Mints Black Coffee

BOILED HAM

Soak the ham for 12 hours in luke-warm water. Trim and weigh. Place in a saucepan with enough luke-warm water to cover. Add some sweet herbs, a few bay leaves and, if liked, a cup of cider, ¼ cup of white wine vinegar or ½ cup lemon juice may be added. Cover and bring slowly to the boil. Simmer slowly, allowing 25-30 minutes to each pound. The ham is ready when the skin will peel off easily. Allow to cool in the water. Remove the skin, trim the ham cover with fine brown breadcrumbs and stud with cloves.

ICE-CREAM CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

½ cup cherries
½ cup raisins
½ cup mixed peel
½ cup sultanas
¼ cup toasted almonds
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 dessertspoon mixed spice
1 dessertspoon cocoa
1 tablespoon rum or brandy
1 tablespoon hot water
4 egg whites
1 cup icing sugar
570 ml. cream (1 pint)

Chop the fruit and almonds finely, add the spices and marinate in the rum or brandy overnight. Blend cocoa with hot water, beat egg whites and half the sugar until stiff. Beat cream and remaining half of sugar. Fold together then mix in the fruit. Line individual moulds with foil and fill with the mixture. Freeze until solid. If one large pudding is preferred place the mixture in a foil-lined, 2 pint bowl.



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Festive Season in full swing

The festive season has been in full swing in the Latrobe Valley, with picnics and parties. Father Christmas has been working overtime and photographer, Jack Hinshelwood, has been "flat out" keeping up with him. Some of Jack's excellent photographs are on these pages.



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1. Eager youngsters at the staff picnic at Yinnar.
2. Santa and some of the children at Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory picnic at Yinnar.
3. Lunchtime at the Combined Stores Picnic at Yinnar.
4. The Ladies Race at the Combined Workshops Picnic at Thorpdale.
5. The Rolling Pin in action at the Yallourn Central Workshops Picnic at Thorpdale.
6. Santa Claus and friends at Yallourn 'W' Picnic at Neil Ipsen's property at Bek's Bridge.
7. Members of the Yallourn Central Workshop's Social Club at a Christmas party at Shaw's Ballroom.

LEFT: Eighteen months old Jodie Ferguson and a newly acquired friend Peppy at the L.V. Stores picnic.

Jodie is the Daughter of Lana and Dennis, and Peppy belongs to John Barlow.

