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OUR COVER

Sir Rohan Delacombe inspected Yallourn 'W' Power Station during his visit on Friday, July 13. Shown here in a control room at 'W', Sir Rohan listens to Unit Controller John Nuttman explaining the functions of the control room while Latrobe Valley Departmental Manager, Bill Schulz (on right) looks on. More on the Governor's visit on page 7.



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Electricity will power the future

Contact is pleased to publish the following excerpts from an article recently prepared by our Chairman, Mr. Bob White, for the news media. The article looks at the future of our industry.

Mr. White said, "The demand for electricity in Australia is growing about twice as fast as the total for all forms of energy and expert opinion is unanimous that this trend will continue; this means that an increasing proportion of energy used in Australia will be in the form of electricity. Over the next ten years as much electricity will be used as in its history up to this time.

"Consequently, electricity authorities in each State must plan expansion programmes to double their generating capacity by about 1987 and to extend and reinforce their transmission and distribution systems."

SUFFICIENT COAL FOR MANY DECADES

On the subject of fuel, the Chairman said, "Australia's electricity requirements in the short term will certainly continue to be supplied from conventional thermal power stations operating on black or brown coal, oil and natural gas, and from hydro plants.

"There is sufficient coal in the world to last for many decades ahead, but proved reserves of oil are expected to be exhausted within 30 or 40 years if present trends of consumption continue.

ELECTRICITY CAN SOLVE POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

Dealing with pollution, Mr. White continued, "The burning of fossil fuels results in the release of products of combustion into the environment. Although this applies to the generation of electricity at fossil fuel power stations as well as to the burning of fuel for industry, commerce and transport, control of combustion to

avoid atmospheric pollution can be far more effectively and economically done in a few central power stations than it can in the myriad of installations involved in homes, factories and commercial premises equipped with individual fires, furnaces and heaters.

"Nevertheless, there are rather extreme voices abroad in society who, without considering the implications of what they suggest, advocate no further growth in electricity use," said Mr. White.

"In fact," Mr. White goes on to say, "great benefits to society can be foreseen from greater use of electricity as the preferred form of energy at the point of consumption. More often than not electricity solves a pollution problem and the first step that could be taken to achieve cleaner air would be the successful substitution of electricity for the internal combustion engine and for space heating by fossil fuels.

"The main environmental problems occur in cities and centres of population where large amounts of energy are used in a concentrated area. Ultimately it will be the increasing use of cheap electric energy with its high efficiency and ease of control that will enable us to avoid wasteful and polluted environment in such centres.

"Large amounts of electric energy will be needed for purifying industrial and domestic wastes, for recycling useful products from garbage, and for bringing new order and capacity for the transport of goods and people.

"Widespread use of electric-powered mass transit and electric private vehicles could make cities of the future more livable by restoring ease of movement and by making transport swifter, easier, safer and less polluting.

"Certainly a significant portion of the electric energy produced in the future will be used for pollution abatement and enhancement of the environment. There is no industry or product so vital to the solution of environmental problems."

Morwell power station awarded Life Governorship

Morwell Power Station received a Life Governorship from the Victorian School for Deaf Children on Wednesday, July 11, in recognition of their efforts in raising funds.

Mr. Ray Cleary, Assistant Manager of the Victorian School for Deaf Children and the Matron, Miss Dawson, presented the Life Governorship—the second to be awarded to the Commission's Latrobe Valley Department, but the first to be awarded to an individual section.

Since 1964 when fund raising for the School began, over \$4,500 has been collected for this worthy cause.

It is hoped that, if this fund raising continues at this excellent level other sections in the Department will also do well enough to earn Life Governorships.



We've joined the world

For big business today—and that means us. One of the necessities of life is a fast, cheap communication system. With our world-wide connections and the calls that we frequently make on overseas expertise we need to be connected to a world-wide telecommunications system. Late in May we did just that, we installed a Telex in the Admin. Offices, and we can now communicate quickly and cheaply with anyone in the world.

Our operator is Barbara Scharper.

Maiden Street resettlement centre

As a continuing service to residents of Yallourn who are encountering any problems associated with resettlement, the Maiden Street Resettlement Centre will be attended on a part-time basis for an indefinite period.

For the present, Mr. Mike Answerth of the Public Relations Section will be at Maiden Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will be happy to discuss resettlement matters. At other times he can be contacted on Extension 2773. The telephone No. at Maiden Street is 622393.

New Apex District Governor

The last time you met Peter Griffin was in the April issue of Contact. Peter, a member of the Latrobe Valley Umpires' Board, had just been made a life member. Well, he has hit the headlines again, having been appointed District Governor of District 3 of Apex. In his position he will be responsible for ensuring that about 120 Apexians in Moe, Trafalgar, Warragul, Drouin Kooweerup and the Neerim District keep up the good work. Peter will also pass on messages from and report back to the Zone Board (Zone 12) of the organisation.

Aged 32, Peter, married with two children, is also representative of Apex as a Life Governor of the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital.



FOR SALE

Lawn Mower.—ATCO self-propelled, drum type, with catcher. Good condition, reset recently. £40. Please phone Extension 5452.

\$500,000 extension to Hazelwood switchyard



Contact, accompanied by photographer Terry Smith, recently paid a visit to the Hazelwood Power Station to have a look at the work being done on the switchyard extensions. We had a long-standing invitation from Max Williamson, Civil Services Engineer, to visit the area and give the people working there some well-earned recognition. When we got there we discovered there are two parties involved—Services Division, doing the civil work and Transmission Division the electrical.

In charge of the civil side is Engineer John Webb, who is well known as a Yallourn cricketer and who spent some months in Melbourne helping to design the extension. Foremen on the job are Bob Nuske—equally well known in football circles — and Col McPhee.

The civil part consists of extensive earthworks—7,200 cubic metres of earth had to be excavated and the pouring of concrete foundations for circuit breakers, rack structures and other electrical equipment — a total of 720 cubic metres of concrete. A cable trench has to be laid, a box draining system (465 metres) installed, the security fence re-located and next summer, the yard surfaced with a white sandstone finish.

We went back the next day to catch up with the electrical people and met Mike Osmers—engineer in charge of the electrical side of the extensions and his foreman George Bukolt. Mike

*Left: Geoff McCartney installs a protection relay.
Bottom left: Ted Chandler and Graham Smith installing and checking circuit breaker wiring under the watchful eye of Max Grubb.
Below: George Bukolt, engineer in charge Mike Osmers and Ted Brereton plan equipment installation.*



explained that the switchyard was being extended for two reasons, firstly to increase the system's stability — because we now have two transmission voltages, 500 kV and 220 kV, and secondly, to effect a saving by sending more power down to the metropolitan area by the 500 kV line and less on the 220 kV line.

The job itself involves the installing of two new air blast circuit breakers; the building of two buses which will be connected to the system by these new circuit breakers and the re-location of several existing oil circuit breakers. This in turn means additional work in the Control Room, in the form of more controls, protection panels and meters.

Operating from a caravan in the switchyard, foreman George Bukolt is in charge of this work, supervising 16 men—electrical mechanics and fitters. George said the job was going very well and apart from two half days of rain—when the boys were employed elsewhere—the weather hasn't worried them at all.

