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Fearless firemen out foxed

OUR COVER

The first of eight art exhibitions to be held in the S.E.C. Works area in the Latrobe Valley was held at the Hazelwood power station. Each exhibition will run for two weeks, and will be held at Hazelwood, Yallourn and Morwell. The cover picture shows, from left, Trades Assistant Bill Stivey, Fitter Allan Sparks and Latrobe Valley Arts Centre Director Tony Hanning, viewing one of the works. Full story Page 3.



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The hazards and hardships of a Fire Services pumpman in the Yallourn Open Cut are numerous and varied.

Leading Hand Mick Brien together with pumpmen Frank Clam and Jim Concannon face all nature's elements as they do their nightly patrol on foot, checking the many pumps around the Open Cut. In recent times the tranquility and loneliness of the pumpmen's domain has been disturbed by an unusual and uninvited visitor.

Evidence of the intruder was first detected about three months ago when Jim noticed his bottle of milk missing from outside the crib hut for two consecutive nights.

However, on the third night the mystery milk thief was caught red-handed. It was none other than a daring and cunning young fox whose thirst for fresh milk had got the better of him.

Since then, the friendship between the pumpmen and the fox has blossomed. Frank and Jim feed the scraps from their crib to their four-footed friend who will even come inside the hut to enjoy his evening meal, as shown in the photo above taken by Frank with a 35 mm camera.

Should by chance the men forget their friend outside the hut he barks and howls until the door is opened and he is fed.

So domesticated is this latest member of Fire Services that after eating his fill he lies down in front of the heater to have a short nap. Originally the pumpmen considered seeking a special allowance for "wild animals", but since becoming friendly they are now attempting to teach the fox how to do the rounds.

So, don't be surprised if you see a smart young fox checking pumps in Yallourn Open Cut!



Perc still a player

If you worked in the Morwell Workshops in the early "project" days you could always tell when the Morwell Players were rehearsing for another production—Perc Mooney would come to work sporting a beard. In those days a beard was not the IN thing it is today and Perc had to take a lot of banter in the cause of culture.

He is still very active and very involved with the Players. After a stint as Secretary and Treasurer he is now the President and has been a life member of the organisation for nine years.

Born in Carlton, Perc moved, as a child to Erica and after wartime army service in New Guinea and the Island he joined the Commission at Morwell in 1949 as one of the early pioneers of the Project.

He has spent all his S.E.C. service in the workshops and associated sections and during that time has worked under—some say "broken in"—seven different workshop superintendents.

Noted for his sense of humor, Perc is very popular with his workmates who claim he has the happy knack of being able to communicate with anybody.

Perc's love of the theatre and his artistic talents have been of great service to the Commission and many personnel in the Valley.

Besides his love of the theatre he is well-known as a bird fancier (feathered variety) and on his 13 acre farm between Yinnar and Boolarra he breeds guinea fowls, bantams, ducks, pheasants and quail.

\$1 million aid to Yallourn residents

Gratifying response to resettlement offers

Yallourn residents have been quick to respond to the S.E.C.'s offer of financial assistance to help them re-establish elsewhere. Mr. Graham Black, Acting Manager, said, "The Commission has received a steady stream of telephone enquiries and visits to the Resettlement Centre by people wishing to take advantage of the Commission's offer."

"Long-term residents who have vacated homes in Yallourn since January 1, 1973, are also eligible for the \$2,000 grant and letters forwarded on to places as distant as Queensland, Western Australia and places throughout Victoria, have brought grateful responses."

"The predominant reaction by Yallourn residents is a feeling of gratitude and reassurance about their future. Many people will prefer to make arrangements in the next few years, although no-one will be required to vacate a house in Yallourn before 1979."

The Commission is particularly conscious of the difficulties facing elderly people, many of whom are anxious to make a move while they are still relatively active. Considerable interest has been shown in elderly persons' settlements such as "Yallambee" at Traralgon and the Commission is receiving excellent cooperation from neighbouring municipal authorities. So that all relative information can be made available to interested persons, arrangements are being made for a municipal social worker to address those people interested in elderly persons' establishments. Discussions have also been held with the organisers of the Golden Years Appeal and a close liaison will be maintained as more facilities for the aged are planned and built throughout the Latrobe Valley.



Retired employee Jack Duxbury (right) discusses the Commission's offer with Mike Answerth, Secretary of the Resettlement Committee.

Local Councils and estate agents are providing information about the availability of building lots and this information can be found at the Resettlement Centre, Yallourn.

Top-level negotiations between the S.E.C. and the Housing Commission are continuing with a view to providing suitable alternative accommodation in time for the first compulsory vacations.

There is little cause for Yallourn

residents to feel concerned about their future. The Commission re-emphasises that there is no necessity for any tenant to leave Yallourn for some years by which time the availability of suitable alternative accommodation will be greatly increased.

Tenants wishing to buy Yallourn houses will soon have the opportunity to do so, when details of a proposed scheme will be made available.

TAKING PART IN ART

"Art for Everyone" is the basis of a project being undertaken by the Latrobe Valley Arts Centre at S.E.C. Works Areas in Hazelwood, Morwell and Yallourn.

The Centre is holding a series of art exhibitions, each running for two weeks.

The aim of the exhibitions is to encourage a greater understanding and appreciation of art by a large majority of the workforce within the Latrobe Valley, and to make people aware of the fact that artists and art galleries no longer believe in art being the exclusive game it was once thought to be.

The venture is thought to be the first of its kind undertaken by a public gallery in Victoria, and possibly Australia.

The exhibitions will vary in content depending on the availability of space

in each area, and it is hoped that most of the work will be representational and possibly of an industrial theme.

Director of the Arts Centre, Mr. Tony Hanning, said that it is important that the general public are made aware of the fact that art is now for the ordinary man.

"It would undoubtedly be of great benefit to Australian art if the people were aware also of the availability of good art through the total removal of their self-conscious attitudes towards viewing art in public galleries," he said.

The initial Director of the Latrobe Valley Arts Centre was the late Campbell Hugston, Chief Construction Engineer of Hazelwood Power Station. It is fitting that the first of the eight exhibitions is being held at Hazelwood.



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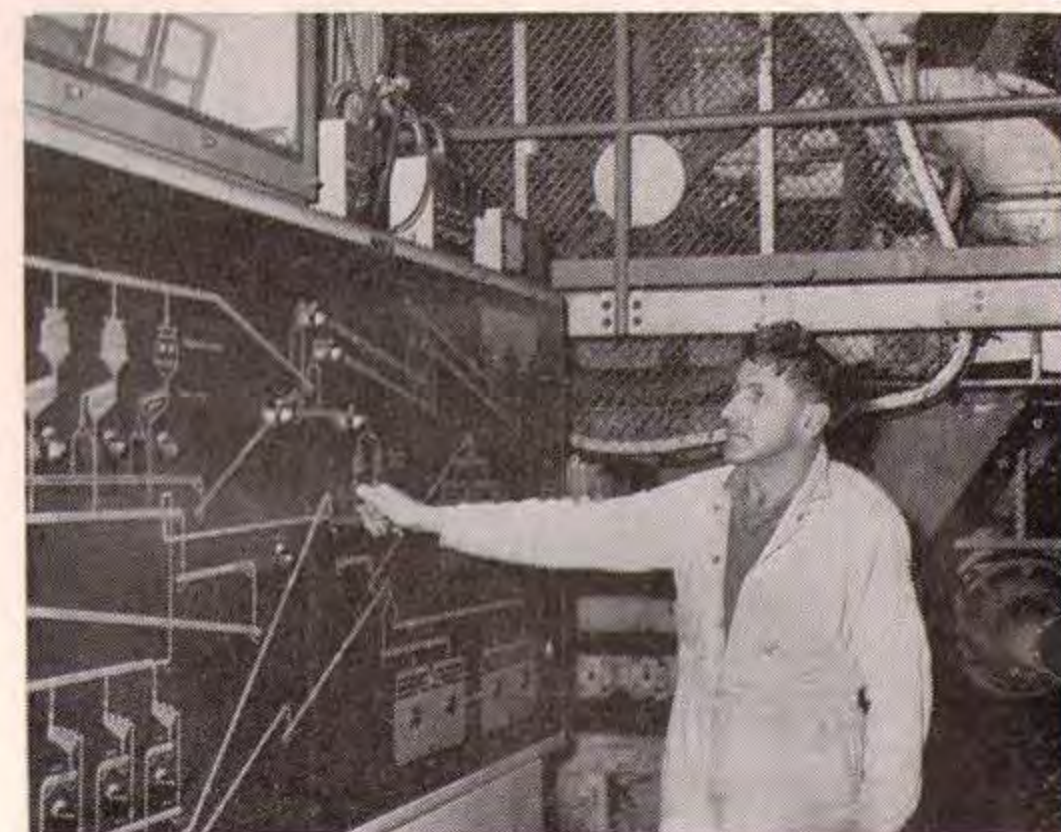


