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Cover

The coveted SEC Social League cricket competition shield is at least halfway into the hands of Yallourn club captain John White (second from left) after a washed out grand final on March 9 (see story P.16).

Clements House team captain Geoff Kong (left) seems happy enough about the "shared shield" situation, and Social League officials Mick Gevnr (secretary) at right, and Geoff Bryce (chairman of the executive of the Social League) are just happy that the season was such a success.

Cricket has been in the headlines lately, with the final of the League competition; a lightning premiership at Yallourn and the impending final of the Mid-Week competition.

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Safety is the name of the game with John



Acting Safety Engineer John Castleman has renewed a number of Latrobe Valley acquaintances since replacing Merv Sunderland last month.

As Planning and Development Engineer in the Accident Prevention Division of Personnel Department, John was a key figure in the wide-ranging accident survey conducted at Yallourn Power Station and in Civil Services (Yallourn) last year.

Aim of the survey was to establish the potential for accidents in the two areas, and to recommend to management ways of improving the situation.

John took part in pre-survey planning and in actual field work.

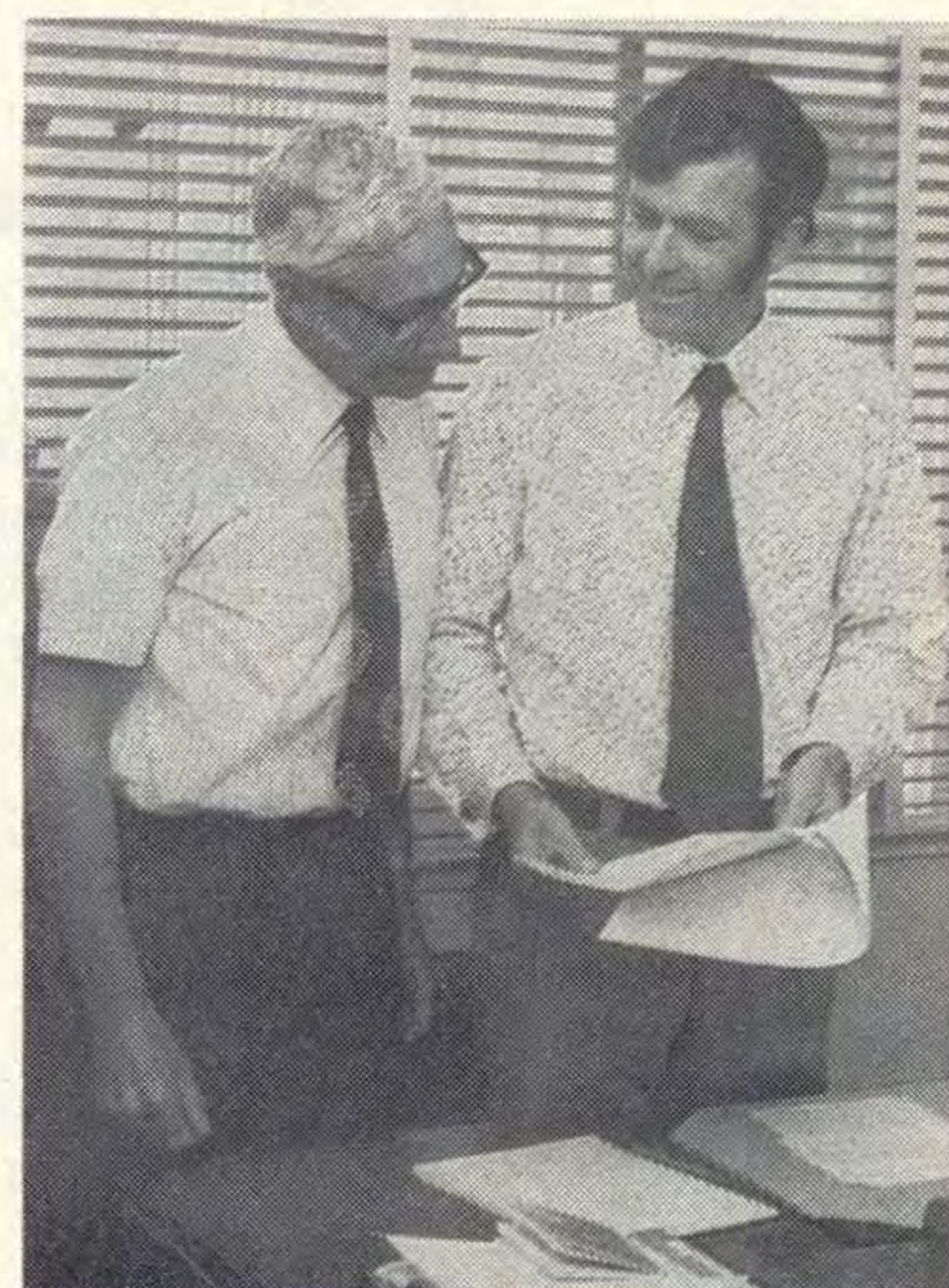
Basic to the rationale of the survey proposal was the thought that where safety is concerned, prevention is better than cure—an attitude which reflects John's own conviction.

Here in the Latrobe Valley, John has the support of experienced Safety Officer George Troke.

● Merv Sunderland, a well-known figure throughout the Valley, resigned from the Commission last year to become Pastor of the Morwell Revival Centre.

Above: Part of the team which last year conducted an extensive safety review in the Latrobe Valley. Pictured from left, are John Castleman, Norm Hellwege, Chief Safety Engineer Chas. Polglaze, Claude Angelo and Dave Pierce.

Below: John Castleman (right) and Safety Officer George Troke keeping up with latest developments.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Morwell Staff Social Club will be held in the Morwell Admin. Canteen at 7.30 p.m. on a date to be advised.

WANTED

Kayak (two-man) or Ibis fireglass canoe. Interested also in single Fawkner Kayak.

Enquiries Ext. 3228.

BIG DEPARTMENT ROLE

With implementation of the new Operations Group organisation well advanced, it was important that Latrobe Valley-based departments assumed the full autonomy applicable to their departmental status, Assistant General Manager (Operations), Bill De Campo, said today.

Mr. De Campo said that this included contact with outside organisations and local community groups, as well as liaison with other Commission departments.

He said he was confident the target date of mid-1975 for resolution of organisational requirements arising from formation of the new departments would be achieved.

On the current situation, Mr. De Campo said that working relationships between departments were currently being investigated, with changes within the commercial organisation associated with the transfer of budgetary and some accounting functions to the engineering departments receiving high priority.

Firm proposals had been developed, including posts to be advertised.

However, commercial organisation of the Finance Division of Area Administration Department was still under review.

"It is of special importance that the organisation of this division provides the flexibility needed to meet future changes, particularly in relation to computer applications, and that it continues to provide challenging and satisfying work for the officers concerned.

"It is hoped that final arrangements for this division will be established by about mid-April, at which time it is intended that a complete picture of the commercial organisation for Latrobe Valley-based departments and Transmission Division will be promulgated," Mr. De Campo said.

He went on to say that the working arrangements and responsibilities between departments for various service type activities were another area of particular importance.