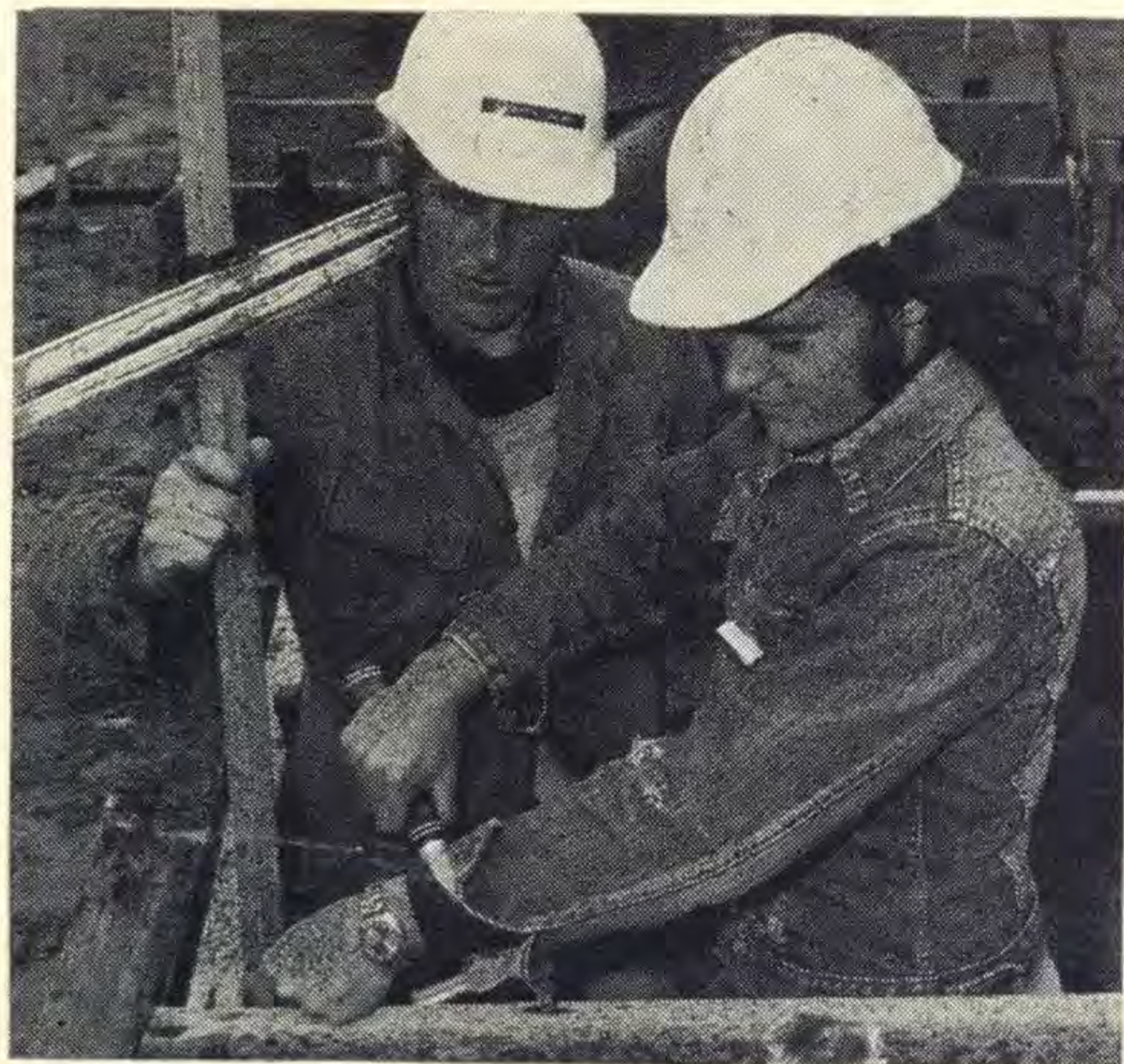
Other electrical work is being done by a special construction gang from Area Lines, Yallourn, under foreman Johnny O'Donnel. The gang is doing all the overhead work including the stringing of conductors and connectors to the circuit breakers.

The whole job including the civil works is expected to cost \$500,000 and should be finished early next year.

Right: Mick Booth, John Webb and Bob Nuske check foundation plans for electrical structures such as those in the background.

Below: Helmut Korab and Andy Barton set up formwork for isolator foundations.

Bottom right: George Anderson and Ross Miles checking a hurdle for formwork heights.



Tini of Indonesia has foster parents in Valley

Ngatini (Tini) is a little girl of seven years of age living at Wonosari in Indonesia. She has two sisters—Tuminem, aged ten years and Wagirah aged 3½ years.

At present she is not at school because the family's income is insufficient to meet the fees.

Her father Jatmoredjo is a farmer with about 2½ acres of land which yields rice, maize, soybeans, peanuts and cassava. The land is not fertile by modern standards and the yield is only one crop of each per year. This is not enough to feed the family adequately and the father is, unfortunately, unable to obtain any additional income.

He earns approximately \$3.38 per month which is not enough to meet the needs of the family as \$3.62 has to be spent on food and other requirements and \$0.18 on school fees for the eldest daughter. In addition to the parents and three girls the father's eldest sister lives with them and is dependent upon them. With their small income the family has to barrow from their neighbours in order to meet expenses.

Their two poor meals a day consist of mixed vegetables and cassava. There is no variation.

Many thousands of children in South Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, South America and the Philippines are being helped by the Foster Parent Plan of Australia. Under this plan monthly sums of money are sent to the head office of the Plan from where distribution is arranged and, through the same authority, exchange of letters is organised. For special occasions additional sums of money can be transmitted.

Membership of the Plan is open to both individuals and groups and a small group in the Latrobe Valley Department of the Commission has undertaken this humanitarian effort.

Here is an extract from the first letter from Tini received by the group:



"My dear foster parents
whom I honour and love,

I herewith offer to you my grateful thanks for all your love and willingness to take me as your foster child and to support and assist my family as well.

I would like to tell you that I am not sent to school yet. This letter is written by Miss Maryatum from Plan for me.

I have two sisters. Their names are:

- (1) Tuminem who is in grade IV Elementary School).
- (2) Wagirah, she is only 3 years old now.

I like to play stores with my sisters. Farmers are busy working in their fields here in my village, they're planting soy-beans and peanuts.

This is all for now I'm afraid. Greetings and best regards from all of us.

Much love from your Foster Child,
Ngatini."

If there is anyone else in the Department who would like, as an individual, to help this work or who would be interested in forming a group, Mrs. F. Heppleston and Mrs. I. Djurovic (telephone ext. 5176) would be glad to supply information and offer advice.

Do you know?

That during the 1972-73 financial year the Latrobe Valley Department produced the following:

12,351,475 Megawatt hours of electricity.

Yallourn 2,666,579 MWh

Morwell 1,134,507 MWh

Hazelwood 8,550,389 MWh

22,573,524 tonnes of brown coal.

Yallourn.... 8,154,185 tonnes

Morwell 14,168,939 tonnes

Yallourn North Ext. 250,400 tonnes

1,197,029 tonnes of briquettes were produced at Morwell briquetting factory.

During the calendar year 1972, Hazelwood Power Station generated 8,377,129 MWh using 11,650,282 tonnes of coal. This compares more than favorably with the best power stations in the United Kingdom, such as Ferrybridge of 2,000 MW (4 x 500) which produced 7,274,000 MWh in the year March, 1970, to March, 1971.

This information came to us via Tom Davey—Operational Engineer, Hazelwood—from Ray Beebe, one of our engineers at present overseas on a scholarship.

For the year just ended the Hazelwood Power Station used 11,840,180 tonnes to generate 8,550,389 MWh.