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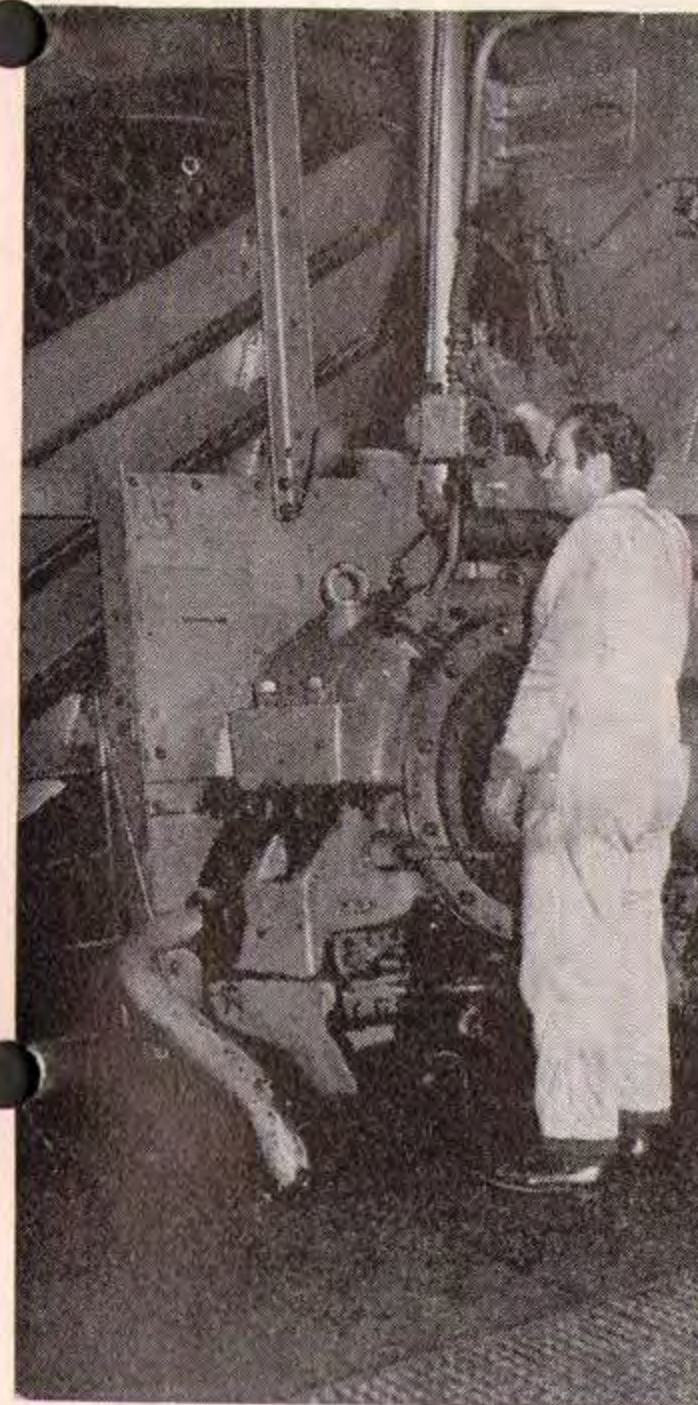
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KING COAL

The remains of sub-tropical rain forests, today's Latrobe Valley coal deposits, are a major source of Victoria's fuel supply. From the coalfields, the S.E.C. produces briquettes for use in power stations, homes and industry — and produces them at the rate of 2.5 tons a minute. Pictures and story on this page show the many stages of briquette production.

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One year's production of briquettes from the Morwell factories would fill the Melbourne Cricket Ground to a height of 450 feet.

1. The coal is won in the Yallourn Open Cut by dredgers and loaded onto trains for haulage to Morwell.

2. It is unloaded at the Morwell ditch bunker—Train driver is Mick Salienko.

3. From the ditch bunker it goes by conveyor belt, via the storage bunker, to the "wet section" where it is crushed and screened. In the picture Freddy Lestin is operating the mimic panel in the wet section.

4. The moisture content of the coal has to be reduced from about 68% to 15% before briquetting. This is done in huge dryer drums and in the picture Joe Mizzi is seen checking the coal feed into the dryer tubes.

5. In the process of drying the coal becomes quite hot and passes through a cooling house before being fed into the presses. As the briquettes emerge from the presses, Alan Ainsworth (right) and Peter Xilas check the sizes.

6. After leaving the presses the briquettes head by conveyor belt for the loading shed, where most are loaded onto Victorian Railway trucks. Jan Jaworski is one of the operators who, using a console type control

system, loads and weighs the fuel into the trucks.

7. Generally briquettes are loaded loose—but some are bagged at a special bagging point. Neville Brennan and Peter Hutcheson of Briquette Distribution are loading bags onto a waiting truck—the gentleman with his back to the camera is an unknown truckie.

8. About 25,000 tons of briquettes are packaged, annually, for sale through shops and vending machines. In the photograph, Chick Kean (at the rear) and George Jamieson are examining the packages as they leave the machine.

Besides their widespread use in Victoria, briquettes are a popular fuel in Adelaide, Sydney, Tasmania, Mt. Gambier, King Island and for the keepers at the Bass Strait lighthouses. For the last six years they have been exported to Japan initially for char making and now for the production of activated carbon. Last year 1,000 tons were exported to the U.S.A. for this purpose, and until recently yearly consignments went with our expeditions to the Antarctic.

About 130,000 tons are processed annually by the Australian Char Company.

Roast went with poached duck

One of the Morwell area's most interesting landmarks is fast disappearing, and with it is going the district's best known haven for wild life.

The Morwell Open Cut Fire Service pond is being drained. In its heyday the pond held 150 million gallons of water, and over the years was 'home' to hundreds of wild duck, swans, ibis, plovers and numerous snipe migrating back from Japan.

Many of the birds were bred in special breeding boxes installed by Charlie Strong, Morwell Open Cut Fire Services Officer, and Alec Bremner, Morwell Fire Officer. Both Charlie and Alec are keen on the preservation of wildlife and worked with the Field and Game Association to encourage the birds to use the area.

According to Charlie, the birds congregate in great numbers on the pond during the duck shooting season, usually arriving just before opening day. No shooting is allowed on Commission property, of course, and word evidently got around.

A few years ago there were problems with poachers, who employed some interesting techniques in duck catching. One of these was to float rabbit traps on wood in the pond. Another was to bait fish hooks with mutton fat and TOAST—of all things.

Yet another method was to set rabbit traps around the pond to catch birds coming out to feed on the grass. Some poachers even spilled tracks of grain from the water's edge to the traps.

Charlie and Alec used to visit the pond regularly and spent a fair bit of time destroying traps. Alec said there was evidence of plenty of illegal activity, but none that poachers were having a great deal of success.

No one was ever caught, but the two bird lovers had a fair idea who was responsible, and after dropping a few hints in the right quarters were pleased to see the message get home.