A number of problems were being discussed by departmental and divisional heads, and Management Services Department was investigating some aspects of the division of responsibilities between Fuel and Coal Production Departments.

Sectional organisations within departments would be completed when the respective responsibilities and working arrangements were resolved, Mr. De Campo said.

ORGANISATION TAKING SHAPE

A number of organisational gaps in the Operations Group departmental structure were filled last month with the appointments of a Chief Administrative Officer for Area Administration Department and Departmental Commercial Officers in the other three departments.

Chief Administrative Officer is Ken Yelland, formerly systems accountant with the Accounting Systems and Inspection Division.

Departmental Commercial Officers appointed are David Davies (Coal Production), Jack Huxtable (Power Generation) and Frank Miles (Engineering Services).

Jack Huxtable, who is currently Commercial Manager at the Gippsland ESB, will take up his position on April 14.

In Coal Production, the previously vacant CPS position in allourn Open Cut Division has been filled by Col Ferguson.

Vacant Services Engineer (Civil) and Services Engineer (Mechanical) posts in the Engineering Services Department are not to be filled at this stage, and in Area Administration, the position of Materials and Services Officer is yet to be advertised.

Kevin Gould is Acting Materials and Services Officer.

In keeping with current policy to effect temporary interchange of personnel beyond their own departments to provide wider experience, there have been a number of senior staff moves between Engineering Services, Power Generation and Coal Production departments.

George Davis will occupy the position of Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn PS until June 30, when he will transfer to Melbourne for a period. During this time, Yallourn APSS Bryce McRitchie will carry out special duties at the station.

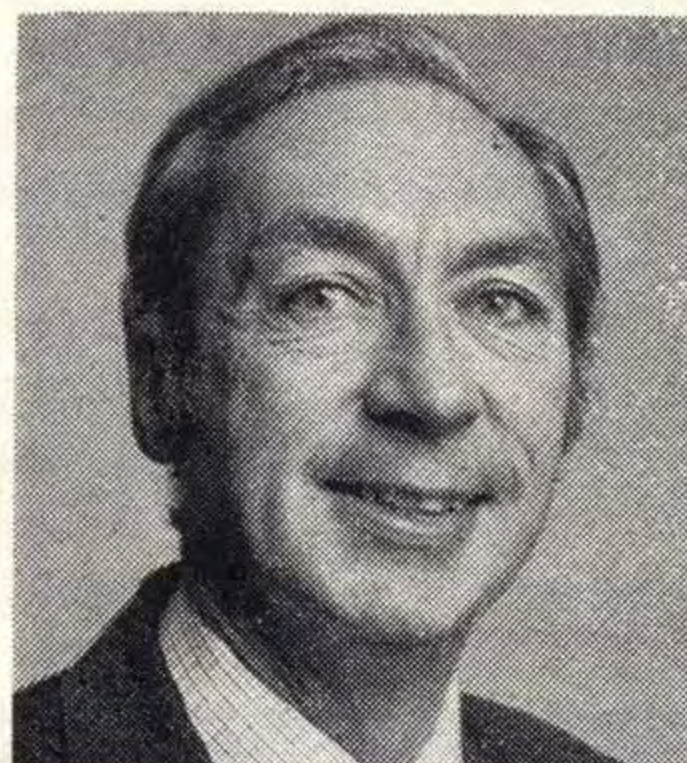
Alan Castelow will occupy the position of Engineer, Mechanical Services, until November 30, except for the period June-August, when he will be on long service leave. In Alan's absence, Cyril Morellato will act as Superintendent, Briquetting and Power, with YPS Mechanical Maintenance Engineer John Hutchinson acting as Deputy Superintendent. Col Harvey will act as Mechanical Main. Eng., YPS.



Ken Yelland



David Davies



Frank Miles



Jack Huxtable

Max Williamson will occupy the position of Coal Operations Superintendent at Morwell until May 30, when he will assume the role of Co-ordinating Engineer while Jeff Miles is on long service leave. Later, he will transfer to Melbourne for a period.

McGregor Stewart has transferred from Coal Production Department to the position of Civil Works Engineer (Yallourn) until May 30, when he will return to Coal Production. From March 25 to June 2, Tom Stillman will occupy the position of Engineer, Civil Services, after which he returns to his usual post of Civil Works Engineering, Yallourn.

valley visitors

Rosemary Hillis, an electrical engineer with SEC, takes a close look at a transmission line model during a day spent inspecting Operations Groups areas in the Latrobe Valley. She'll see plenty of lines during her Commission career. The first woman to hold an engineering scholarship with the SEC, Rosemary is studying for her degree in electrical engineering at Monash University, and is half-way through her course.

Pictured at the foot of the page are members of the Papua-New Guinea table tennis team which toured the SEC Works Area at Morwell during their visit to Victoria for the Commonwealth table tennis championships.



Works areas at Morwell and Yallourn could be in for extensive exposure overseas as a result of the visit last month of Swedish photographer Wolf Krabel, who spent a day looking us over from all angles.

Ultimate target of Wolf and his assistant, Bo Ternstedt, is a wide variety of trade magazines, airlines and text books.

Open cut operations and power station activity provided the pair with ample opportunity for spectacular shots.

Another visitor from Sweden last month was Mr. Artemi Kullerkup, an executive of L. M. Ericsson's, who spent some time getting the feel of the total environment in which his firm's Morwell operations is conducted.

Mr. Kullerkup was accompanied by Ericsson's Broadmeadows plant personnel officer Mr. Stan Tertin and Mr. Darryl White, personnel officer at Morwell.

Materials handling was the major area of interest for

There was no lack of interesting conversation during the two days spent in the company of SEC personnel by French visitor Claude Le Barbier and Mrs. Le Barbier last month.

Director of External Affairs for Electricite de France, Mr. Le Barbier was in Australia during a flying visit to a number of countries in this part of the world.

He and his wife were taken on an extensive tour of SEC installations by Public Relations Officer Stan Aitken, with Mr. Le Barbier showing special interest in an inspection of Yallourn "W" power station arranged by Graham Teese, of Power Department (Construction).

While in Victoria, Mr. Le Barbier held discussions with SEC chairman Charles Trethowan; former chairman Bob White; AGM (Ops.) Bill De Campo and AGM (Development) Jack Johnson.

Mr. Le Barbier is the man with whom most SEC personnel travelling to Paris on CIGRE business make initial contact.

A civil engineer by training, he spent some years on the Ivory Coast before serving two years with the United Nations in New York.

John Rivas, of Fluor Australia when he spent a day in the Valley on February 21.

As well as inspecting the area, Mr. Rivas was engaged in discussions with Commission personnel.

Sixteen visitors from Papua-New Guinea and islands north of Australia made up a party which homed in on the Morwell-Hazelwood area.

Among private visitors to the Yallourn area were Dr. Roy Ebenezer and Mrs. Ebenezer. Dr. Ebenezer is Ophthalmic Consultant to the Ministry of Health, Oman, Arabia.

The Parliamentary Public Works Committee conducting the Loy Yang project inquiry flew over the works areas at Yallourn and Morwell on February 11 — and then returned for an on-the-spot inspection of Yallourn "W" power station.