Safety Section



Half a million man-hours

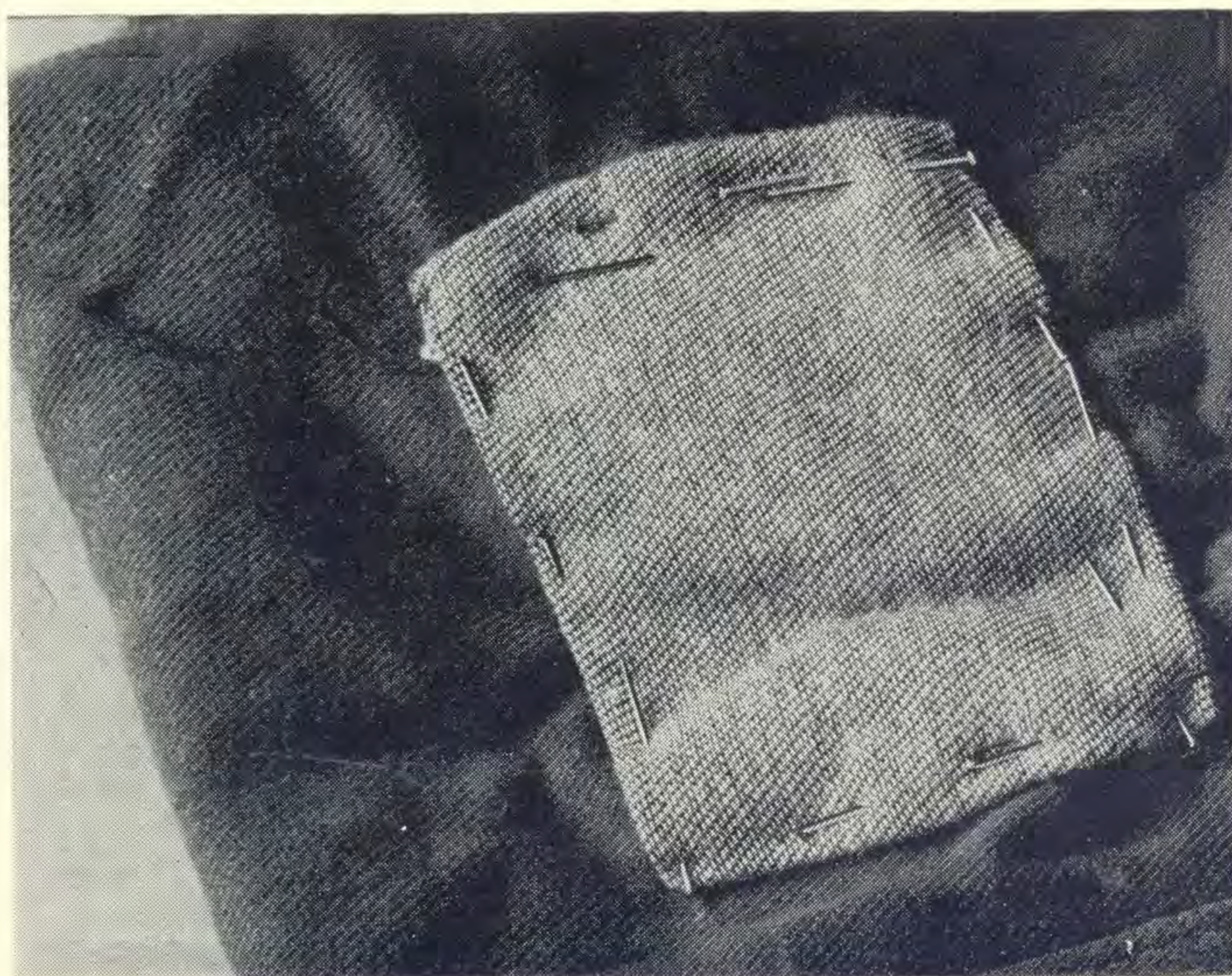
There are 35 fellows in the "bus barn" at Yallourn and they have not had a disabling injury since 10th August, 1966. That represents more than half a million manhours.

To celebrate the occasion they had a buffet tea at West Mess. Departmental Commercial Officer, Mr. Ron Osborne, represented management and presented part-time safety officer, Reg Wilburn, with the safety pennant and

transportation overseer Clem Foy with the safety certificate.

Mr. Osborne said the group's achievement was all the more meritorious because of the hazardous nature of its occupation.

Risks in the ragbag



Despite the fact that our contract for clean rags calls for metal-free rags, we occasionally receive rags containing pieces of metal.

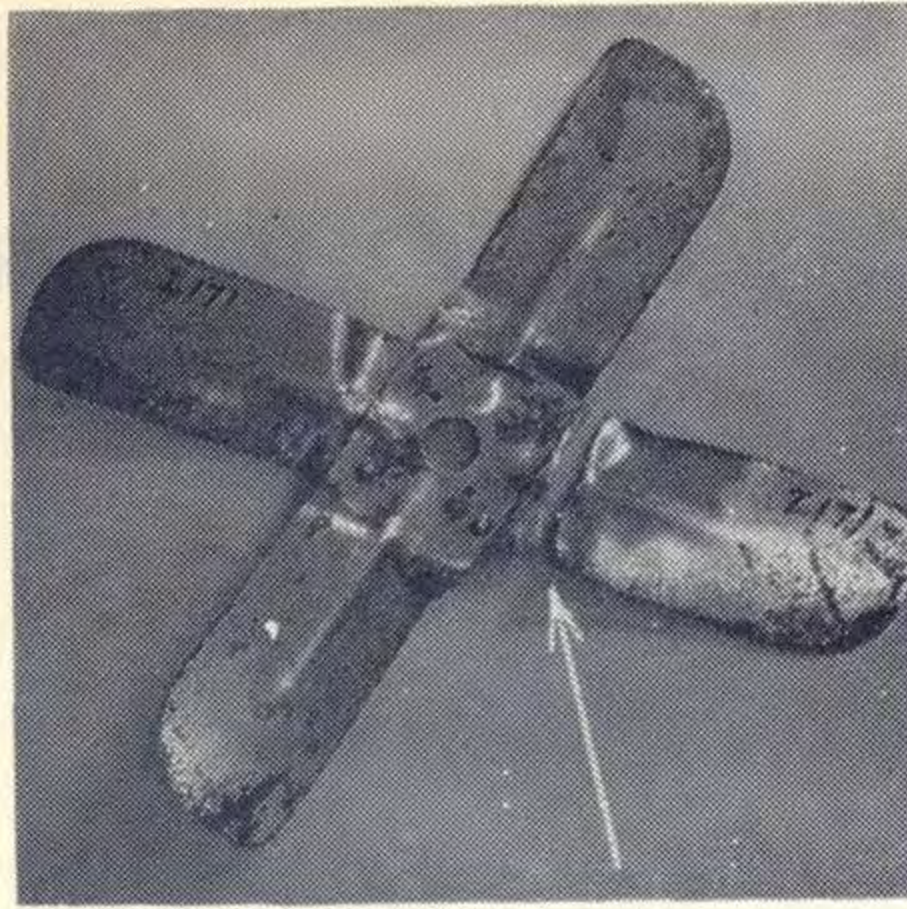
The photograph on the left shows one piece of rag that turned up in a rag bag in the Exploration and Geological Group, Coal Division. The "Patch" was held in place with ten household pins that might very easily have caused some unsuspecting person a painful minor injury.