Valley visitors

Mid June to mid July was a memorable period for visitors to our Department. Victoria's No. 1 citizen, His Excellency the Governor headed the list which included a West Australian member of parliament, an Indian mining engineer, a Nigerian post-graduate university student, Japanese and German businessmen, a group of students from the William Angliss college of catering and a bus load of school children from Sydney.

On July 5 we played host to a team of experts from the famous Krupp company. Among the visitors were Mr. Kramer, manager, and Messrs F. Boehm, R. Keller and T. Baker of Krupp, Australia, and Mr. Petry and Mr. Sukurs of the parent company in Germany. Mr. Petry is the technical director and Mr. Sukurs the Technical Manager and Chief Engineer. The visitors came to see the No. 10 dredger in action on overburden in the Morwell Open Cut.

The Company has submitted a tender for the new 13 Dredger, which when completed, will operate on overburden in the Yallourn Open Cut.

The Indian mining engineer was Mr. Sachi Kamt Shakma of Rajistan. A Bachelor of Science, our visitor was interested in mechanised mining and production systems with emphasis on dredgers and conveyors.

On June 20 we had a visit from five top executives from the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and the Amagasaki Core Industries of Japan. The visitors spent most of this brief tour in the Morwell Open Cut where they were shown around by Coal Operations Superintendent Jack Embry.

On July 3, two bus loads of students from the William Angliss school of catering paid us a visit. Besides the usual tour, the students inspected our catering facilities at the West Mess, and were shown around by Sid West and Len Cox of our catering staff.

Another visitor to the Department was Mr. David Oloyede from Nigeria—a post graduate student in the Town and Regional Planning Department of Melbourne University. Mr. Oloyede is completing a thesis on industrial towns and was especially interested in the Valley towns of Moe, Morwell and Traralgon.



On July 13, His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe, inspected Yallourn 'W' Power Station and toured the township and open cut area. He was accompanied by the Minister for Fuel and Power, Mr. Jim Balfour; S.E.C. Chairman, Mr. Bob White; Latrobe Valley Department Manager, Mr. Bill Schulz; Ron Court, P.S.S. of 'W' Station; and Max Gray, Manager, Services.

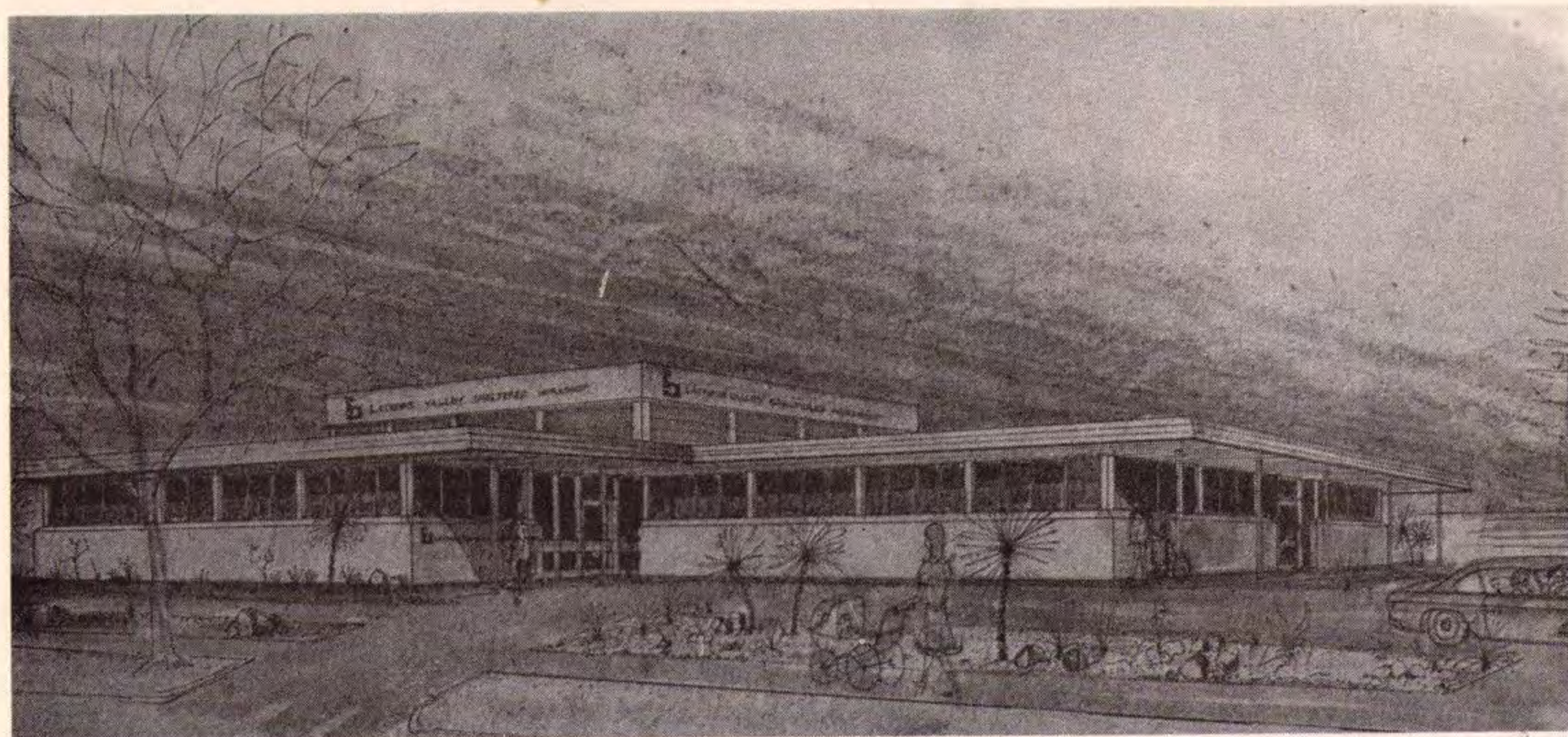
Shown in the top photograph are (left to right) Mr. White, Sir Rohan and Messrs Court, Schulz and Gray.

Every year we play host to thousands of school children in organised parties. They come from all

over Australia, usually in the charge of teachers. During the period we welcomed twenty-six bus loads. One such group came from the Lindfield Demonstration School in Sydney and are shown in the middle photograph.

Our West Australian visitor was Mr. Tom Jones, the State Member for Collie. Mr. Jones with his wife was visiting Victoria for a week and looked us over on July 5. A former coal miner the genial West Australian visited Yallourn 'W' in the morning and the Morwell Open Cut and Hazelwood Power Station in the afternoon. Shown in bottom photo are Mrs. Jones, Mr. Jones and Assistant P.S.S. Norm Bowles.

\$10,000 more needed for new sheltered workshop



A physical handicap can happen to anybody. It can be caused by accident, illness, bad luck, or just plain genetic cussedness.

Whilst this may not be an exact figure, it is estimated that one person in ten is affected by physical disability of one sort or another, either as a sufferer, relative of a sufferer, employer, teacher, social worker or well intentioned citizen prepared to give of himself and his talents in the service of the less fortunate.

Whatever the numbers, they will undoubtedly increase as more physically handicapped children survive beyond infancy, more elderly people live longer to develop handicaps, and greater toll is taken by continuing and devastating road accidents.

Fortunately many disabled people can continue to lead full, happy and successful lives. Advances in modern medicine and technology can help them to get about, to replace a missing or defective part of the body, to supplement a faulty faculty.