Schools to inspect the area during February include Wesley College, Methodist Ladies' College, Banyule High School, and primary schools from Morwell, Trafalgar and Tanjil.



Yallourn resettlement



Above: Elderly citizens' flats in the Latrobe Valley Village for Senior Citizens at Newborough (behind the LV Community Hospital) near completion.

Below: Two shots of similar flats already in use at Healesville. Resettlement officers who inspected the Healesville units were most impressed with their quality.



The first Yallourn residents who plan to reside in the Latrobe Valley Village for Senior Citizens are expected to take up residence during April.

The SEC has sponsored four of the first eight units, and four more units will be sponsored in the second stage of the building programme.

The first stage is nearing completion.

The Yallourn Resettlement Committee has also made arrangements for sponsorship of an SEC nominee to take up residence at Yallambee, the Traralgon Village for the Aged.

A Yallourn resident has been nominated and an offer will be made to sponsor another resident later.

There are already three former Yallourn residents at Yallambee, but each made private arrangements for occupancy.

At Newborough, a plan of subdivision for four residential blocks in Southwell Avenue is in the process of being sealed and registered. Officials hope that the land will be ready for sale within the next month.

Moe Council and the Housing Commission have agreed that Moe Council

should proceed with street construction and drainage works in Trent Street in a subdivision which will provide

39 blocks.

Tenders have been invited for sewerage and water supply works.

Leadership change

Area Administration Manager George Bates has been appointed chairman of the Yallourn Resettlement Committee.

The appointment follows retirement of the original chairman, Graham Black.

Announcing the appointment, Assistant General Manager Bill De Campo said the appointment would strengthen already strong links between the Committee and the people of Yallourn.

"This Committee has been a valuable asset both to Yallourn and to the SEC," he said.

George Bates has a close association with the town.

He was a student at Yallourn Technical College, and lived and worked in the town from 1949 to 1968.

During this time he played six seasons with Yallourn Football Club and



has remained a keen supporter of the Club.

His wife Sonja is from Yallourn.

Graham Black, who retired from the SEC on February 21 (see Page 15), has been retained as a consultant to Bill De Campo on matters relating to Yallourn.

"SQUARE" meals on wheels



Above: Jim Davies, with his wife Peg (left) and LV Community Hospital employees Mary O'Dowd and Marion Walker (right) make a bulk collection of food from the hospital kitchen.



Below: Mrs. Davies serves a meal to Moe Senior Citizens' Club members Rene Walters, May Bradford, Nell Hall and Vina Walsh. In the period May 27, '74 to Dec. 31, '74, the service delivered 3,881 meals.

SOCIAL CLUB CHANGES

The Morwell Staff Social Club has established three membership categories in a move designed to ensure that each club member enjoys more fully the benefits of club membership.

The major changes involve categories to cater for:

- young members who have no children and who, therefore, gain no benefit from annual picnic gift presentations,
- members whose children are eligible to receive gifts at the annual picnic, and,
- members whose children are no longer eligible for gift presentations.

Members in all three categories are eligible to attend club-organised social evenings.

However, additional functions and outings will be arranged specifically for members in the various categories.

The Association of Social Clubs gained a new president at its annual meeting late last year.

New president of the Association is Yallourn Power Station personality John Hutchinson. Vice-president is Frank Pye, and Alan Campigli has taken on the role of treasurer.

George Seear, who continues as secretary, is currently on extended sick leave.

The spread of Meals on Wheels organisations has been one of the most heartening of the many person-to-person community service developments of recent years.

Since the idea first took hold, Meals on Wheels has mushroomed to the extent that hardly a town worthy of the name is without its own voluntarily-staffed service. The Latrobe Valley is no exception, and—as with most Valley organisations—there is a strong representation of SEC personnel (and/or their wives) among volunteers here.

The Moe and District Meals on Wheels organisation is an example.

Formed less than a year ago, the Moe service was established to provide a meal a day, Monday to Friday, for people requiring the service in the Yallourn, Yallourn North, Moe, Newborough and Trafalgar areas.

Yallourn Power Station electrician and operator Jim Davies is secretary of the MMOW service, which delivers 45 meals each day to aged and other people.

However, as Jim points out, MMOW has its troubles.

The increasing demand has created problems for the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital at Moe, where the meals are prepared. Unable to serve up 45 individual meals, the hospital now provides the MMOW service with the meals in bulk.

The food is collected from the hospital by MMOW volunteers; transferred to a bulk heater and prepared for distribution at the Moe Senior Citizens' Club kitchen.

Which brings us to the problem . . . as Jim points out:

"The women who deliver the meals have big hearts, but—unfortunately—not very big muscles, and we need some community-minded men to collect the bulk meals and deliver them to the Senior Citizens' Club.

"Total time involved is approximately 20 minutes daily, between 11.30-11.50 a.m.

"Ideally, the job could be rostered among interested shiftworkers.

"Perhaps an afternoon shift would be willing to provide one man per day, which would spread the load, restricting each man's involvement to 20 minutes on one day each month.

"That doesn't sound much, but it would certainly help our team," Jim said.

• Full details of the service may be obtained from Jim Davies, YPS extension 2612. He's got his fingers crossed, hoping for a good response to a worthy cause.

They avoided death by a hare's - breadth

Three hares now being treated like royalty at the Churchill home of Allan Jamieson, of Hazelwood Training Annex, have never had it so good . . . but their introduction to the SEC was not all that pleasant.

Rudely snatched — home and all — in a truckload of sand delivered from Morwell Stores to Ron Baxter's Civil Works Depot at Hazelwood Power Station, they were introduced to the wonders of modern science when builders' laborer George Gatt, busily mixing cement, heaved them into a cement mixer with a shovelful of sand.

Fortunately for them, he noticed the "impurities" and removed them.

Foreman painter Bill Roats identified them as hares and set about cleaning them up, including one which was completely covered with wet cement.

They were fed at Civil Works Depot with a disposable syringe.



Left: Vanessa Jamieson is fascinated by the three tiny guests in her home.

Below: Mrs. Ronica Jamieson, watched by children Alexander and Vanessa, plays out her role as infant nurse — complete with eye-dropper.



Now the problem of their care has been transferred to Allan Jamieson's wife, Ronica, who feeds them four-hourly on a mixture of Pentavite, milk and water.

A doll's bottle has been pressed into service.

When able to fend for themselves, the hares will be released at Hazelwood.

EDUCATION QUERIES ANSWERED

Commission employees in the La-trobe Valley have a more than passing acquaintance with the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education.

And the families of SEC personnel represent a large slice of the Institute's potential local "market".

Which explains why CONTACT agreed to support with publicity an Education Shop established by GIAE in conjunction with various members of the Valley community with an interest in education.

The shop has run into several problems which make it unlikely that it will resume 1975 operations before August, but the advisory service it was designed to provide will still be available through the Institute.

A spokesman for the Education Shop pointed out that information on any aspect of education—including matters relating to primary, secondary, tertiary,

and adult education; in-service training in industry and commerce, and hobby/interest learning — would be readily available.