Any instances at all of metal in cleaning rags should be reported to Stores so that the supplier can be informed and any necessary action taken.

Hazards of the car fan

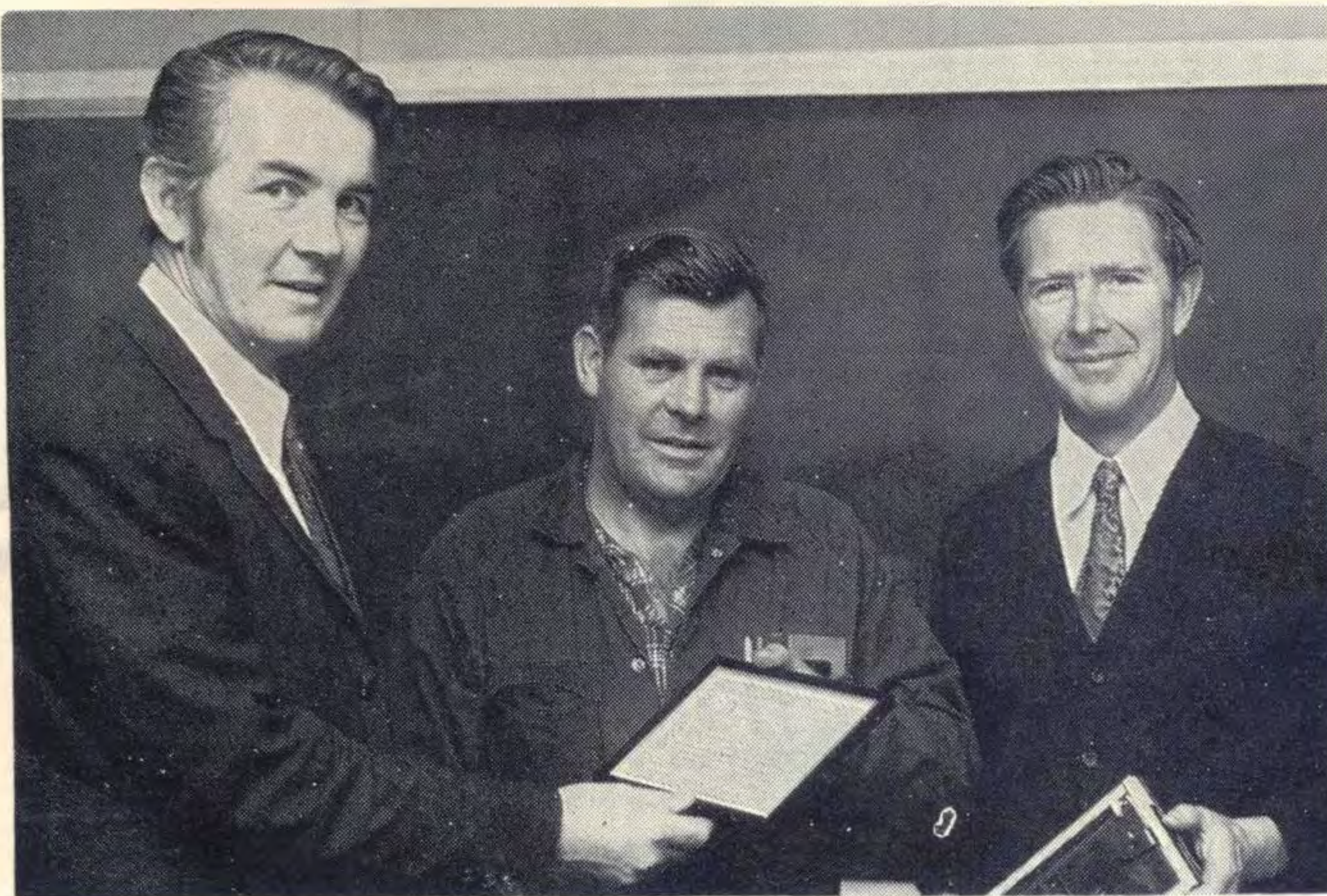
We have probably all been warned at some stage of our lives to "watch out for the fan," when looking into a car engine. The need to show extreme care not only from putting our hand into the spinning fan but also to stay well clear of the blade has been brought home recently by two incidents at Morwell involving S.E.C. vehicles.