But what about work? To some people work means a boring or even unpleasant way of earning a living. However, for most of the physically handicapped the income they carry home is only part of the satisfaction they get from working. The contact with other people, the feeling of personal involvement and usefulness to the community bring emotional and

social satisfaction beyond those of people who are able to take their capacity to work for granted.

In February, 1969, the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop was opened in the foyer of the Civic Cinema in Moe. It began as a result of the initiative of the Morwell Jaycees and had six workers who attended three mornings a week under voluntary supervision. In September, 1969, the move to its present site in Morwell was made to allow for expansion, and the Workshop ended that year with nine workers. Today it employs twenty people and is growing month by month.

In the Latrobe Valley there are an estimated 300 people in need of the opportunity that a sheltered workshop can provide—so they have to move again to larger premises.

Within the next few months work will begin on a new architect-designed workshop (an artist's impression of which is seen above) to accommodate 40 employees with ample provision for future extensions. It will cost \$66,000. The Commonwealth Government gives a subsidy of \$2 for every \$1 raised so that the target is really \$22,000, and of this \$12,000 has already been raised.

Between October, 1970 and June 30 last, 575 local Commission personnel have donated \$4,345 of this through pay deductions and a further

\$6,000 has been raised by the Apex Clubs of Moe and Morwell and the Morwell Rotary Club. The Workshop is very grateful for this contribution and hopes that many more SEC personnel will take part in this payroll deduction scheme. Application forms will be available at local pay centres over the next few weeks.

The Sheltered Workshop in Morwell is a Latrobe Valley Community effort—it is a place where physically and mentally handicapped people have the opportunity to work and feel they are a useful part of the community. It is worthy of the financial support of all and Contact is happy to commend it to its readers.

Tax Deductible Too !!

If you make a donation of two dollars to the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshops, you are really ensuring that they get six dollars — the Commonwealth Government gives a subsidy of 2 for 1. In these days of galloping inflation—that's really something. What's more—it's tax deductible too!!



Local industry should support us

One of the Vice Presidents of the Sheltered Workshops is Don Bromilow, Power Station Superintendent. Don has always been interested in the problems that confront handicapped people and when the Morwell Jaycees called the inaugural meeting in 1967, he attended and was elected secretary of the project—a position he held for four years.

Don believes that a sheltered workshop should not only give employment to handicapped people—it should also train them so that they can move back into industry. "I also feel," he said, "that as a long term possibility, some handicapped people at present employed in normal industry, may find that working in the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop is more rewarding. Local industry should recognise this and should support us."

On the subject of finance, he said, "I am delighted that so many of the people with whom I work every day have helped us financially. I hope they will continue to do so and that many more will join them."



It could be you

The Manager of the Sheltered Workshops, Dennis Butcher, is well known to SEC personnel. He should be! He worked at the Yallourn Power Station for 12 years as a leading hand electrical fitter and sometimes as a foreman. Born in London, Dennis came to Australia in 1949.

On the subject of the Sheltered Workshops, he's a very committed man. He gets on well with, and has a genuine desire, to help people and it was this and his involvement with Lions International that caused him to give up his SEC career for the management of the Workshop. When he heard

Contact was to feature the project in its July issue, he said, "Tell your readers that this Sheltered Workshop is not a refuge for a few unfortunate invalid pensioners — it is a viable light industry — a production unit staffed by handicapped people. It is a place—it is the ONLY place where you or I, or someone near and dear to us would be offered the opportunity of dignified and gainful employment—should we be the unfortunate victim of an accident or serious illness."

Dennis is seen above with his secretary, Julie Wilkinson.



I appeal to fellow unionists

Since its inception the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council has been a supporter of the sheltered Workshops. It is represented on the Board of Directors by Lou Scicluna.

Lou believes that everybody who works in the Latrobe Valley could, at some future time either through an accident at work, a car accident or even by slipping on the bathroom soap, be in need of the type of assistance the workshop has to offer.

"I appeal to my fellow unionists in the Commission to give this project their full financial support," he said.



Play down sympathy

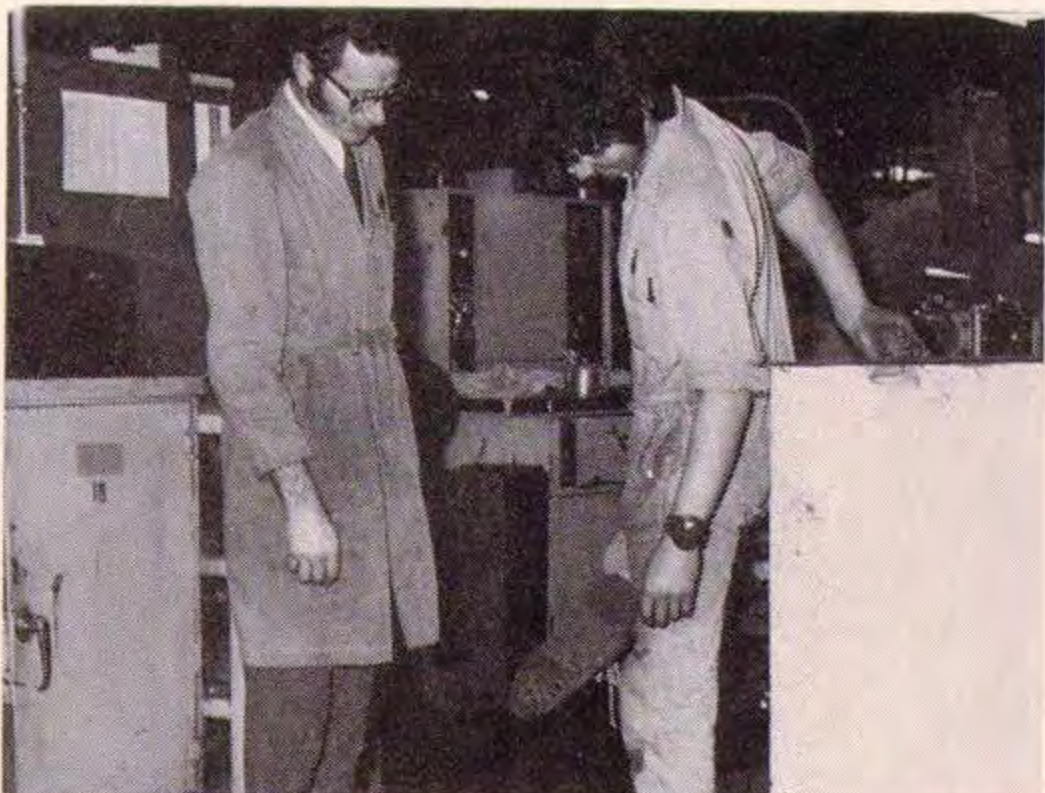
The treasurer of the Sheltered Workshops is Max Williamson, Civil Engineer. Max is President of the Morwell Jaycees and as chairman of the Jaycees' Planning Committee which led to the formation of the Workshop, is truly one of the pioneers.

He asked us to play down the sympathy angle. "I suppose we could get plenty of support by appealing to everybody's sympathy," he said. "But we want more than that. We are a productive unit run on sound business lines. We pay our employees a financial reward in relation to their efforts. We want not only to continue doing this but also to expand our activities to help as many people as possible who need rehabilitation. To do all this we need money."