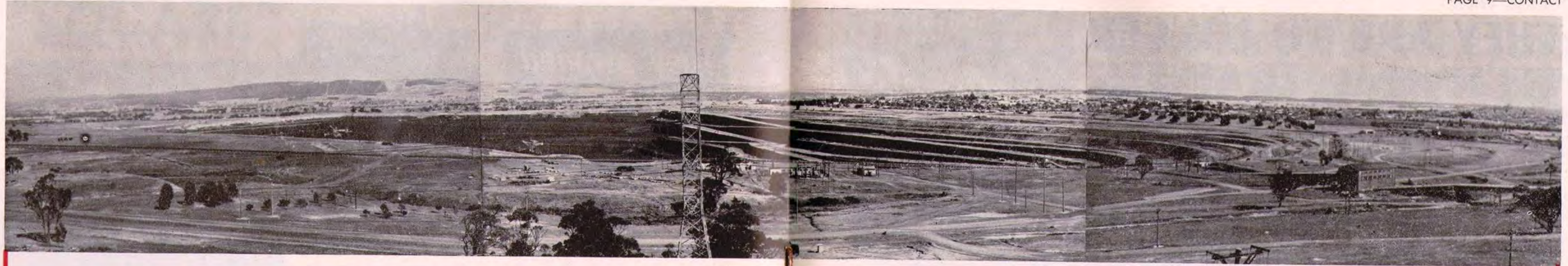
The Institute has access to a learn-

ing exchange computer in Melbourne.

The inquiry service is a genuine attempt to fill a real need in an area being given greater prominence in the public mind today than ever before.



"Any dope can see that's incorrect . . . Right, harworth?"



Above: The birds-eye view of surrounding countryside as seen from the fire control tower.

FIRE CONTROL....A JOB "MADE" FOR THE EXPERT

Putting out fires is the specialty of the men from Morwell Fire Control Centre . . . but while extremely important, actual fire-fighting is only part of the responsibility of a hard-working and versatile team.

The 15 members of the group also are responsible for:

- testing and maintaining all types of firefighting equipment at Morwell and Hazelwood,
- training auxiliary personnel from both power stations, Central Workshops and in civil works,
- assisting Coal Production services when required,
- assisting local fire brigades when required,
- carrying out fire prevention work, including construction of fire breaks around the perimeter of the works

area and removal of grass (which is baled), and,

- noxious weeds and vermin control.
- Fire Control Officer Alex Bremner knows all of the danger spots around the Morwell area—he's been in charge here for 12 years after serving as a full-time officer with Yallourn Fire Brigade.

Alex and assistant fire control officers Bud Walker and Ted Cowper don't lack experience in the field; Alex and Bud were with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade before joining Yallourn Brigade, and Ted—who also spent some

time at Yallourn—was a full-time fireman at Liverpool for 12 years before coming to Australia.

All members of the group have had fairly extensive experience of industrial and rural fire-fighting, and because of the practice of sharing assignments, has developed into a group of "all-rounders".

Commenting last week on fire conditions generally, Alex Bremner said that the Centre had enjoyed "a lucky year" with firemen able to keep fires to fairly minor proportions.

However, with rural conditions as they are—a prolific growth well dried out by sustained hot weather—the worst is yet to come, Alex warns.

In his business, there is never room for complacency, but with professionals on the job, the Morwell Works Area is in the best position possible to meet whatever the remainder of the fire danger period may bring.

Right: Fire Control Officer Alex Bremner (left) and Assistant Fire Control Officer Bud Walker check out their training program timetable.



Below: A sea of foam engulfs a large section of Morwell tip—and Assistant Fire Control Officer Ted Cowper—during a "helping hand" exercise last month. The high expansion foam machine, with an expansion ratio of 1600 to 1, is a relatively new piece of equipment for the Control Centre.



Fireman Dave Allen mounts the lookout fire tower. Dave was for 12 years a permanent fireman with the R.A.A.F. Before joining the Fire Control eight years ago.

Below left: A trainee—head in the clouds—heads off into a smoke-filled tunnel during a training exercise at Hazelwood.



Below right: Fireman "Chooka" Churchill gets right down to it as Control Centre men lend a helping hand at a Morwell tip fire.



Yallourn Fire Brigade members must be about the fittest men around town these days.

Their training schedule leading up to this year's State Urban Fire Brigades' Demonstration at Bendigo would be trying enough for any sportsman.

Members of the demonstration team are Jack Davis (secretary/officer-in-charge), Kevin Green, John Knight, Garry Gooding, David Wandmaker, Bill Graske, Howard Smith, Rod McAllister, Geoff Foggo, Mike Anderson, and Graham Dowers.

At right are two pictures taken at training before the Bendigo event.



THEY ARE NO LONGER TECHNICAL TRAINEES

Technical Trainees who successfully completed their studies last year were formally presented with certificates of competence at a ceremony in the Departmental Training Centre last month.

Area Administration Manager, Mr. George Bates, congratulated the graduating trainees and extended a welcome to the 1975 trainee intake.

Following an address by Mr. Bates, certificates were presented to Electrical Operators, Alan Harlow and Robert McDonald by Assistant Transmission Engineer (LV) Mr. Ian McDonald. Draftsmen Robert Vesty, Alex Irvine and Harold McNair were presented with their certificates by Chief Draftsman Mr. Jim Helms.

Certificates of Competency are awarded to trainees who successfully complete the prescribed academic course during training periods which range from three to four years.

Pictured from left are Assistant Transmission Engineer (LV) Ian McDonald, Alan Harlow, Robert McDonald (no relation to Ian), Alex Irvine, Robert Vesty, Harold McNair.



"An eye for art"



Hazelwood Power Station Superintendent Arthur Ewen has more than a passing interest in art — he dabbles in oils from time to time.

He was therefore gratified when 14-year-old son Jeff submitted an entry in a schools' art display in the Art Gallery

at Morwell. That's Jeff kneeling in our picture, with his country scene oil painting to his left.

Sister Jenny (11), not to be outdone, also had a painting in the exhibition which brought favorable comment from her twin brother Ken and Mrs. Edith Ewen.

FOSSIL FUELS' ROLE "ASSURED"

The role of fossil fuels in the overall energy picture is assured for the next few decades at least, according to experts at a recent conference organised by the Electrical and Electronics Board of the Institute of Engineers (Australia).

During the conference, attention was focussed on resources available here for electrical power generation.

Included in a statement of conclusions arising from the conference were the following points:—

- Fossil fuels currently constitute major energy resource for electrical power generation and will remain so for the next two decades.

- Apart from Tasmania, which is heavily dependent on hydro resources, coal will continue to be the major energy resource in the eastern states, and some emphasis should be given to mining of marginal coal seams when major seams are being exploited to avoid ultimate waste. Some gas for base load generation will be used in South Australia and in other locations for peak load power.

- Hydro power will be a minor energy resource in the eastern mainland states. About 70 percent of the economically available hydro power resource is now being utilised or is committed. (Continued on Page 11)

FRANK'S ON THE BALL...!



The Morwell Club, favorite haunt of many local Commission personnel, has a new champion in its midst.

Frank Bryan, whose face has become a familiar sight behind the wheel of a Commission staff car, recently won the Morwell Club Bowling Club singles championship after a long and tough battle against formidable opposition.