The pond is being drained as a safety measure to eliminate the possibility of failure of the eastern batters of the Open Cut.



THE LADY IS A TRUMP

She hasn't exactly the sleek lines of a transatlantic liner, and it would be difficult to conjure up visions of an exotic Pacific cruise aboard her—but she will do us!! She's the dredger TATURA and her home port is somewhere along the muddy Maribyrnong River.

We've 'chartered' her to dredge about 115,000 cubic metres of sludge from the Hazelwood effluent pond, and pump it into the No. 2 Ash Pond. To do this the dredger has two diesel motors—one driving the main pump and the other the auxiliary pump needed to get sufficient head to make the ash pond.

According to Ian McBain, Acting Civil Works Engineer, the lady is going 'great guns' and has already removed about 25,000 cubic yards—oops! about 19,000 cubic metres. Mr. Andrew Duncan, a Director of the Company that owns TATURA told Contact that although the dredger spends most of its time in Melbourne, it has done jobs all over the state, including Kiewa.

For the building of the Eastern Freeway, it dredged three Yarra River Diversions and has also served on Port Phillip Bay.

The effluent pond is being dredged as part of our environmental control activities and, as a side benefit, the life of the pond will be increased.

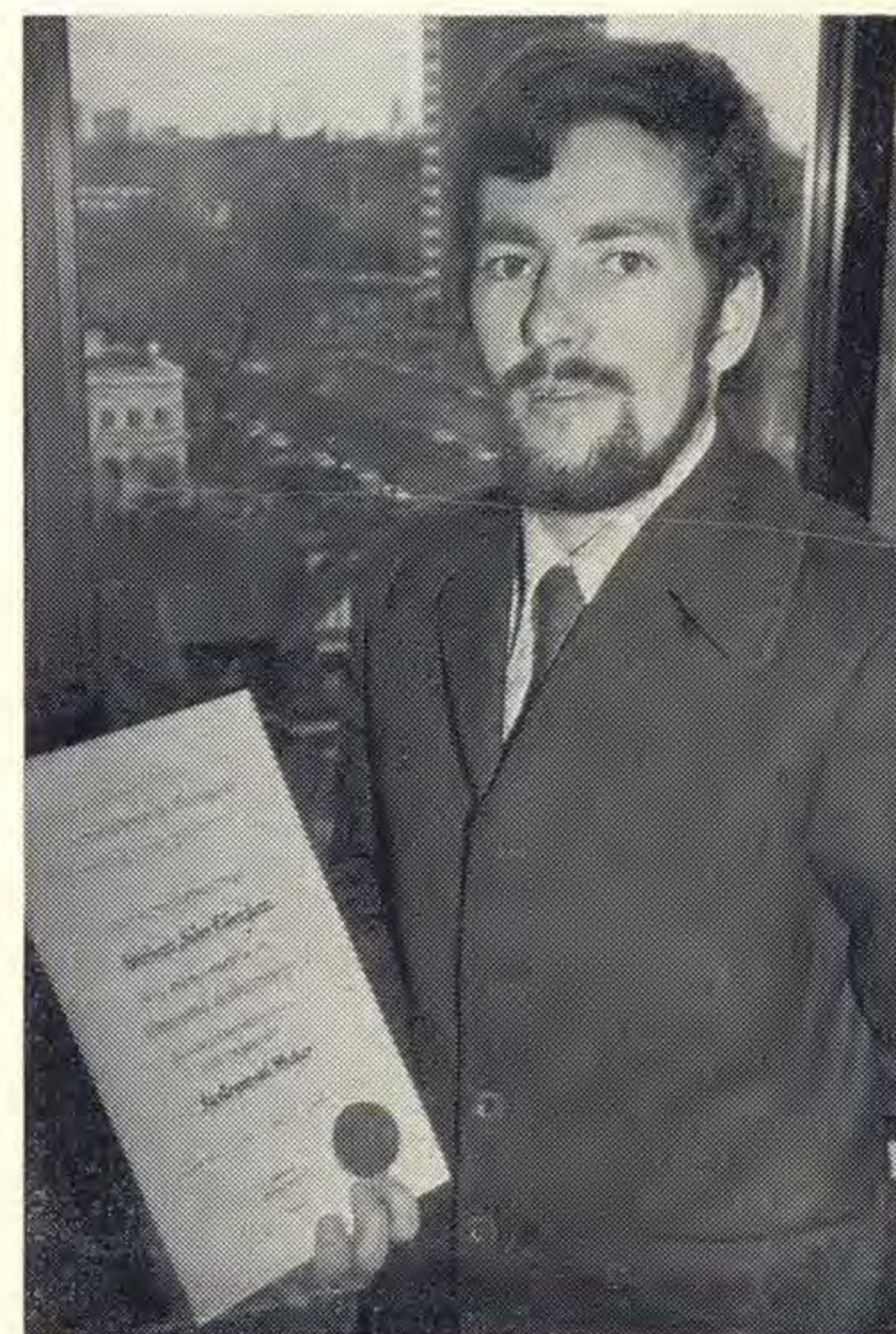
John does it again

In 1971, Morwell Instrument Maker, John Ellingham, was named Apprentice of the Year. Now he has been awarded a Victorian Overseas Foundation Scholarship.

Born in Melbourne, John came to Morwell at the age of 2, attending state school and the Morwell Technical School.

The scholarship will enable him to spend two years overseas and, with his wife Pam and their baby daughter, he hopes to leave for the U.K. in August, 1974.

Although he has not yet worked out the details he expects to spend about a year in England—from 6 to 9 months in Germany and he then hopes to see other parts of Europe in the remaining months.



Don't forget to plug the car in

In a recent series of articles in the Melbourne "Herald", motoring writer, Bryan Hanrahan, said that tomorrow's motoring would be powered by electricity.

"The future kingdom of energy is electrical power. Nothing else is showing up, even in a crystal ball. Whatever happens, the future energy sources will be switched to producing electricity."

"So what does it matter if the Wankel rotary replaces the piston engine, or the Sarich orbital engine the rotary. Up and down or round and round there won't be anything left to make them go."

So with the possibility of a petroleum crisis, and the increasing concern with pollution caused by the internal combustion engine, more and more attention is being focused on alternative forms of energy for motor vehicles.

Considerable publicity has recently been directed on the development of the electric car, and the Commission has already placed an order for an Enfield 8000—a small battery-driven passenger car designed primarily for city use.