Departmental emporium



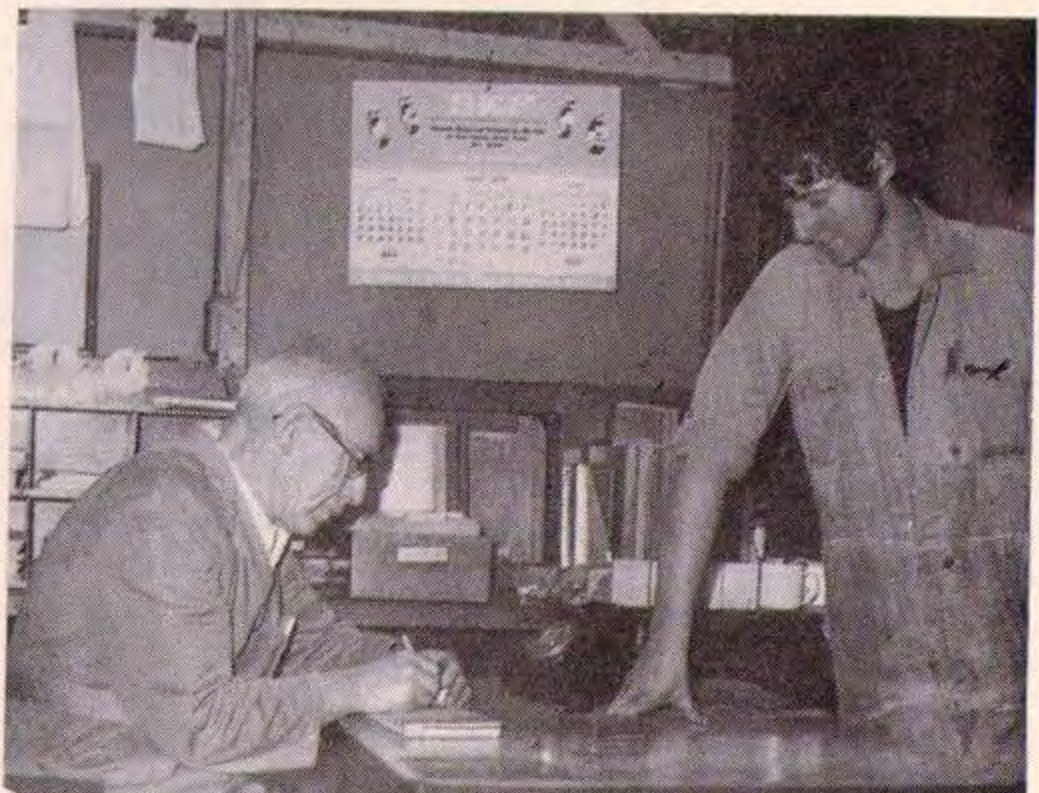
Here we see a truck carrying the ordered items being moved into position prior to unloading. Directing the operation are Leading Hand Rigger Arie Winkelman and Rigger Jan Maciejewski. The items are then unloaded.



The "customer" can now be served. Let us see how one goes about obtaining an item. We will use safety footwear as an example. An apprentice has a pair of safety boots, the tread of which becomes worn. He goes to his instructor and shows him the state of his footwear. Here is Peter Northover with his instructor Len Hayes. Peter is a 1st year apprentice Boilermaker and Len an Apprentice Training Overseer.



Fork Lift Driver Bob Savage, Leading Hand Rigger Arie Winkelman and Rigger Jan Maciejewski, unloading palletised packages. For ease of handling and economy of time, suppliers are asked to palletise materials whenever this is possible.....



Arrangements are then made for a requisition to be made out. Here Joe Welford, Leading Hand Fitter, Central Workshops, Yallourn, makes out the necessary documents. Peter Northover looks on.

Stores in the Latrobe Valley Department is indeed big business. The Main Store buildings, ancillary stores throughout the area and outside storage space cover many acres and, between them, hold some \$12,000,000 worth of items, ranging from boxes of pins to large steel plates and 18 ton drums of conveyor belting.

To cope with the diversity of stock items and to ensure that the "customer" is satisfied requires a large staff which currently numbers 204.

Stocks have to be maintained and other items ordered as and when required by other Divisions. To do this, and to ensure good shop-keeping, paper work and procedure are of prime importance.

First the items have to be ordered.



Here we see Bob Mackie, Supplies Clerk, raising an order.



The items are then taken to the Receipt Section in the Main Store where they are checked against the relevant orders and the prime accounting document raised to authorise payment of Supplier's account. Subsequently the cartons or crates will be opened and each item checked.

In this shot Storeman Tony Douglas is checking the items. The fork lift driver is Bob Savage.



The document is then taken to an officer who is authorised to sign.

In order to avoid duplication of requests and to ensure that unnecessary orders are not placed the number of signatories is small.

We now see Tom McKay, Supervisor in the Machine Shop, Central Workshops, Yallourn, signing the requisition for Apprentice Peter Northover.



The check having been carried out, the items are taken to the storage space, where on receipt of binning instructions, the items will be accepted by the storeman and placed in the appropriate bin. Here Storeman Derek Bond is accepting the items from Tony Douglas.

Subsequently, certain items will be issued to ancillary stores throughout the works area. This enables such items to be issued without delay.



The "customer" now goes to the counter of the workshops store. Here he will be issued with the "goods."

Storekeeper Jack Guest makes the issue to Peter Northover.

SAFETY SECTION

How does your section rate?

Comparison of
disabling injury frequency rates
1971/72 to 1972/73

SECTION	Frequency Rate 1972-73	No. of D.I.S.	Frequency Rate 1971-72
Personnel	0	0	0
Drafting	0	0	0
Accounting	0	0	3.7
Tests & Communications	0	0	4.1
Survey	0	0	7.3
'W' Power Station	0	0	7.8
Briquette Distribution	0	0	10.6
Materials	2.5	1	0
Administration	8	6	5.4
Operations Transmission	11.3	2	5.8
Briq. Works, Morwell	12.3	12	4.7
Central Workshops (Y)	14.7	19	16.7
Hazelwood Power Station	16.8	33	26.2
Morwell Power Station	20.8	14	10.0
Operations and Plant Coal	20.9	2	32.4
Civil Works, Morwell	21.2	7	18.1
Open Cut (Y)	21.4	27	19.8
Civil Works, Yallourn	22.5	7	42.9
Open Cut (M)	24.1	23	9.4
Electrical Services	26.8	12	37.0
Municipal and Forestry	27.4	10	38.3
Yallourn Power Station	31.1	55	26.5
Stations Transmission	33.1	5	14.2
Central Workshops (M)	35.7	16	24.9
Mech. Services, Hazelwood	45.4	5	36.7

Excuses, excuses, excuses

Will you be the next one to go to the hospital or the doctor with a work injury? We hope not, but the answer to that question is mostly up to you and your attitude. You may as well start looking for trouble if you hear yourself saying one of these phrases:

"I got by with it before, so what do I need with eye protection." We've heard that one a hundred times.

"Safety rules are for the new employees." This one seems to imply that as you get older you don't have accidents, which is not the case at all.

"I don't have time for safety today, I'm in a hurry." When you're in a hurry is just the time you need to be reminded about safety and safety precautions.

"I haven't been hit on the head yet, so what do I need with a hard hat?" This means your luck has been good so far and it's about to run out.