The championship is run as a knock-out elimination contest, with most of the club's 70 bowlers taking part.

Frank is relatively inexperienced — he has been playing the game for the past five years — but it would seem that he could be in the running for the trophy for some time to come.

Over the years, Frank has had more than his share of success at other sports, including tennis, cricket and snooker. He is happy now to add another notch to his victory belt.

Country Week stars



The Central Gippsland cricket side which competed in the recent annual Country Week championships was well stocked with local Commission personnel.

Batsmen Fred De Bono (Budgets and Statistics) and John Webb (Civil Works, Morwell) scored runs in the five-day carnival, while fast bowler Ray Grieve from Hazelwood bowled his share of quickies. Team manager was Trevor French, also from Hazelwood.

The Central Gippsland team won two matches and lost two.

Now, each player's thoughts are turning to individual team chances in the Central Gippsland finals series now in progress.

FOSSIL FUELS

(Continued from Page 10)

- Oil is used only to a very minor extent in the eastern states, but Western Australia and the Northern Territory are heavily dependent on oil, and may become even more dependent.

- Environmental considerations will play an important role in the provision of future power generation installations.

- With regard to atomic energy, there is a need for an immediate and positive educational programme to reassure the public with regard to the actual level of possible risks.

- Tidal and solar power do not at present appear to constitute significant resources for electrical power generation; however, research and development should be supported for use of solar energy for generation of heat and for feasibility studies of tidal power.

- Nuclear fusion processes may provide the long term future prospects for energy resources. Considerable research and development in this field is desirable for adaption to Australian needs.

- The I.E.A. ad hoc Committee on energy advised the conference that it favors the concept of a National advisory body on energy to establish long term needs and to stimulate the necessary action to enable those needs to be met in a timely and adequate manner.

THIS CAN'S HOT STUFF

Pressure pack cans have become commonplace in today's "instant" world, but although people are familiar with the cans, they don't always seem so well-informed about the dangers they can present.

From Hazelwood Power Station comes a safety warning story which is especially applicable during hot summer months.

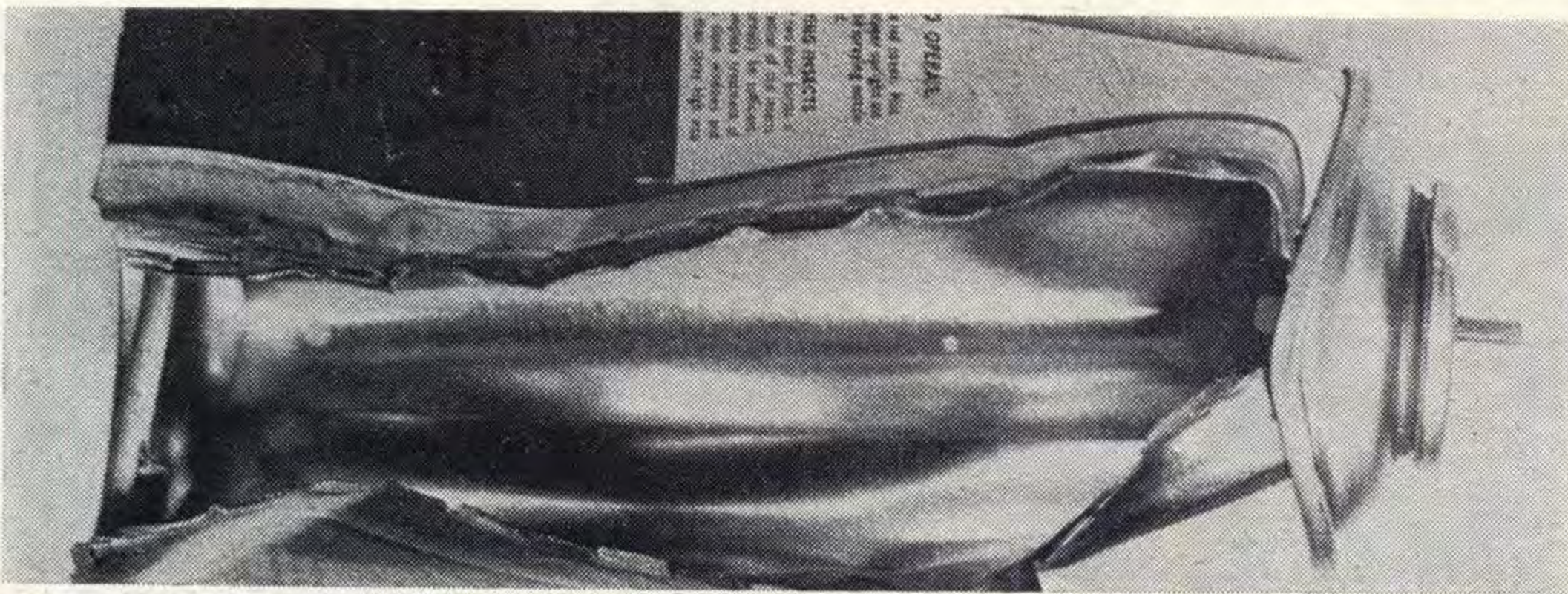
Apparently, a pressure pack can was inadvertently left on the dash-

board of an SEC employee's car, against the windscreen.

The sun's rays caused the can to explode, shattering the windscreen. Fortunately, the car was unoccupied at the time, and no one was injured.

Under these circumstances, the cans can be transformed into very dangerous missiles.

So, as the warning on the can says, "do not expose to direct sunlight".



safety

Two hundred and fifty thousand manhours without a disabling injury . . . that is an impressive record, and one of which Morwell Stores personnel are justifiably proud.

Late last month, AGM (Ops.) Bill De Campo took time out to visit the Morwell Main store and present an Award of Merit pennant and certificate to the 86 members of the

Morwell Stores Group.

Acting part-time safety officer Alex Hood and Brian Petts-Jones accepted the awards on the group's behalf.

Also in attendance was

A/Departmental Materials Officer Col Glenn.

Morwell Stores Group is comprised of six sub-groups — stores from Hazelwood, Morwell Briquette and Power Installation and Morwell Workshops, as well as the oil store, gas store and the Main store. Each was well represented at the presentation.



A safety record to be proud of . . . Linda Hall and Brian Petts-Jones unfurl their newly won safety pennant, while A.G.M. (Ops.) Bill DeCampo and acting part-time safety officer Alex Hood display the Award of Merit certificate.

Safety honors at Hazelwood



Above: The safety formula which has served Hazelwood Power Station well, helping in the creation of an outstanding safety record.

Hazelwood Power Station lecture room was the setting for a multiple safety presentation on February 14.

Power Generation Department Manager Jack Robertson took time out to present pennants and certificates to three safety-conscious outfits, emphasising that all efforts directed toward improvement of safety records would receive management backing.

Presentations were made to:—

Stage 1 Workshops, Group 6: 250,000 accident-free manhours;

Turbine Room, Group 5A: 100,000 accident-free manhours;

Technical Services, Groups 12 and 29: 100,000 accident-free manhours.

Proud representatives to accept the awards for each group were: Group 6, Fred Fryer; Group 5A, Phillip Maxwell; Groups 12 and 29, Fred Deguara.