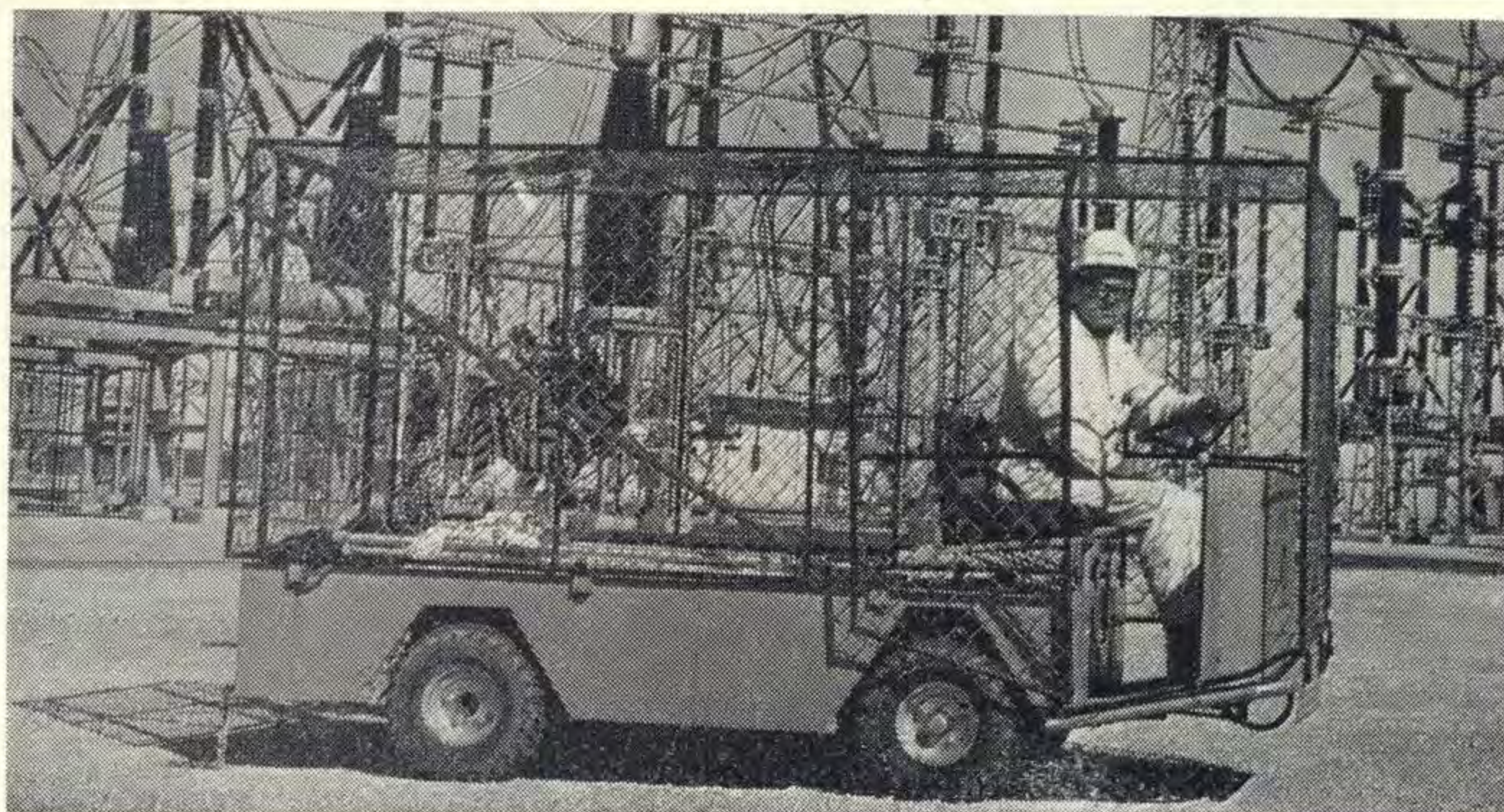
But to a group of L.V. Department employees, the advantages of electric vehicles are already well-known. Transmission Division, which now has four electric vehicles, first introduced them over three years ago for use in and around switchyards.

The vehicles, all Westinghouse, are powered by 6 (six) volt batteries in series and are capable of $4\frac{1}{2}$ horsepower. Silent running and simple to drive, they make ideal runabouts for operators in Yallourn and Hazelwood switchyards and Hazelwood Terminal Station.

Basically, the power stored in the batteries is controlled by the accelerator pedal through a rheostat.

The activated electric motor is connected to the driving mechanism by way of a belt. Simple isn't it?

The day may not be too distant when we will all be able to buy our wives an electric runabout to do the shopping.



Pictured above, Electrical Operator Noel Burchett drives a vehicle in the Hazelwood Switchyard. The vehicle with the cage is being used in the Terminal Station at Hazelwood by Electrical Operator Alex Allison. The cage enables the vehicle to be used in the vicinity of 500 Kv. Apparatus.

Has job must travel

The Yallourn Power Station has a special attraction for Lionel Powell. It must have, because he travels 40 miles every day to work there and then 40 miles back home at night. In the past nine years he has notched up about 175,000 miles getting to work.

Lionel lives in Iona, about two miles south of Bunyip, where he has a property under irrigation. He leaves home every morning at 5.50, travels by car to Warragul (15 miles) to catch the 6.30 bus for Yallourn.

After a day's work in the electrical workshops toolstore in 'E' station, he heads back to the farm.

When he originally began with the Commission in 1941, Lionel lived in Morwell and worked in Yallourn. In 1951, he left the Commission to go share farming on the property which he now owns. He returned to the



S.E.C. and the Yallourn Power Station in 1964.

Lionel is not our only commuter. Besides employing citizens of Moe, Yallourn, Churchill, Morwell and Traralgon, we also have personnel living at Budgeree, Childers, Drouin, Erica, Flynn, Heyfield, Jeeralang Junction, Longwarry, Mirboo North, Sale, Thorpdale, Trafalgar and Warragul.

Visits to the Valley

Nearly 2,000 schoolchildren from thirty primary and secondary schools throughout Victoria have visited us since mid July. In the same period we also played host to a middle management group, the 1973 Industrial Mobilisation Course, a party of interstate members of CIGRE, students from the Melbourne University and R.M.I.T., members of the C.W.A. and the Ex-Naval Men's Association, a group of young farmers and a young Japanese girl visiting the area as a Lions exchange student.

The Japanese girl, Akiko Kogure, comes from Tokyo and was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Len Cox of Yallourn North for the two weeks she spent in Victoria. Len is our canteen supervisor located at Yallourn.

The University group consisted of 20 second year mechanical, civil and electrical students, whilst the R.M.I.T. party comprised 12 final year Department of Mining students.

The 1973 Industrial Mobilisation Course spent two days in the Latrobe Valley area and were our guests on July 24. There were thirty-one members in the course from a wide variety of commercial and industrial enterprises in addition to members of the armed forces and of Commonwealth Government Departments.

Among our schoolchildren visitors were two parties, each of one hundred, from the Hamilton school inspectorate. The children, who live as far away as Portland and the South Australian border came by special train travelling overnight and breakfasting at the Yallourn Hotel. After touring our works areas in Yallourn and Morwell, the children went to Walhalla for lunch and returned to Traralgon for their evening meal.

The trip back to Melbourne was also by sleeper, and the children visited places of interest in the city, including the Tullamarine Airport, before returning home.



TOP: Jim Knowles, Electrical Maintenance Superintendent, extreme right, explains the operation of the control console in the Control Centre, Morwell Open Cut, to CIGRE visitors, Tony Swann, Vic Healey, Kerrod Beaton and Bill Finnen. Seated is operator Bob McKenzie.

ABOVE: A party of boys and two masters from Haileybury College, Melbourne, learn something about Hazelwood Power Station from Guide Jack Garside.

RIGHT: Tokyo university student, Akiko Kogure, with her hostess, Mrs. L. Cox at Hazelwood Power Station.