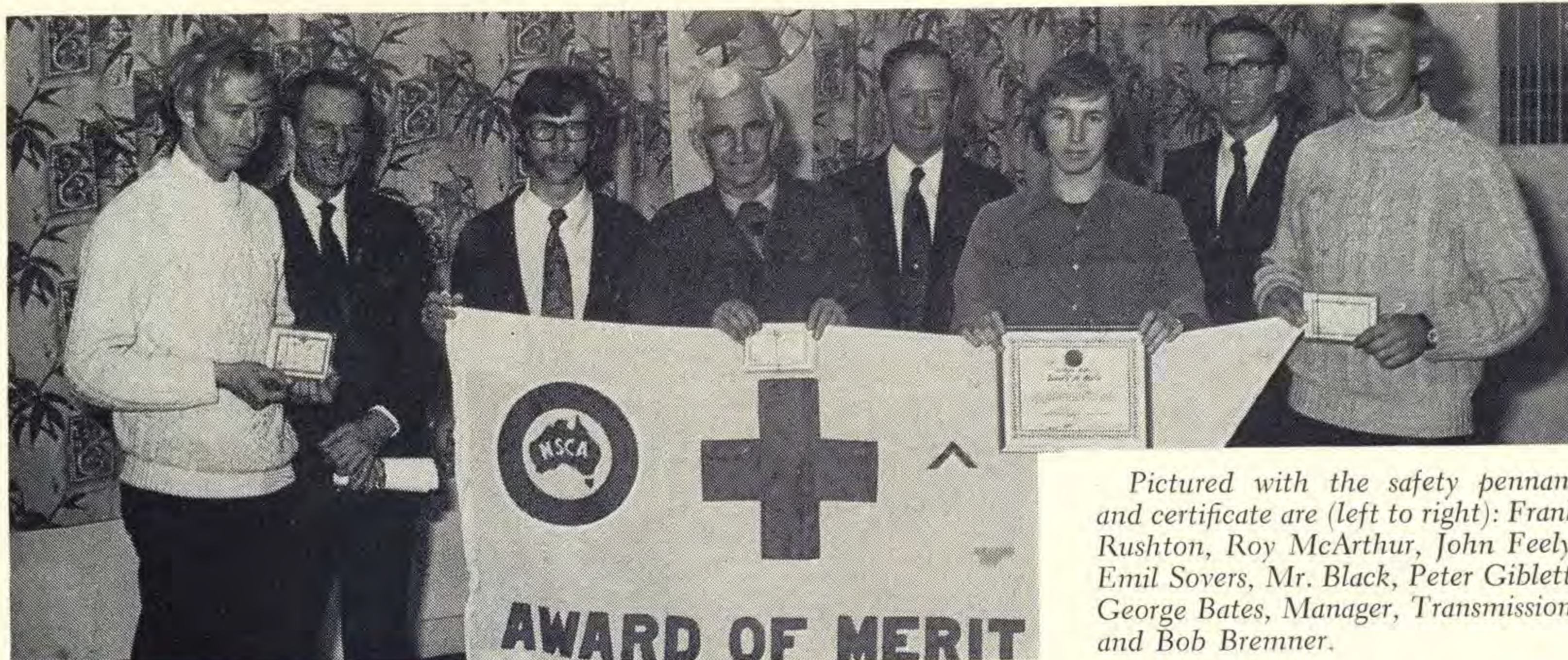
"If I followed all the safety rules, I'd never get the job done." This is probably the most popular excuse in every industry in the nation. Of course, if you have an accident, you won't get the job done anyway, and it's just not worth the gamble.

"I feel like a spaceman all dressed up in a hard hat, eye protection, gloves and foot protection." Well maybe you do, but you probably look like you're prepared for the job and looking very professional about it.

"I've never had an accident, so why do I have to follow all those silly safety rules?" We have accidents every day, more than our share in the industry, and they come from somewhere—not out of thin air. So, maybe you're next.

"There's nothing around my job to hurt me, so why do I have to think about safety?" Work injury reports come from every division and every section in the Department. Would you believe that office personnel have disabling injuries?

Ever heard this expression—"Safety is for the birds"? No, it's for men and women who work in industry, like you and me.



Pictured with the safety pennant and certificate are (left to right): Frank Rushton, Roy McArthur, John Feely, Emil Sovers, Mr. Black, Peter Giblett, George Bates, Manager, Transmission, and Bob Bremner.

Tests and communications safety awards

A safety pennant and certificates for achieving 250,000 manhours without a D.I. were presented to Transmission Division's Tests and Communications Section by Mr. Graham Black, Deputy Manager, Latrobe Valley

Department on Thursday, June 28.

Mr. Black congratulated the section on its fine safety record. He said that one worker in ten in industrialised countries was injured each year and

that time lost through strikes was nothing compared with time lost through injury.

Mr. Black then presented the pennant and certificates.

Wise Owl at Morwell workshops

George Bell, a Trades Assistant with Morwell Workshop fitters had the job of pouring a white metal bearing.

Damp asbestos was wrapped around the bottom of the bearing to prevent the white metal running out. The asbestos was then dried out with a torch and George started pouring the bearing.

He was bent over the bearing, using a puddling stick to remove any entrapped air when the asbestos, which still apparently retained some dampness exploded.

Molten metal blew upwards, splashing George's overalls and directly onto his safety glasses. Luckily for George no metal landed on his face, but as you can see in the photograph his glasses undoubtedly saved his sight.

Last month, Max Gray, Manager, Services, presented George with his membership certificate of the Wise Owl Club of Australia—the first such award for the Morwell workshop fitters.



RETIREMENTS



SNOWY STEFFEN, Leading Hand Builders' Labourer, retired on Friday, July 6, after 38 years of service.

Snowy commenced as a powder monkey in the Yallourn North Open Cut, then had 21 years on shift work at the Yallourn Briquette Factory. He moved to Civil Construction in 1955 as a storeman and was later reclassified Leading Hand Builders' Labourer. Snowy was presented with a watch and a fine old broad-axe which Snowy had carefully guarded during his time as storeman in Construction.



TOM CARTER, a Technical Service Officer, retired on July 6, after 26 years of service.

Tom joined the Commission as a motorman conductor on the trams at Ballarat in 1947. In 1957, he came to the Latrobe Valley as a Telephone Operator Grade 1, then in 1962 he was appointed TSO Grade 1.

Tom was a contributor to Contact's sports page for some time and now writes a weekly footy column for the L.V. Express.

On his retirement he was presented with a travelling clock, a brief case and a polaroid camera.



KEN BROWN, a fitter, retired after 18 years service—all at Yallourn Power Station.

Of this, Ken spent a short time in the Turbine Room and the remainder of his service in the Boiler House.

At an informal function he was presented with a wallet of notes which should go to help him realise his ambition of moving to East Gippsland in search of a better climate.



ALAN NEWTON, Plumber, retired on Friday, July 6 after 38 years of service.

Alan commenced as a labourer in Construction. He later worked at the Yallourn town reservoir and Yallourn Briquetting Factory before returning to Construction as a plumber.

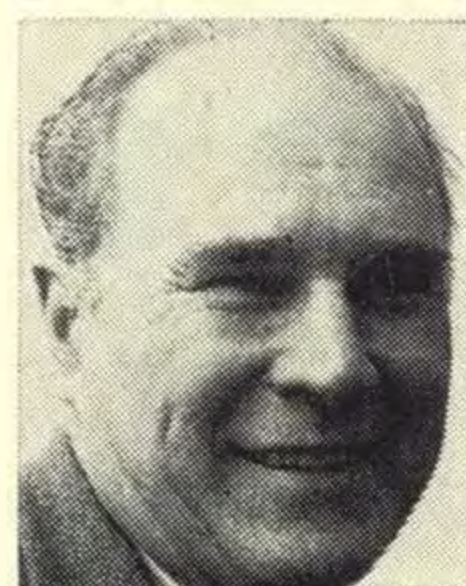
Alan was presented with a transistor radio.