In the first incident a mechanic, Charlie Marshall, and his assistant were servicing a truck at the Morwell Transport Workshops when the fan threw off a blade badly lacerating Charlie's finger. In some ways Charlie was very lucky, it may have been his head, throat or body that was hit.



The second incident involved another truck on its way to Morwell Transport Workshops also scheduled to be serviced by Charlie. Before the truck arrived at the Workshop it threw a blade off its fan which fortunately went down into the ground and not up through the bonnet. The photograph shows this particular fan with the parted blade and second blade well on the way.

ANOTHER TURTLE IN THE CLUB



Last May, Mervyn Price, a Rigger with Mechanical Services at Hazelwood, was assisting the erection of scaffolding at Unit 4.

He was standing on a R.S.J. some 35' above floor level and another Rigger was handing down scaffold planks to him.

One plank slipped through the Rigger's fingers and struck Mervyn on his hard hat.

Fortunately, Mervyn had his arm around a rail and did not fall the 35'. He suffered slight concussion, a whip-lash neck and, as he said, he felt his teeth rattle—but he is very much alive and well **and** happy with his hard hat.

Mervyn (centre) is photographed with Mr. George Davis, Mechanical Services Engineer (left) and Mr. Geoff Fullard, Mechanical Services Superintendent, Hazelwood.

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.