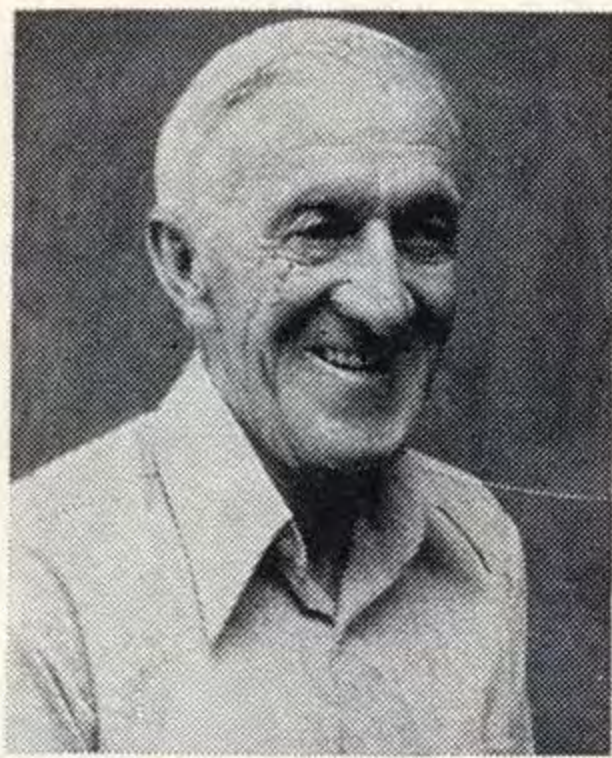
Above: Group 6 (workshop, stage 1) members display the pennant they earned by operating for more than 250,000 manhours without a DI.

Below: Members of Group 5A (turbine room) have 100,000 reasons to be proud of themselves. The section has 34 members.

Below: They're not all pictured, but the 67 members of two technical service groups (12 and 29) are well represented.



retirements

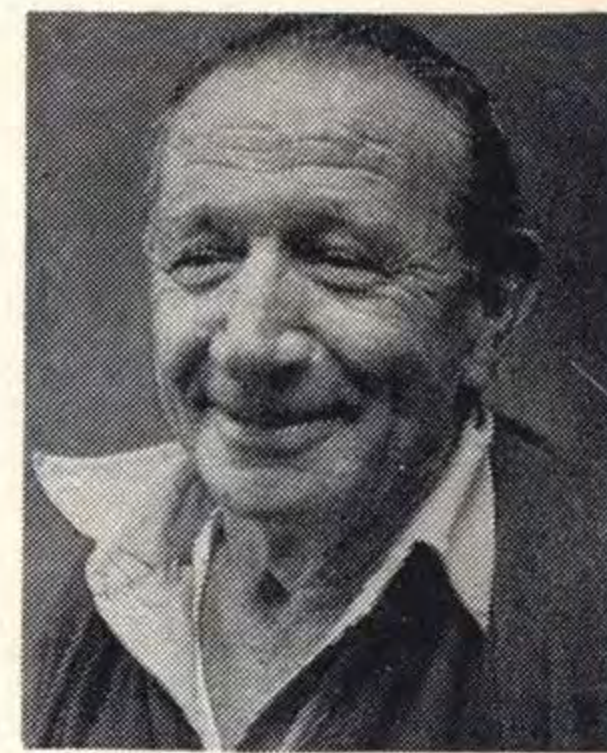


GUS POLSON, FRANK GRAY

Morwell Services Training Centre was the venue for an unusual function on February 13, when a very large crowd

packed the Centre to farewell two real identities in Gus Polson and Frank Gray. Morwell Coal Production Superintendent Ian Wilson, who made the presentations to both men, spoke appreciatively of the active part each played in his respective work location. Gus joined the Commission in 1954 after having tried his hand at ship building and farming, and worked for five years as a rigger in the Morwell Workshops before winning promotion to the post of Leading Hand 3-10. A year

later, he transferred to Coal Maintenance, Morwell, as a L/H rigger 11-20, where he remained until retirement. On the other hand, Frank has led a fairly "stationary" Commission life, having spent his entire nine years as a trades assistant with Coal, Morwell. His reputation as a cheerful, easy-to-get-on-with character, however, has spread throughout the Open Cut. Both "retirees" were given farewell gifts — Gus received a cash presentation which he will put toward the purchase of a new freezer—"I'll only



be able to fish one day of the week or the freezer will overflow"—while Frank was presented with a fishing rod and reel, and an electric drill.



ALEXANDER GILLON

A quiet beer and a small wager on the racehorses — ideal ingredients for a restful

retirement — will be top-of-the-list priorities for recently retired Alec Gillon, of Yallourn Power Station. Alec's workmates met in the "E" Station fitters workshop on December 21 to congratulate him on his 19 years service, presenting him with a wallet of notes as a parting gift. Alec's entire 19 years have been spent as a trades assistant at Y.P.S., an area in which he has seen a lot of changes and made many friends.

JIM TATTERSON

Stores personnel said goodbye to Jim Tattersson for the final time on February 21 when Jim took his leave of the Commission after 27 years service. A small, informal presentation was held in the office of Yallourn Storekeeper Max Barker, and A/Departmental Materials Officer Col Glen presented Jim with a radio. Yallourn Stores has been Jim's Commission "home" since 1948 when he signed on as a storeman. He



soon transferred to staff as stores assistant gr. 1, a classification later retitled stores officer gr. 1.

HARRY WADSWORTH

A very popular figure around the Morwell Stores area . . . that is the best way to describe Stores personality Harry Wadsworth, who ended his career with a send-off in Morwell Power Station Store on January 3. Harry has been with the Commission for 20 years in all, including a short period as a driver with Transport, Morwell during the period 1951-53. He began his second and longest stay in late 1955 as a laborer with General Services, Morwell, transferring two months later to Coal Division as a pointsman and later as a loco driver. In 1959, he took

on the duties of storeman grade 1 with Stores, Morwell, subsequently working his way up to storeman grade 3 in 1965, the post he held until retirement.



KEITH JOHNSON

Workmates were out in force at Yallourn Coal Production Maintenance canteen on February 14 to farewell Keith Johnson, a veteran of 41 years service. Keith's entire career has centred on the Yallourn Coal Maintenance area, where he began work in 1934 as a trades assistance, turning to motor driving after 18 months. In 1942, he returned to the duties of trades assistant, but was later reclassified as an electrical mechanic. He took on electrical fitting in 1947, remaining there until 1971, when he won promotion to the post of electrician special class. Asst. Coal Production Superintendent Laurie Baker commended Keith when he presented him with a fishing rod and reel and assorted tackle. Mrs. Johnson was presented with flowers and a brooch.

WILLIAM HESTER

After 18 years service, Bill Hester reckons he deserves a bit of a holiday, so on his retirement day on February 7, he was obviously looking forward to his planned few weeks in Paynesville. Bill was farewelled by workmates at Yallourn Coal Production Office canteen, and was presented with a wallet of notes as a parting gift. Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson and Overburden Operations Superintendent Bill Conrow were both in attendance, and they congratulated Bill on the good work he has done over the years. Bill worked as a laborer with Coal, Yallourn, when he initially joined the Commission. Since 1958, he has been a conveyor attendant.