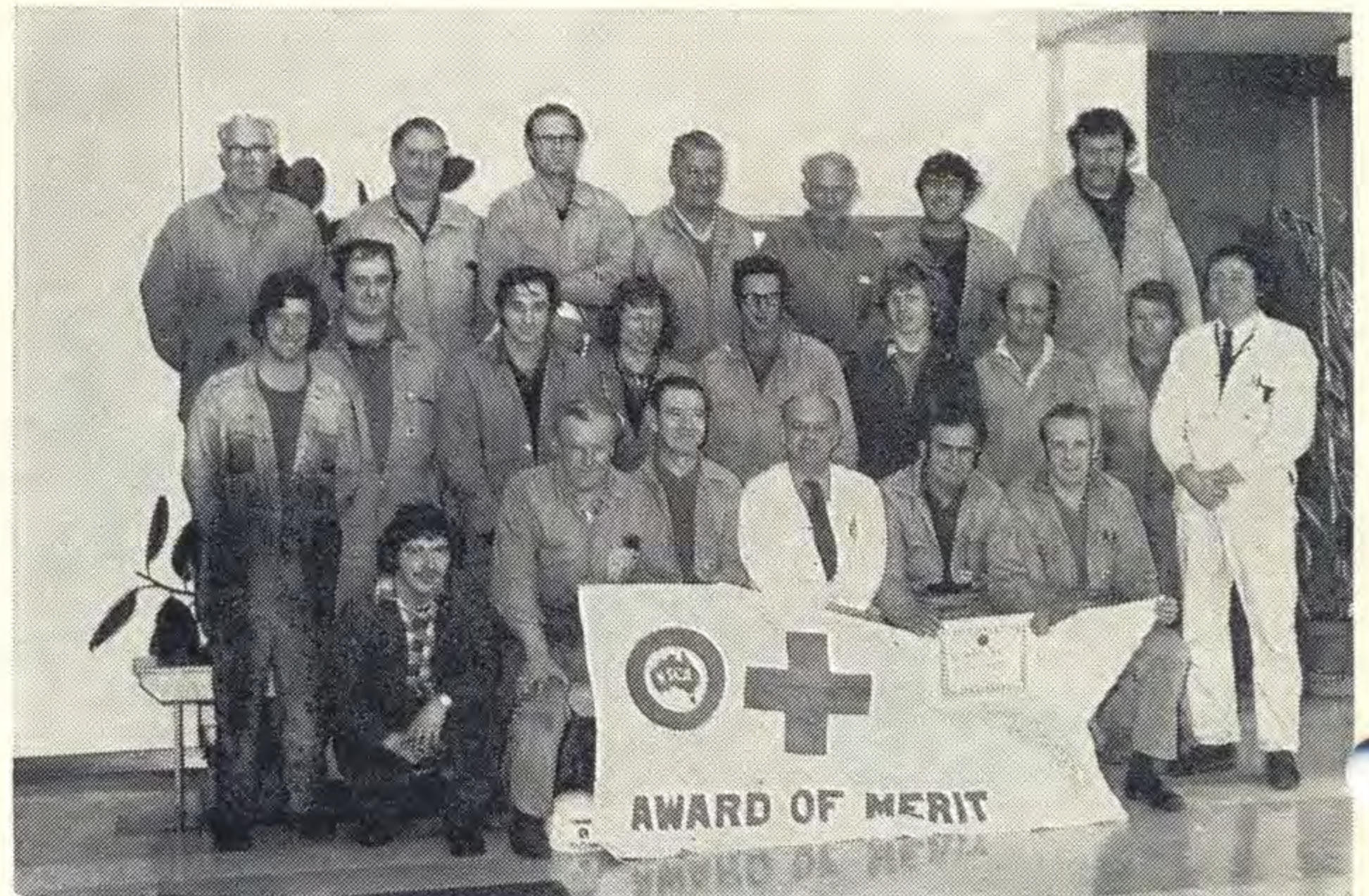


Awards for Safety work

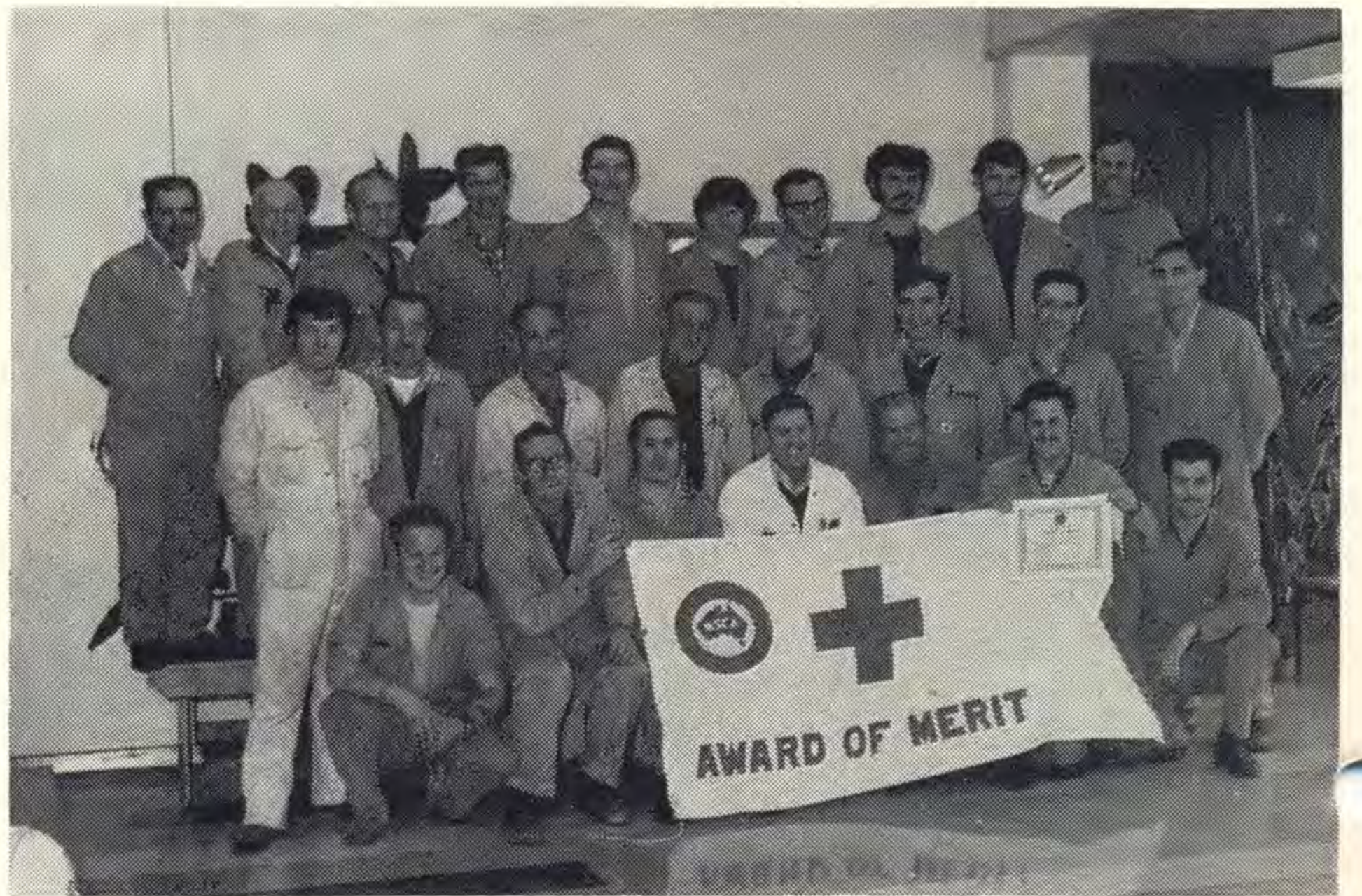
Safety Section

Hazelwood Power Station has won the Power Division Safety Shield for the second successive year—the first Power Station in the Valley to do so. Personnel at the station are determined to make it three in a row. But the going will be tougher next year. Another station, Yallourn 'W', entered the competition on July 1. Photographed are some of the boys who made the win possible.

ABOVE RIGHT: Group 6, Mechanical Maintenance Workshops, reached 129,344 manhours without a disabling injury. Last injury was on 2-8-71. There are 41 in the group.



RIGHT: Group 10, Cleaners, reached 107,119 manhours without a disabling injury. Last injury was on 22-6-71, and there are 30 in the group.



BELOW: Acting Power Engineer, Allan Crockett (right), presents Don Clark, Power Station Superintendent, Hazelwood Power Station, with the Power Department Safety Shield.

BELOW RIGHT: Group 27, Shift Mechanical Maintenance, reached 137,455 manhours without a disabling injury. The group comprises 25 men. It was formed in February, 1971, and has yet to have a D.I.



Have you done this?