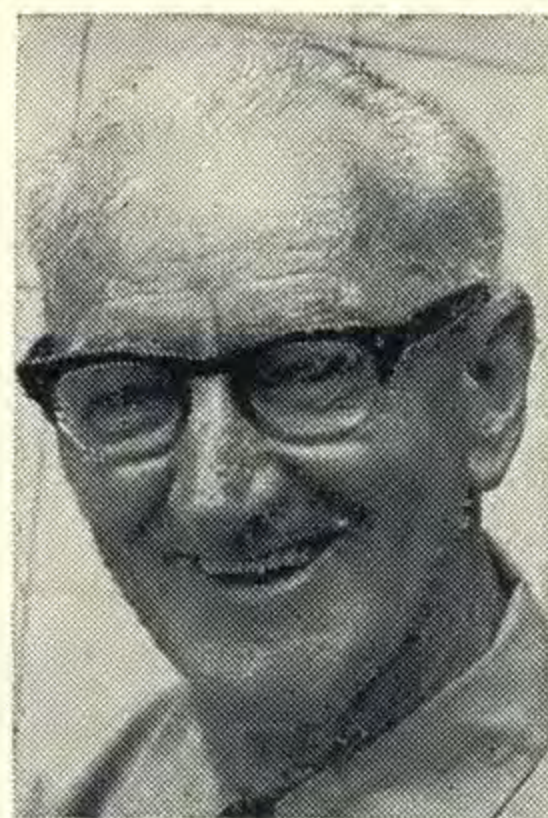
RETIREMENTS

Half a century of service

A man who began as a "Billy Boy" in 1924 and has witnessed the commissioning of the Yallourn, Morwell and Hazelwood Power Stations retired on 30th November. He is Ron Hannon, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor, Coal Production, Morwell, who had completed almost 49 years service with the Commission. After an apprenticeship at Yallourn, Ron became a fitter in Coal Supply, Yallourn, and was appointed to staff as a Shift Foreman in 1947. He was transferred to Morwell Open Cut in 1955 and has been involved in most of the major developments that have taken place there since. At the farewell function held at Central Workshops Canteen, Morwell to mark Ron's retirement, Mr. Jack Vines, Manager, Coal, read a letter of

appreciation from the Commission. He spoke of Ron's genuine concern for the welfare of his fellow-workers and thanked him for his contribution to Coal Division which included writing part of the history of the Morwell Open Cut. He also presented Ron with a number of gifts on behalf of the large gathering of workmates.

Mr. Graham Black, Deputy Manager, presented Ron with a gold watch in recognition of over 45 years' service and thanked him on behalf of Commission Management. Other speakers at the function were Ian Wilson, Coal Production Superintendent, Morwell, and Bruce Akers, Acting Mechanical Maintenance Engineer.



ARTHUR "LADDIE" WILLIAMS retired from the Commission on 9th December after 35 years' service. He began as a labourer and eventually became a leading fireman. "Laddie" was well respected by all his mates and members of the staff.

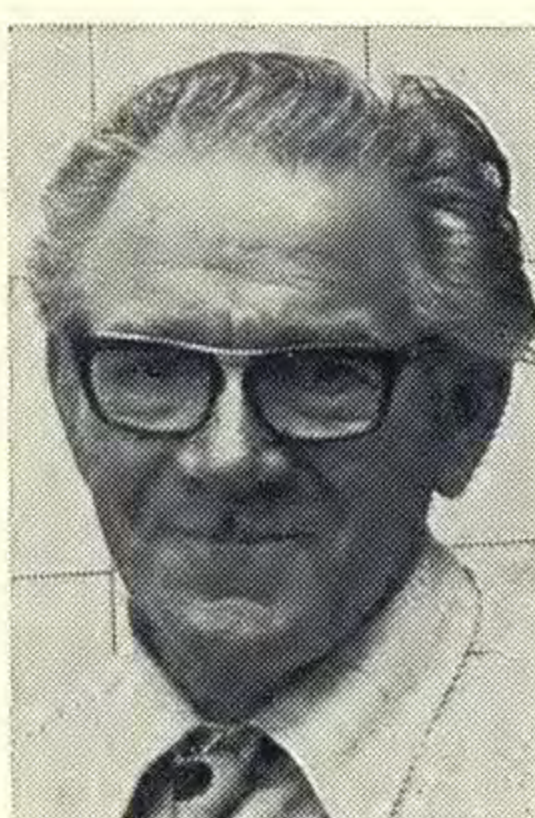


CHARLIE IPSEN, who came to the Commission 35 years ago "just for a couple of weeks' work," to use his own words, and stayed on until his retirement on 6th December, 1973, from the position of Patrolman, the post he has filled for the past 22 years.

The name Ipsen will not disappear from our ranks as Charlie has two sons with the Latrobe Valley Department.



CHARLIE AZZOPARDI started in 1952 as a Trades Assistant in Yallourn and transferred to Morwell Power Station in 1963, from where he retired with a total of 21 years' service.



LEO KERKVLIT started with the Commission as a Trades Assistant with Coal Production Maintenance at Yallourn in 1963 and, later the same year, went to Yallourn Power Station as a Boiler House Cleaner, the position from which he retired on 21st November.



CYRIL ROY DUFF commenced as a Fitter 13 years ago in Yallourn Power Station and continued there until his retirement on 30th November.



GEORGE RISK started with the Commission in 1941 on Construction at Yallourn. He then transferred to Coal Production where he has spent the last 24 years, firstly as a Linesman and then a Leading Hand Linesman, the position from which he retired on 29th November, 1973.