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MAURIE ENGLISH

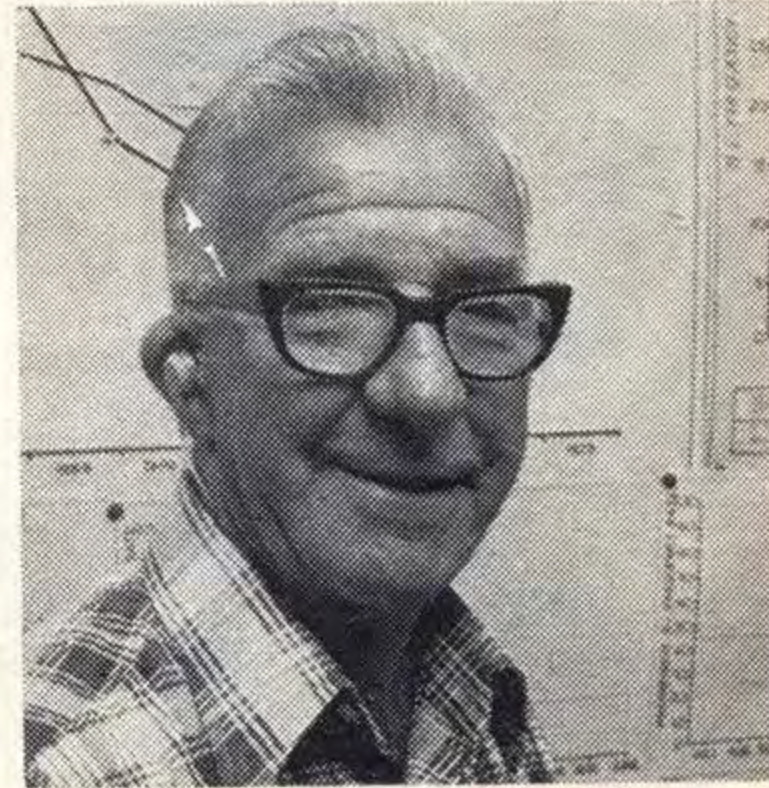
A set of tables and two suitcases were presented to Coal Production personality Maurie English by Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson at a retirement get-together on January 30. An unusual presentation was made by dredger driver Jack Howe, who handed over to Maurie a mounted cricket ball, a trophy which has particular personal relevance in the current cricketing climate. Appropriately, the Southern Pivot was the spot chosen for the send-off, for Coal Division, Yallourn, has been Maurie's "home" for his entire Commission career of 35 years.



He has at various times been employed as a laborer, tipper, bedman and greaser, but by far his longest stretch was as a dredger operator, a job in which he has been engaged since 1950.

CHAS. WILLIAMS

Popular Charlie Williams was farewelled at Yallourn Power Station on February 19. Charlie, who signed on in 1945 as a cleaner at Yallourn, later worked as fireman, steam plant attendant, turbine plant attendant and finally turbine driver, the post he has held for the past 20 years. Station Operations Engineer Frank Tomlinson spoke with Charlie about old times before presenting him with a projector stand on behalf of his many friends. Charlie intends to take a caravan holiday along the North coast with his brother—



it will be no new experience for Charlie, who has already caravanned his way around Australia—but he may have some new slides to show next time around.

MONTY McKENNA

Presentation of an electric sander was made to Monty McKenna when he was officially farewelled in the old Transport Workshops canteen on February 21. Transport Maintenance Officer Frank Cook did the honors, commending Monty on his nine years as a motor mechanic with Yallourn Workshops. Earlier, Monty worked for two years as trades assistant at the Yallourn Power Station. Retirement for Monty will mean a chance to complete the 19 ft. boat he is



currently building, giving him a chance to visit his two sons in West Australia. Bowls will also become a much more frequent pastime.

TOM MUMFORD

Touring around the State is Tom Mumford's idea of a peaceful retirement, and in the light of our current glorious weather, many of his workmates would agree with him. Tom left the Commission on February 11 with an impressive 32-year record. YPS Assistant Station Operations Engineer Bob Miller presented Tom with a cash-filled envelope, while fellow workmate Bill Smith thanked him for his years of friendly companionship. Originally a cleaner, Tom later worked as a trimmer, fireman, steam plant



attendant, turbine plant attendant and turbine driver. In 1960, he took on the duties of plant controller, the position from which he retired.

TONY DE HOMMEL

A real "foundation member" so far as Morwell Open Cut is concerned; that is a fitting description for trades assistant Tony De Hommel, who was farewelled by workmates at the Morwell Training Centre on February 21. Tony has spent his entire 18 years in the Open Cut—he began in 1957 as a horsedriver laying cables on the floor of the Cut, and over the following years worked at different times as a platelayer, trackman and conveyor attendant. In 1963 he was re-classified as a trades assistant where he remained until retirement. Assistant Coal Production Superintendent Jim Knowles presented Tony with an elec-

tric drill, a terranean kit for indoor gardening, and a wallet of notes. Tony, a keen gardener, will spend quite a deal of time "tilling the soil", although he intends to take a nostalgic visit back to his native Holland later this year.



GEORGE YULE

Fishing has never been one of George Yule's favorite pastimes, but now he can hardly ignore the advice of his workmates urging him to take up the noble art. George, a L/H carpenter with Civil Works, Yallourn—presented with a fishing rod and reel when farewelled at the services depot canteen on January 13—now has little choice in the matter. A special guest at the send-off was George Yule Jr., a supervisor with E.S.B., Colac, who was one of the first to congratulate his father on his 23 years of active service. Associated with Civil Works for his entire career, George signed on in Yallourn as a carpenter in

1951, winning promotion to Leading Hand four years later. During his retirement, George intends to maintain his interest in gardening, and will continue his ramblings through the local bush—as well as catching plenty of fish, of course.



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GRAHAM BLACK

The retirement on February 21 of Graham Black bought to an end a distinguished Commission career which spanned 20 years.

Graham, who was an experienced engineer—he worked with the Department of Main Roads (NSW), Commonwealth Department of the Interior, Vacuum Oil Co. and NSW Joint Coal Board—before moving to Yallourn, made full use of his abilities.

In his 20 years, he rose from the position of Relief Superintendent, Coal, to Deputy Manager, Latrobe Valley Department.

He retired from the post of Special Officer (LV).

Tributes to Graham's service to the SEC and the community were paid by high-ranking Commission personnel at a Kernot Hall function attended by the Chairman, Charles Trethowan, and almost every high ranking officer in the SEC, including the five Assistant General Managers.

Graham's distinguished army record—he was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded the American Bronze Star—was referred to by Power Generation Department Manager, Mr. Jack Robertson.

He recalled that Graham had served with the special Z Patrol, operating behind enemy lines in various parts of the Pacific, including New Guinea, the Celebes and Timor.

His ability to gain the trust and affection of colleagues and the community had made possible his valuable work as chairman of the Yallourn Resettlement Committee.

Chairman Charles Trethowan supported Jack's remarks, pointing out that Graham's obvious concern for Yallourn residents' interests and his sincere efforts to safeguard those interests had enabled him to make a significant contribution to the resettlement programme.