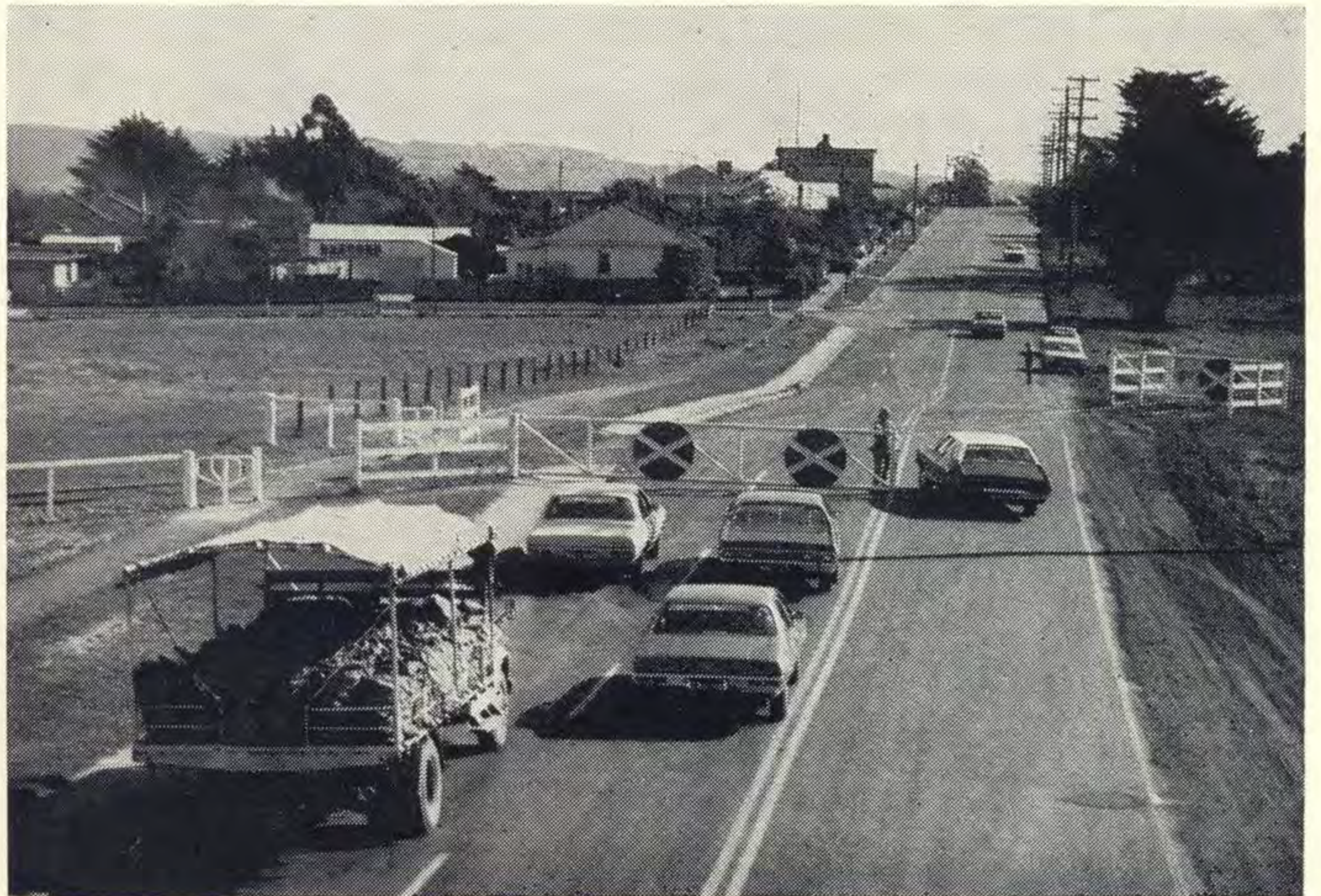
Two drivers have, and as a result are in trouble. There are three good reasons why you should not copy this driver:

FIRSTLY — It is an offence against the civil law (crossing double lines) and you could lose your driver's licence.

SECONDLY — The S.E.C. may take disciplinary action by prohibiting you from parking your car in a Commission car park.

THIRDLY — It makes the opening and closing of the gates a hazardous job for your mate from the Stores.

Incidentally, the car in the picture is breaking the law, but as the driver was posing, at Contact's request, for this story—he got off with a caution.



Apprentice safety record



300,000 manhours without a disabling injury, that's the safety record of a group of 45 apprentices and their five instructors in the machine shop of the Yallourn Workshops. The record was established over a period of two years.

In presenting the safety plaque and a National Safety Council pennant to Fitting and Turning Apprentices, Hugh Falls (left) and Tony Moretti, Mr. Max Gray, Manager, Services, told the apprentices that, in days gone by, the absence of fingers or some similar disability or deformity was unfortunately all too often the mark of a tradesman. He suggested that the safe working practices taught by their instructors should always be remembered and used by them so that at the end of their working life they would be fit and able to enjoy a happy retirement.

One trip—and they're gone

"There's many a slip . . ." — and there's also many a trip. Just ask Hazelwood Power Station Operations Section. Theirs is the classic story of almost, but not quite getting there — this time.

It hurts us — and them — to print their story, but hope it helps.

They reached 815,800 manhours without a disabling accident until

15.30 hours on August 13, when an employee tripped on a stair and sprained an ankle. Now they're back to square one.

Station Operations Engineer, Bert Mee, said, "Of course we are disappointed, but we reached a total of 815,800 manhours and that's no mean feat. We know that a million manhours can be achieved, that's our target and we started on August 14."



RETIREMENTS

Arthur "Mick" Brien

Arthur "Mick" Brien retired from the Commission on August 16, 1973, after 47 years service. Mick started as a lad in 1925 leading horses in the old Brown Coal Mine and worked with the animals until he became a pump man in 1940. For years he was a familiar sight driving a white horse and delivering oil by dray to dredgers and tractors working in the Open Cut. Acting Deputy Manager, Bill Graham, presented him with a gold watch—a gift from the Commission to mark his lifetime of service. Mick also received a pen and pencil set, a photo album of pictures of early development of the open cut and a model of a dray carved from fossil wood found in the open cut.



Peter Dyt



Ben Deane



Bill Robinson



Bob Purves



Mrs. M. A. McLeod

Peter Dyt

Trimmer, Hazelwood Power Station. Retired on 10-7-73 after 21 years service in the Yallourn Power Station, Briquetting Works and Hazelwood.

Bob Purves

Retired on August 1 after 7½ years as a Public Liaison Officer. During that time Bob looked after special visitors to the area, assisted management with the various social functions and helped to produce Contact.

Cyril Witnish

A fireman at Yallourn Power Station retired on August 6 after 19 years service. He started with the Commission in 1954 as a camp orderly at Yallourn.

Ben Deane

Began with the Commission as a driver in March, 1964, and retired from the Yallourn Workshops on 22-7-73.

Mrs. M. A. McLeod

Retired on 20-7-73 after 12 years as a charwoman in the Yallourn Stores.

Mrs. M. McVey

Was a canteen attendant at Morwell for 10 years before her retirement on 8-8-73.

Sebastianio Finocchiaro

Retired on 23-8-73 after 14 years service. He was a skilled builder's labourer with the Construction at Yallourn Power Station.

Bill Robinson

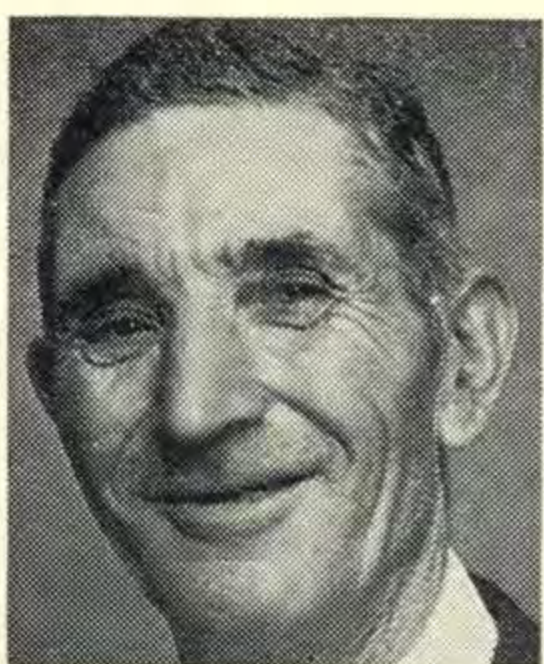
Joined the Commission in January, 1963, and after working as a trimmer in the Yallourn Power Station retired on 22-7-73.