George's workmates gave him a farewell at the Rossmore Hotel in Yallourn North—the township where he will spend his retiring years.

Visitors to the Valley

The Leader of the Federal Country Party, Mr. Doug Anthony, accompanied by Senator J. J. Webster and local MHR, Mr. Arthur Hewson, visited the Valley on 3rd December. They spent a short time at Yallourn 'W' as guests of the Power Station Superintendent, Mr. Ron Court. Mr. Anthony was very interested in the operational side of the station and was impressed with the size of things—especially of the boiler.

During the month, we also played host to two visitors from Thailand. They were Mr. Vichien Virapanish, Assistant Director of the Engineering Department of the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand and Mr. Danai Manapas, a computer processing engineer with the Authority. The visitors are in Australia under the auspices of the Department of Overseas Trade and have also spent some time with the Commission at Head Office.

Other welcome visitors to the area were Mr. Bruce Tomkin and Mr. Mike Lesjac of Pyneboard Ltd. Mr. Tomkin is the Manager of the Company's Rose-dale factory and Mr. Lesjac the Project Engineer from the Company's Head Office in Sydney, responsible for the extensions being made to the plant at Rosedale. Mr. C. Effenberg, the SEC District Manager at Traralgon, accompanied the visitors on their tour of the area.

We were also pleased to have as our guests a group of first year engineering students from the University of W.A. led by Dr. Livingstone, head of the faculty. The group was making its annual "Gleddon Tour" of the Eastern States.



Left to right: Mr. A. Hewson, Mr. Doug Anthony, Mr. Ron Court, and Senator J. J. Webster.



Left to right: Mr. Mike Lesjac and Mr. Bruce Tonkin of Pyneboard Ltd., with Mr. Charlie Effenberg.



Public Liaison Officer, Bob Bridle (left), in the Visitors' Centre, with (left to right) Messrs Virapanish and Manapas of Thailand, and Mr. Harper of the Department of Trade.



Engineering students from the University of Western Australia.



Yallourn beaten by the weather

Yallourn Social Club Cricket Team met a team from Eastern Metro Branch on December 2nd at Yallourn, and only the rain saved the visitors.

Eastern Metro batted first and had scored 6 for 114 at the compulsory closure (26 overs). Fred De Bono took



Back Row (left to right):

Umpire, Ernie Roberts; Tony Haines, Accounting; Charles Karpinsky, Admin.; Ken Matheson, Accounting; Merv Graham, Services; Trevor French, Hazelwood Power Station; Joe McMullen, Morwell E.S.B.; Umpire Alex Wiggins.

Front Row:

Fred De Bono, Accounting; Evan Rowlands, Services; John White, Services; Reg Bacon (Vice-Captain), Yallourn Power Station; John Pavich, Services.

All Yallourn players are associated with an 'A' Grade team in either the Central Gippsland or the Traralgon and District Associations.

3 for 19, Tony Haines 1 for 20 and Trevor French 1 for 17.

When the game was finally 'washed out' Yallourn were 3 for 77 after 15 overs. Top scorer was Charles Karpinsky, 28 not out. Reg Bacon made 23,

Merv Graham 15, John White (Capt.) 3 and Trevor French 3 not out.

Although Yallourn did not get the full points, they're still on top of the ladder having won their first two games comfortably.

Stan's in for life

Public Relations Officer, Stan Aitken, has been made a life member of the Traralgon Football Club.

The award was announced at the Annual Meeting of the Club in November, when he stepped down after three years in the chair.

Stan's Service to country football looks a bit like a page from the history of the Victorian Country Football League.