TOMMY WILLIAMS, a Leading Hand Storeman with Coal Production Maintenance, Yallourn, retired last month after 39 years service.

Tommy started his service as a fitter's assistant in the loco shed, became a storeman in 1961 and was promoted leading hand in 1965.

Known for his sense of humour and friendliness, Tommy was presented with a fishing basket, LPG cylinder and a carton of cigarettes by Don Wakefield, Assistant Coal Production Superintendent, Yallourn.



FRED WINTERS, a Supervisor with Coal Production, Morwell, retired on Thursday, July 1. Fred first joined the Commission in 1951 and has seen coal production at Morwell grow to its present one million tons a month.

Acting Manager, Coal, Eric Foote said that Fred's influence would be greatly missed and presented him with a wallet of notes.

Fred's reply, in which he thanked everyone who had worked with him through the years was out of the ordinary—he had taped it beforehand.

JACK RIPPEN, Leading Hand Toolsmith, Morwell Workshops, retired after 24 years service on Friday, July 6.

Jack worked in both Yallourn and Morwell Workshops. He started as a pick and shovel man at Morwell in 1949 and later that year became a linesman "C" grade. In 1951 he became a blacksmith and in 1956 a toolsmith. He became a Leading Hand Toolsmith in 1958.

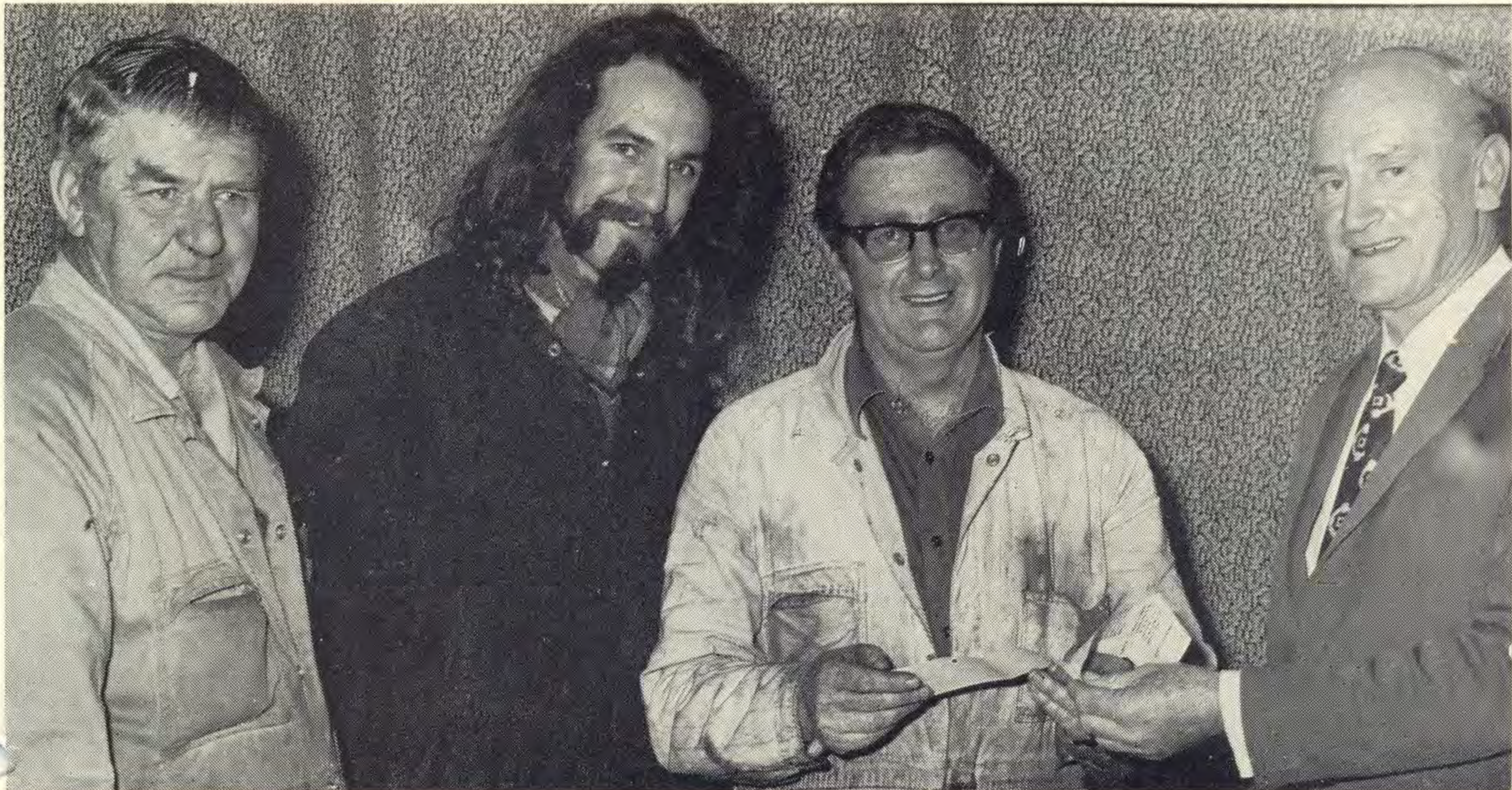
Jack was presented with a wallet of notes.

KEITH COLIN McKENZIE, a rigger with Coal Division, retired on April 6, at the age of 61. His health had not been good for some time.

During 1934-1935 he served with the Commission for six months. He rejoined in 1946.

On June 19 Ian Wilson, Coal Production Superintendent, and other members of Coal Division visited Keith at his home in Morwell and presented him with an electrical digital clock and a combination barometer.

It is with regret that we have to report that Keith has since died. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Ivy and daughter Margaret (Mrs. Sid Payne).



Manager, Services, Max Gray (on right) presents cheques to Suggestion Award winners (left to right) Ernie Buckley, Peter Grass and Frank Stephens.

Three suggestion award winners from services

At a joint presentation ceremony, Manager, Services, Max Gray handed out a total of \$65 to three Suggestion Award winners.

Trades Assistant Ernie Buckley received \$20 for his suggestion for fitting safety stops on pipe-straightening machine rollers. Pipes sometimes slipped off these rollers and Ernie's suggestion involved welding guide pegs to the sides of the conveyors to prevent roll-off.

Machine Fitter and Turner Peter Grass also received \$20 for his suggestion of an idler stand for coal production idlers. These were stacked on the machine shop floor and required a lot of handling to get to the idlers at the bottom of the stack. It

was also unsafe, as idlers could slip and roll. Peter's suggestion of stacking the idlers on a fabricated steel stand will make for easier, safer handling.

Second class machinist Frank Stephens received an award of \$25 for his suggestion—fitting a clamp to a Pehoka Band-Saw. Using the standard vice on the band-saw only a restricted number of steel bars could be held at one time.

Frank's suggestion was to attach a clamp to the vice so that a greater number of bars could be held in place. This could result in a big saving in time—such jobs as cutting 60 metres of 9mm stainless steel could be done in two hours instead of five hours.

SUGGESTION AWARDS, 1973

	Coal		Commercial		Power		Services		Transmission		Totals	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Jan./Feb.	3	65	—	—	5	415	2	40	3	45	13	565
March	—	—	—	—	3	110	5	125	—	—	8	235
April/May	2	35	2	25	6	150	6	130	—	—	16	340
June	—	—	—	—	10	245	3	87	—	—	13	332
TOTALS	5	100	2	25	24	920	16	382	3	45	50	1472
Approx. Average Awards	\$20		\$12		\$38		\$24		\$15		\$29	

SPORTS PARADE



TUNE-UP FOR STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship held in May was more or less a full dress rehearsal of the Victorian Country Volleyball Championship to be held in September at Swan Hill.