Les Shaw

Retired on 22-7-73 after 22 years service as a carpenter, first with Civil Construction and later with Civil Services, Yallourn.

Jim Canavan

Retired on 25-7-73 after seven years service as a motor driver with Tests and Communications.



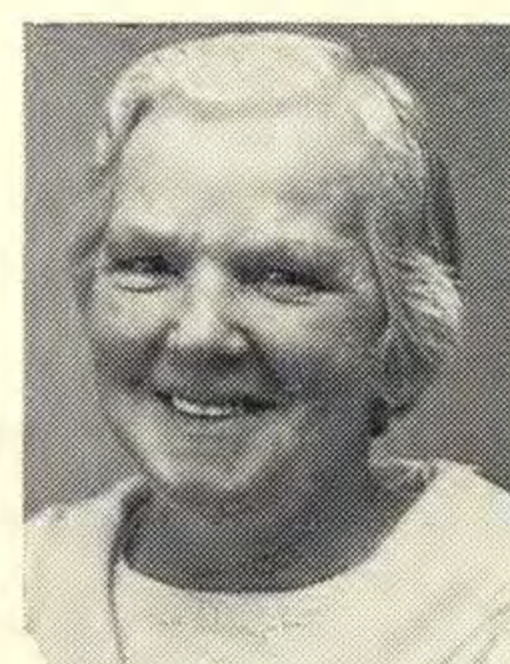
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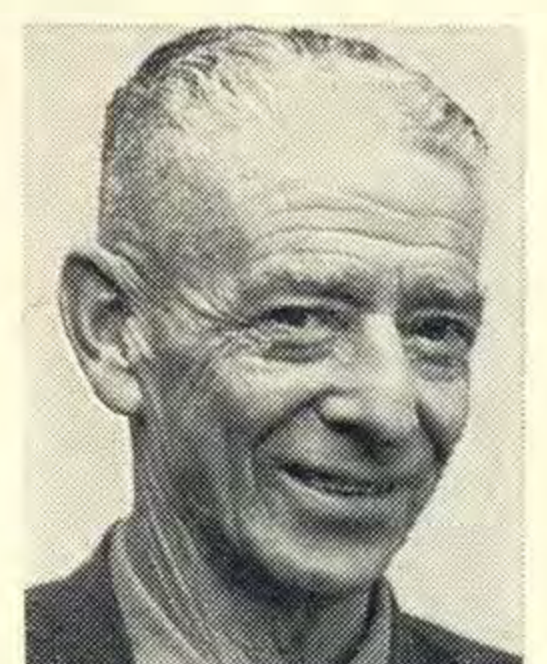
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Our top apprentices

Four S.E.C. apprentices received awards as part of Apprenticeship Week. Special honourable mention certificates were presented at the Departmental Training Centre on August 17. The four were:

LOUISE BAGNALL—3rd year fitting and turning;

CHRISTOPHER WOODBRIDGE—1st year boilermaker;

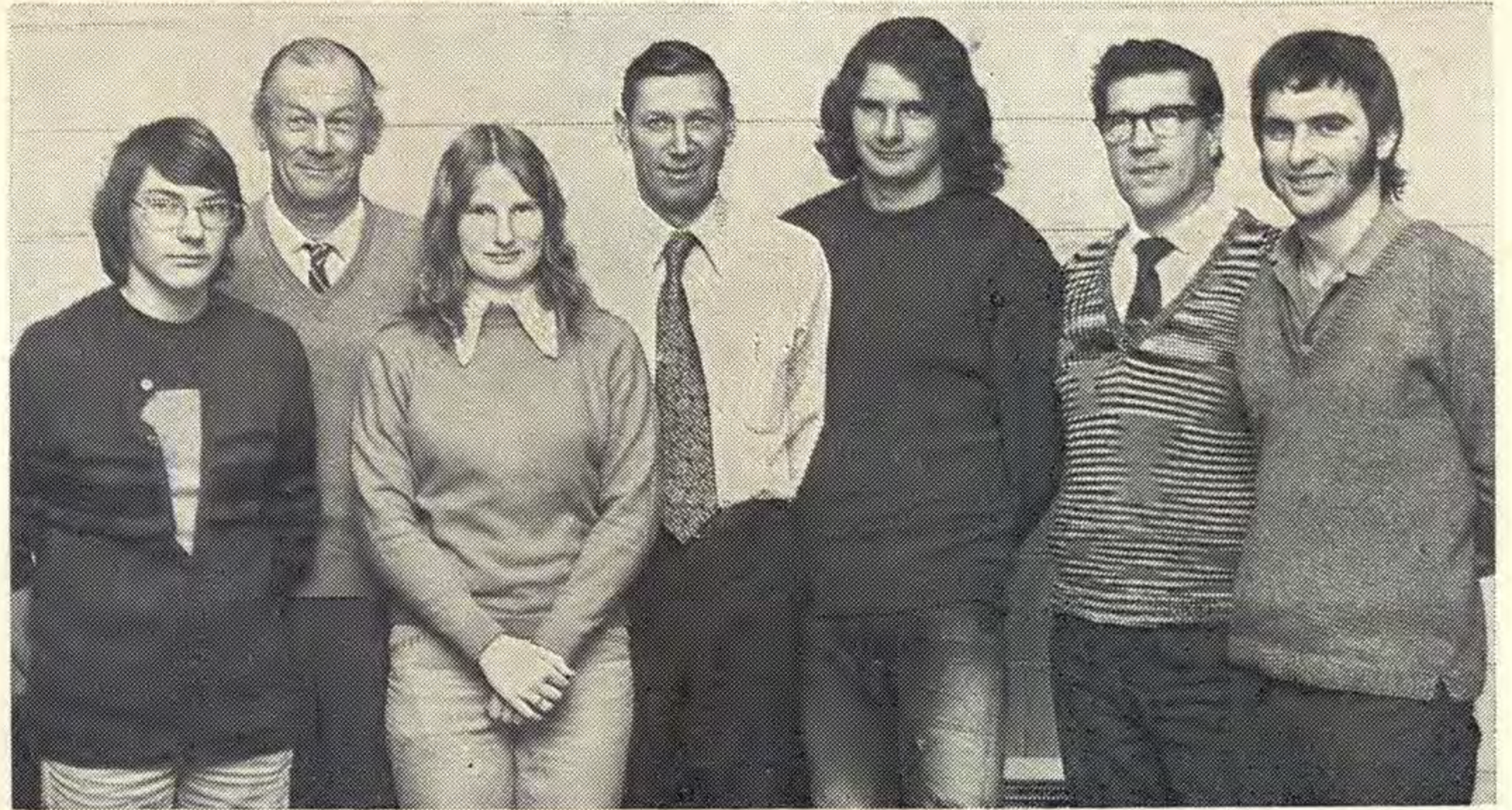
RODNEY COOPER—2nd year boilermaker;

PETER HEUSMANN—1st year fitting and turning.

The presentation of the certificates was made by Mr. Ed Scott, Principal of the Yallourn Technical College.

Chairman of the presentation ceremony was Education and Training Officer, Mr. Athol Robinson, who said that though the Commission did not "groom" people to win awards it was justly proud of its four young winners. Their success had again reflected the quality of the Commission's selection system, the high standard of apprentices themselves, the quality of the training scheme including the instructors and of the schooling available.

Representing Management, Mr. Bill Graham, Acting Deputy Manager, congratulated the four award winners, whom he said had the enthusiasm and desire to perform their skills to the highest level of their ability. "The Commission," he said, "is justly proud of the achievements of its apprentices, some of whom have risen to positions as executives, professional engineers, district managers and workshop superintendents. For the last 16 years Commission apprentices had won 36 bronze medallions for the most outstanding examples of craftsmanship in the State," he said.