After 10 years as a player with Traralgon he moved to Castlemaine with the Commission. He played with the local club for two years until an injury forced him out of the game. He then became the Secretary of the Club and a delegate of the Bendigo Foot-

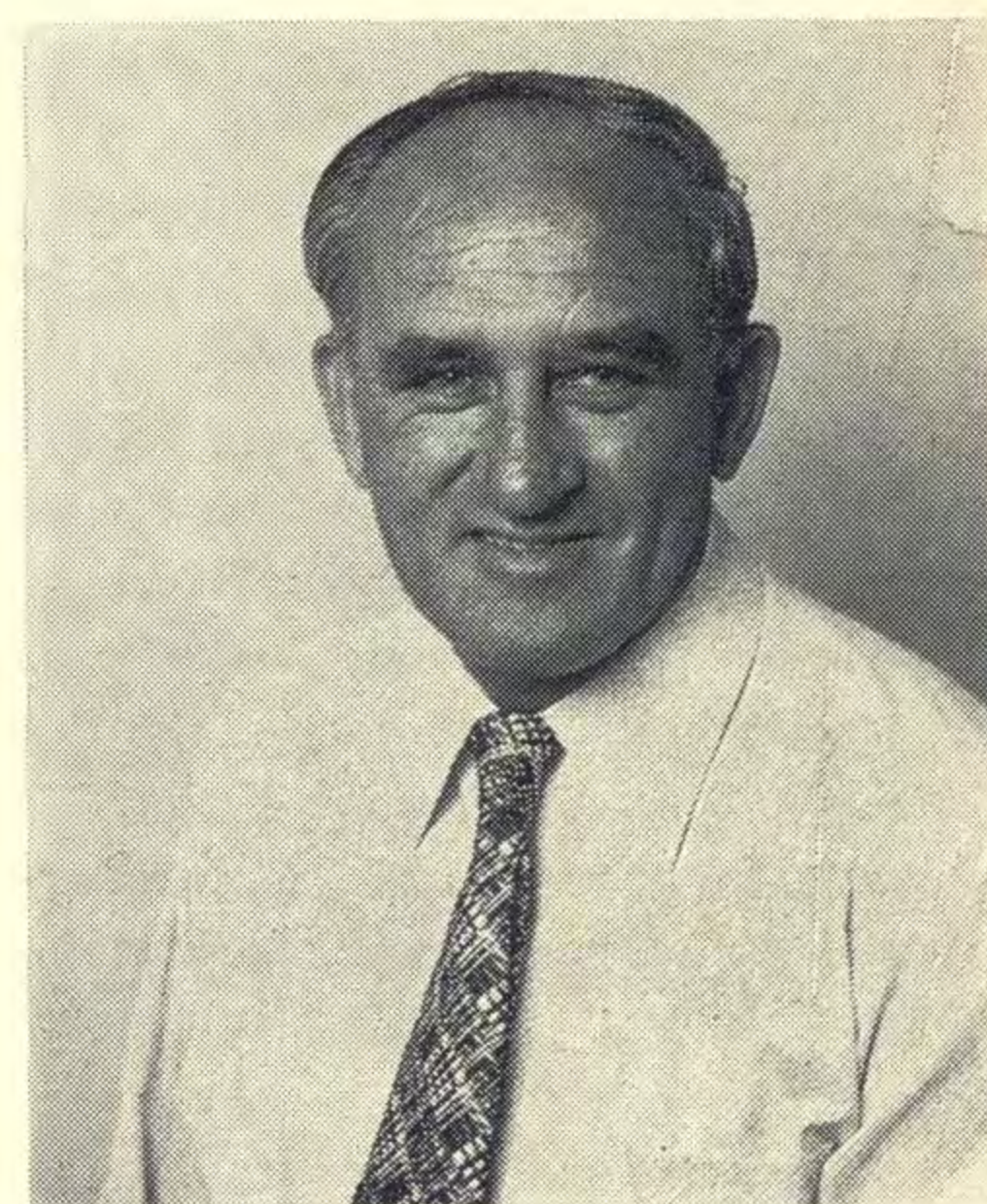
ball League for three years before returning to the Latrobe Valley area.

Back in the Valley, he soon returned to the Traralgon Club, first as a committeeman, then as Vice-President for three years and the last three years as President. For the last two years he

has been Vice-President of the Latrobe Valley Football League, and a member of its executive.

Stan played a prominent part in the establishment of the L.V.F.L. Accident Fund, several years ago and was for a time the Fund's Assistant Manager.

He looks like being involved with the Traralgon Football Club for some time to come as his two sons are playing members of the Club.



Ross, who is a Storeman at Morwell, plays with the reserves and Leigh, a 16 year old pupil at the Traralgon Technical School, is a member of the 3rd XVIII team.