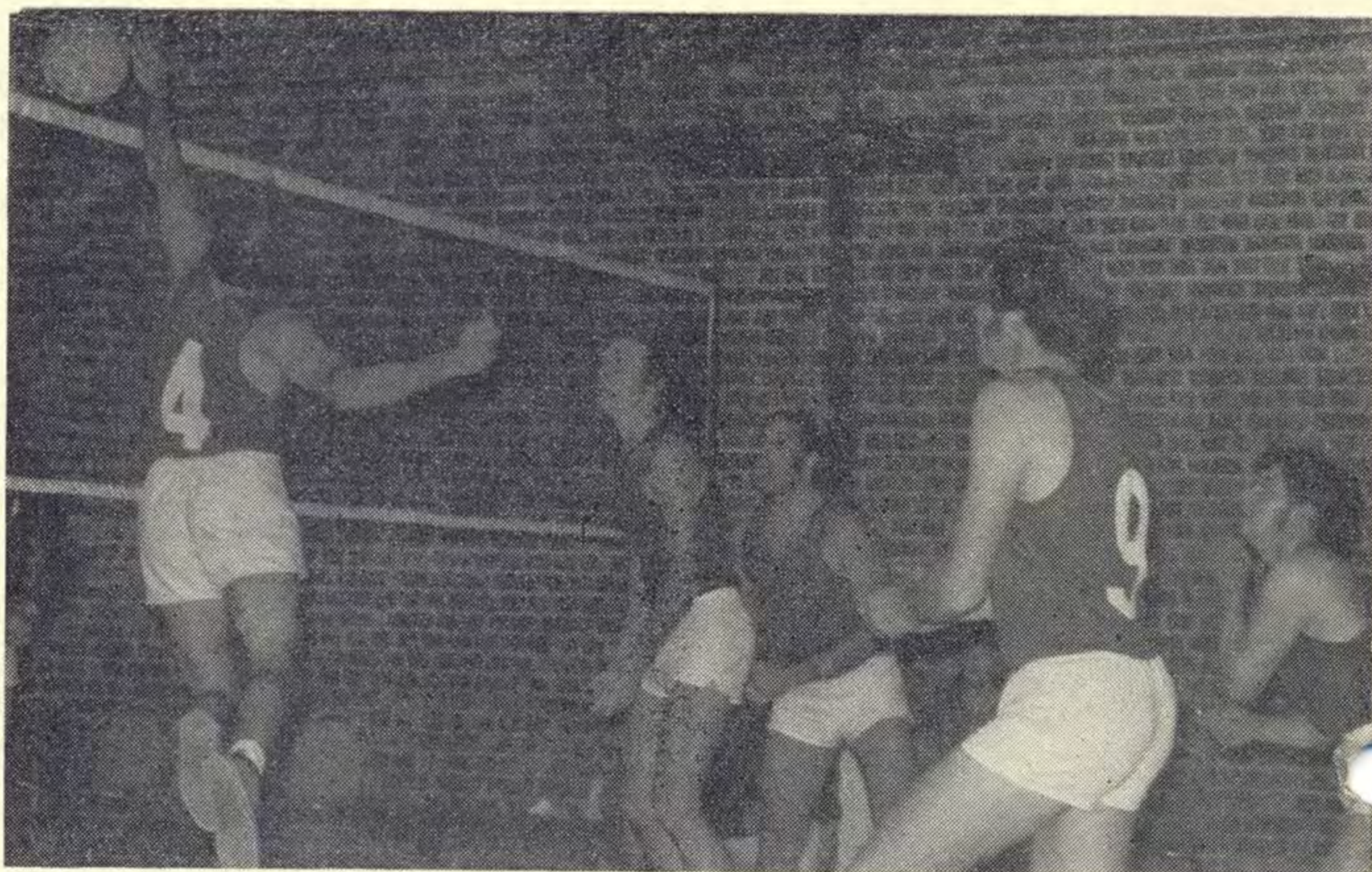
The Latrobe Valley was represented by a Men's and Women's team. They competed against teams from Swan Hill, Ararat, Ballarat, Bendigo, Warrnambool and Geelong.

In the preliminary games of the knock-out, in which the top two teams in the competition played in the Grand Final, the L.V. men's squad steam-rolled its opposition with its powerful teamwork, co-ordination and system of play. Only the favoured Geelong team stood in their way and the Valley had to be content with second spot on the ladder.

In the Grand Final against Geelong again the L.V. team did a little better and managed to take one game but went down 3-1.

The women's team were not quite as successful, winning only three matches out of six, but still not a bad effort considering the time that they had played together was only short.

However, the road to success is being paved. Every other Sunday in Brighton Y.M.C.A. the L.V. plays its



The Latrobe Valley team playing against Geelong in the Grand Final of the Ballarat Invitation Tournament (from left to right): Malcolm Darby (No. 4), Instrument Overseer, Morwell Power Station; John DeVries, Draftsman, Yallourn; Ian Williams, Engineer, Yallourn; Robert Kenter (No. 9), Chemist, Chemical Laboratory, Morwell Power Station; Steven Orr, Diplomatic Engineer, Morwell Power Station.

two squads in the 1st Division Championship, the top competition in Victoria. This is the second year for the men and the first year for the women and progress is being made rapidly in preparation for the Country Championships.

Commission personnel figure very prominently in the representative squads: Men—Ian Williams, Engineer, Transmission; Malcolm Darby, Instrument Overseer, Power Station, Mor-

well; John DeVries, Draftsman, Mech. Maint., Yallourn Open Cut; Bob Kenter, Chemist, Morwell Power Station; John McDonnell, Engineer, Yallourn 'W'

Steven Orr, Morwell Power Station. Women—Jennifer Davis, Typist Receptionist, Yallourn; Nancy Kenter, Typist, Morwell.

Latrobe Valley volleyball can be seen at the Morwell Y.M.C.A. Stadium every Wednesday night from 7 p.m. onwards.

Lunchtime Diplomats

Table tennis has certainly hit the big time recently. Indeed, much to the disgust of the old school, ping-pong diplomacy appears to have taken over from the old-fashioned, down-to-earth gunboat variety.

However, there is nothing diplomatic about the mob in the Civil Drawing Office on the ridge at Morwell. Eight of the ten occupants are table tennis fanatics—and by all accounts among the game's leading stirrers.

They play every lunchtime, mostly doubles, but for some reason they don't have any competition. It may be because they're scared. Peter



Danischewski is their leading player but every so often he gets "knocked-off" and then the stirring really starts.

Off the job, Peter, Geoff McKay and Greg Williams are members of a team in the Churchill competition. They call themselves SECDO (no marks for guessing why). The other lunchtime players are Fred Bolding, Peter Polson, Garry Gooding, Ron Boden and Ken Withell, who is away on long ser-

vice leave at the moment.

So if you happen to be taking your lunchtime constitutional in the vicinity of the Civil Drawing Office—don't get alarmed—it's not a "rough-house" you hear—it just happens to be a few stirrers playing that grand old diplomatic game.

Left to right in our photograph are Greg Williams, Peter Polson, Fred Bolding, Geoff McKay, Garry Gooding. Peter Danistewski was on leave.