Left to right: Peter Heusmann, Jim Pym, Louise Bagnall, Bill Bovington, Chris Woodbridge, Peter Gracey and Rod Cooper. Jim Pym and Peter Gracey are apprentice instructors—Bill Bovington is an Acting Foreman Machinist.

Money for bright ideas

Alan Baxter, a leading hand rigger at Hazelwood Power Station, was awarded \$90 for a suggestion involving the removing and replacing the torsion bar operating mechanism on the Hazelwood boiler drums. The suggestion incorporates the use of a monorail in close proximity to these mechanisms and has resulted in the reduction of the job time from 16 hours to 4 hours.

Awards of \$15 also went to Brian Lees, Reg Kemp, Peter Long and Paul Walker, all of Hazelwood Power Station. The presentations were made by Mechanical Maintenance Engineer, Keith Evans.

For Sale

METTERS FREEZERATOR, 21 cubic feet twin vertical doors. 9 months old. \$340 off list price. Guaranteed for further 52 months. — Apply L. Metcalf, 17 Bristol Street, Moe, Phone Moe 27 3823, S.E.C. 2923.

TURNTABLE, P.E. Model 2001, mounted on teak veneer base with hinged perspex dust cover. As new. Pause control, automatic or manual operation. \$60. — Contact B. Tress, Yallourn P.S. Ext. 2281.

● Photographed below: Keith Evans, Mechanical Maintenance Engineer (second from right), presents the cheque to Alan Baxter. Also in the group from the left are Paul Walker, Reg Kemp, Peter Long, and Brian Lees (extreme right).





Jim's scenic lunch-times

With Tony Rafferty and George Perdon blazing their way across the continent, it's time to meet our long distance runner, Jim Willis.

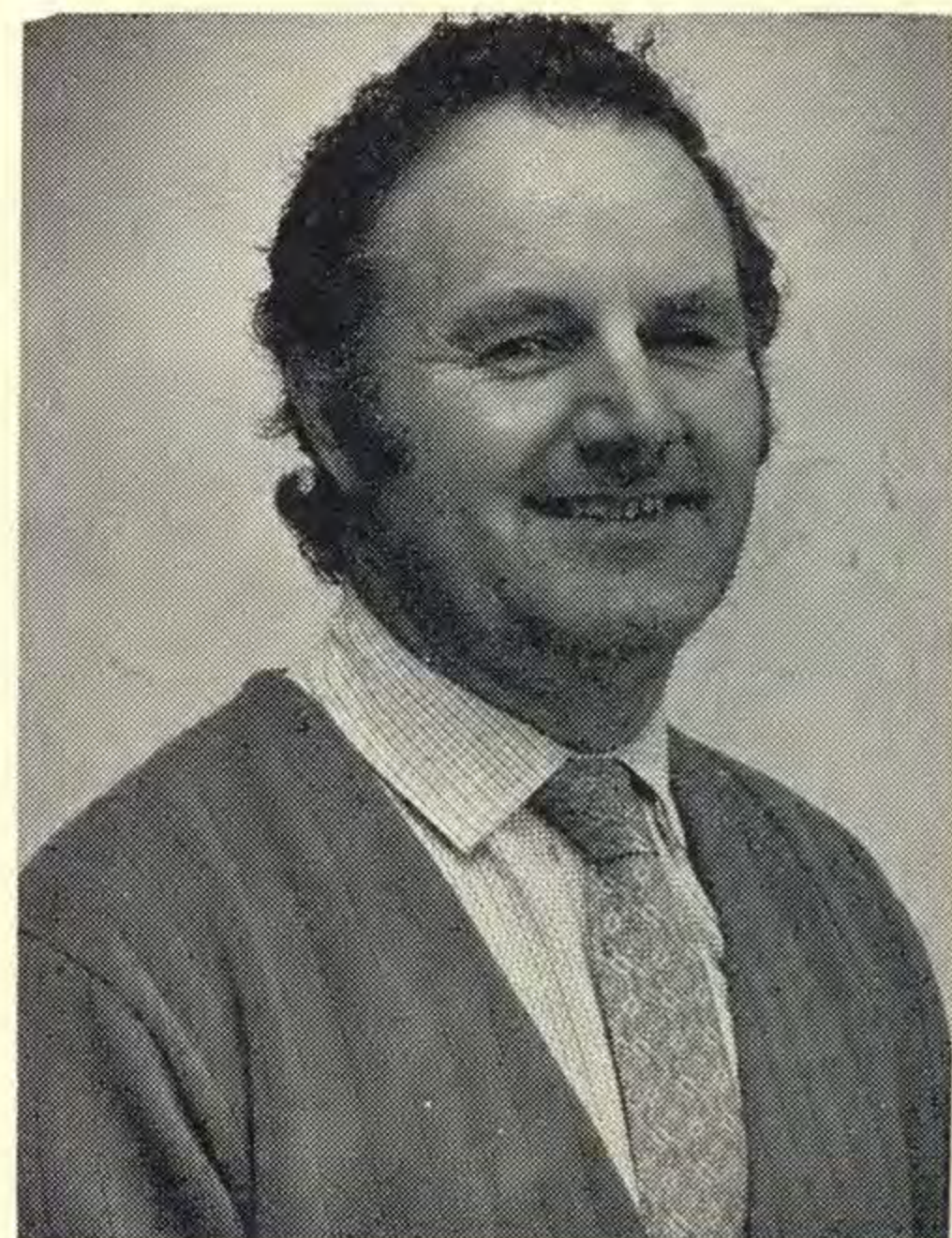
Aged 41, Jim, a clerk in records at Morwell, runs 75 miles a week. Six miles every lunch time. He began long distance running in 1955 and to date has covered about 30,000 miles. Jim's best effort to date is in the veteran section (over 40 years) of the marathon, he has won three out of the four staged this year.

In 1971 whilst on long service leave overseas, he ran a total of 154 miles in Siberia, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan and India.



Jim also played cricket for Yarragon—his home town—from 1947 to 1968, first as an opening bowler and later as a batsman. His best bowling effort was 8 for 33 off 16 overs and his best score with the bat—79 not out.

From 1951-1972 he was a boundary umpire with Yarragon, Yallourn and Trafalgar Football Clubs.



Fastest draw in the East?

Alf Obersby may not be the fastest draw in the Valley, but he certainly is the most accurate.

For the second year in succession he has won the Gippsland champion of champions and has qualified to shoot at Williamstown for the State Championship in September.

Last year, Alf, Assistant Operations Engineer at Hazelwood power station, tied with the State winner, J. Reilly of Lancefield, and then lost in the shoot-off.

Alf is a State selector, Councillor for Gippsland in the Victorian Rifle Association and his latest appointment is as a selector for the ladies' team.

He has represented Victoria in N.S.W. and Canberra, and hopes to be in the State team in Tasmania later in the year.

Trains on his way to work

Second year apprentice boilermaker, Len Van Berkel, hit the sporting headlines last month when he won the Victorian Junior 50 miles Road Cycling Title.

Aged 19, Len became interested in the sport three years ago when he joined the Traralgon Amateur Cycling Club.

Since then he has won a number of club titles—his Victorian Junior being his first major one.

Len rides about 200 miles a week—half of them going to and from work.

He hopes to enter the Victorian Senior Road Title of 120 miles next year, but doesn't give himself much of a chance, "not for a few years yet."

Len rides for enjoyment—he is not particularly interested in other sports claiming that cycling and girls do not give him enough time.



They're a knock-out

The winners of the Hazelwood Power Station 1973 Golf Knock-out Competition were ARTHUR PEARCE, 'A' Grade and IAN SCHMUTTER, 'B' Grade. Respective runners-up were DAVE NOBLE and GEOFF WHITELAW. There were 46 entries, 21 in 'A' Grade and 25 in 'B'. Trophies were presented by Social Club President FRED FOYES on August 22. The 1974 competition starts about March 15 next, to coincide with the end of mid-week cricket.

The competition is open to anyone working at Hazelwood and you don't have to be a member of a golf club to take part.