Commenting on Graham's community activities, Mr. Trethowan recalled that he had been foundation chairman of the Latrobe Valley Development Committee and the Latrobe Valley Festival Committee, as well as being active in ex-service organisations—including Legacy and the Unit Services Institute.

Moya Black was equally active in organisations such as the Yallourn High

School Auxiliary, Red Cross, Penguins, Gallery Auxiliary Ladies' Society and Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.

Mr. Trethowan presented Graham and Moya Black with a camera and attachments and a silver ice bucket.

Responding, Graham said he and Moya looked back on "a very good life" with the Commission, during which he had been privileged to be part of "an exciting period of development" which brought a ten-fold increase in power generation.

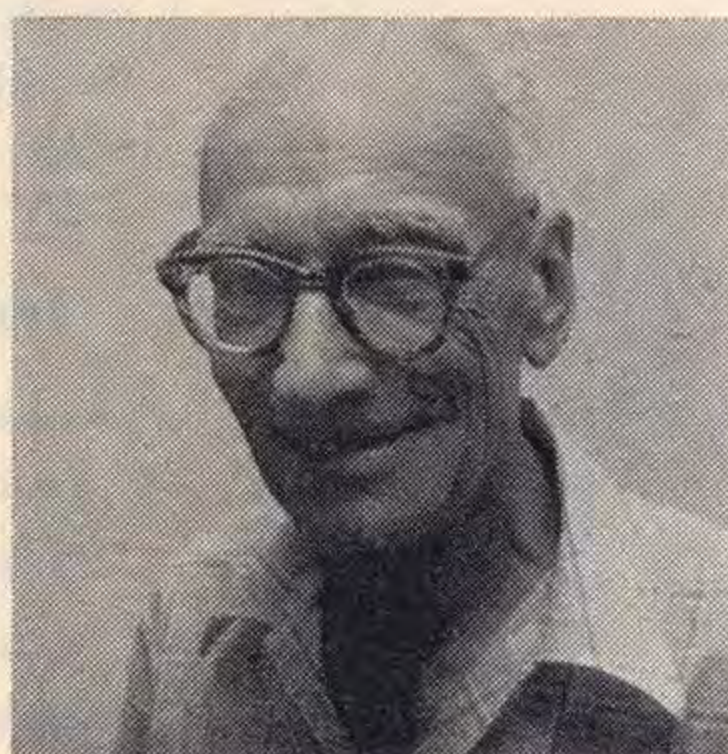
Graham and Moya have retired to a new home at Mt. Eliza, but Graham will continue his association with the Valley. He has been retained as advisor to AGM (Ops.) Bill De Campo in matters relating to Yallourn.



GEORGE DUDLEY

Yallourn North Open Cut stalwart George Dudley retired on February 7. George began in the Open Cut in 1949, and on his retirement day, was still a member of the small ten-man crew which controls Yallourn North operations. His association with the Commission began in 1937, when he worked as a laborer, firstly in the Yallourn store-yard, and later in the Yallourn Open Cut, but a shortage of work meant only a short stay. Three years after beginning his second spell with the Commission, he was re-classified as a shovel-operator, winning promotion to Leading Hand in 1953. In 1970, he was re-classified L/H mechanical plant driver gr. 6, a position he retained until retirement. Coal Produc-

tion Superintendent Col Ferguson was one of the first to congratulate George on his fine service record before presenting him with a battery-electric clock as a parting gift. George intends to fill his retirement days with a fair bit of travelling, and will probably take along his new fishing gear which he obtained recently by cashing in his safety points.



JACK BUSSELL

Safety Officer Jack Bussell, a man who really had the welfare of the workforce at heart, celebrated his retirement on January 7 with a send-off in the Yallourn West Mess. In the years since his appointment as safety supervisor in the Morwell Administration in 1950, Jack has won praise for his contribution to the reduction of accident frequency and severity rates. Before 1950, he was engaged as a laborer on diamond drilling with Civil Branch, working in areas such as Benambra and Kiewa Construction, before being promoted to foreman on the Works Staff. He also spent eight years as assistant to the River Gauging Engineer and two years as a technical as-

sistant gr. 3. In all, Jack has been with the Commission for 41 years, and many of the friends he has made over this period chipped in for the cash presentation handed to him at his send-off. Jack hopes to indulge in a very peaceful retirement in Yallourn, possibly spending some time on the golf course with Mrs. Bussell, who is a very keen golfer.



the sporting scene

CRICKET FINAL WASHOUT



Yallourn cricketers in the SEC Social League competition went to their final match on March 9 with plenty of liquid refreshments to celebrate their good fortune or drown their sorrows . . . but instead, liquid of another kind drowned their hopes.

Confident that they had the best team in the competition, Yallourn had to be content with a none-too-pleasing draw when rain led to abandonment of the match halfway through the afternoon.

At that stage, Yallourn were 3/73 in reply to 9/178 scored by 1974 premiers, Clements House.

It was a match of mixed fortunes, with both sides losing early wickets but consolidating with good performances from middle-order batsmen.

Clements House were 2/12 after a few overs had been bowled, but fighting third and fourth wicket partnerships restored the innings as Trevor Hanlon (45), Max Grimmer (45) and Pat Hutchinson (44) got among the runs.

Yallourn bowling figures were — Brian Mathieson 8 overs, 1 maiden, 2 wickets, 25 runs; Trevor French 8-1-2-25; Reg Bacon 8-0-1-34; Robert Grima 3-0-1-25; Andy Leishman 8-0-1-38; Terry Birch 5-1-0-29.

Members of the Yallourn team which had to be content with a "shared" title in the SEC Social League cricket competition following an afternoon cloudburst in Melbourne on March 9. The team is getting a little tired of saying "Perhaps next year . . .?"

All hope of a Yallourn victory appeared to have gone when three wickets fell for only seven runs in the first three overs of the country team's innings.

Merv Graham holed out from a full toss; skipper John White was caught at the wicket and Trevor French fell to a brilliant catch at point.

Andy Leishman (44) and Evan Rowlands (28) set about rescuing the innings with some intelligent and forceful batting.

Yallourn, after finishing the season at the head of the ladder and cruising to victory in the first semi-final, were extremely confident of ending their run of outs in Social League cricket finals.

However, they must now be content with a half-share in the 1975 shield.

Members of the grand final team were John White, Trevor French, Reg Bacon, Andy Leishman, Merv Graham, Evan Rowlands, Robert Grima, Terry Birch, Brian Mathieson, Ken Mathieson, Lindsay Muller. Robert Knight was 12th man and Ray Skinner was reserve.

Awards won by top cricketers

Yallourn's SEC Social League cricket competition stars received their trophies at an enjoyable season wind-up function at the home of Reg Bacon last Saturday.

The barbecue-social brought to an end a successful but—because of the abandoned final—disappointing season.

Players to receive trophies turned in excellent performances.

Evan Rowlands returned an average of 55 to win the batting trophy, and with finals scores of 89 and 26 not out, won the finals series award. Bowling trophy went to Andy Leishman, whose wickets were gained at an average of 9.09 runs.

Top fieldsman was Ken Mathieson.

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