



CONTACT

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Reynolds



Above: Fred Saunders (left) receives his gold watch for 49 years service from Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson (right) while Yallourn Power Station's station operations engineer Frank Tomlinson (centre) looks on.

GOLD WATCH — 49 YEARS

There are not too many SEC employees who can boast 49 years service, but one who can is Fred Saunders.

Fred retired from the Commission on November 19.

For his service, he was presented with a gold watch by Manager, Power Generation, Jack Robertson.

At his retirement function in the Yallourn North hotel, Fred recalled that he began with the SEC on March 12, 1927, as a youth at Yallourn, where he took up an apprenticeship as a carpenter from 1928 to 1933.

In 1934, he became a laborer at coal supply, a job he worked at for eight years until he was promoted to a plant attendant in 1942.

Four years later he transferred to the position of

carpenter, becoming a leading hand carpenter in 1949.

He was on the move again in 1955, this time to the Yallourn power station as a cleaner.

A year later, he became a fireman at YPS, a position he held for 18 years until he was promoted to regular fireman in 1974, the position from which he retired.

Fred and his wife Lorna will set up home at Rosebud where Fred plans to enjoy his retirement and concentrate on his hobbies of bowls, fishing and his five grandchildren.

Next year Fred and Lorna are planning a bus tour to Darwin as a prelude to an overseas trip to England and Europe.

Service Register

COMMISSION employees who reached significant service milestones during December are included in this month's register.

25 YEARS:

H.C. Reid Coal, Yallourn
M. J. Aitken Yallourn Power Station

30 YEARS:

T. S. Oswald Transport Workshops, Yallourn
R. Jessup Transmission
B. Brown Coal, Yallourn

35 YEARS:

A. V. Scott Central Workshops, Morwell
J. H. Stevens Coal, Yallourn

36 YEARS:

F. C. Richards Coal, Yallourn
R. Douglas Yallourn Power Station

37 YEARS:

R. R. Pryke Civil, Yallourn

38 YEARS:

C. L. Bowler Transmission

39 YEARS:

J. A. Walker Coal, Yallourn

42 YEARS:

L. F. Cox Yallourn Power Station
W. G. Fyfe Coal, Yallourn
L. H. A. Saunders Yallourn Power Station
W. R. Kitney Coal, Yallourn
J. Ebsworth Coal, Yallourn
A. T. G. Cooper Coal, Yallourn
K. L. Crane Area Administration
W. C. G. Martin Yallourn Power Station
G. S. Newton Transport Workshops, Yallourn
B. J. Lester Central Workshops, Morwell
G. L. Fisher Coal, Yallourn

43 YEARS:

J. H. Nesbit Transmission

45 YEARS:

J. Scholes Civil, Yallourn



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Cover

HUNDREDS of SEC employees and their families, have enjoyed the various social clubs Christmas parties held this month. CONTACT caught some of the fun with pictures.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

With the approach of Christmas and the festive season, there is a common tendency to reflect on the immediate past, with all its problems and achievements.

Reflection has its place, but Christmas gives us a chance to put aside our problems for a time and to enjoy ourselves with family and friends.

Christmas is a very special time for all of us, and in wishing each of you and your families a Happy Christmas, I sincerely hope that it also points the way to a rewarding and satisfying New Year.

W De Campo.

Peter wins state award

FOURTH year apprentice boilermaker Peter Northover, 22, has added another feather to his cap.

Peter, who for the past three years has won the Yallourn Technical College's outstanding student award, recently won the coveted Boilermakers Instructors Association of Victoria's outstanding apprentice award for 1975.



PETER NORTHOVER

He was presented with the trophy in a ceremony at Monash University on November 29.

The award was won from a field of more than 100 apprentice boilermakers from around Victoria.

An excited Peter said he was thrilled and honored to have won such a significant award.

Peter completes his apprenticeship early next year.



The new visitors centre as it looks from the outside.

LV visitors' centre now open

More than 100 people attended the opening of the SEC's new Latrobe Valley visitors' centre at Morwell on Tuesday, December 14. Assistant General Manager (Operations) Bill De Campo officially opened the centre.

Built on the ridge beside the administrative headquarters at Morwell, the centre considerably upgrades facilities for visitors to the

SEC's Latrobe Valley works areas.

The new centre will replace existing visitor's reception facilities at Yallourn and Morwell.

Accommodation will be provided at the centre for guides and a receptionist.

The modern two storey building includes:

- A display area (lower floor)
- A multi-purpose area (upper floor)
- A basically equipped servery
- Toilet facilities.

A new car park has been constructed for administration headquarters staff and the existing staff car park will become the new visitors' car park.



John Naismith's Comment . . .



THE FEMALE SECS.

LAST month, three of our girls became engaged, but this month, two other girls have gone a step further and have been married. Anna Mesaric (Drawing Office, Yallourn) and Gary Gooding (Drawing Office) were married in Morwell, and Janet Fernleigh (Hazelwood power station) and Ray Davksza were married in Traralgon. We wish them all the happiness for the future.

has it that the 13 girls enjoyed themselves so much they lost track of time.



VICKI Manuel (receptionist, Morwell) spent an enjoyable two weeks with public relations relieving Jenny DeVries, while Jenny enjoyed a holiday . . . or should we say a working holiday — Jenny and her husband John (Drawing Office, Yallourn) moved into their new Churchill home, during a two week break.



EILEEN Abson, formerly typist at the Regional Control Centre, Yallourn, is settling into her new position as typist at the new \$3 million Latrobe Valley Control Centre, Morwell



UNDERSTAND Joan De Fontaine (Assistant Supervisor, typing) has spent the last two weeks checking typing tests for the new typing intakes. Grapevine has it that she hasn't received any offers to help . . . chin up Joan!!!



A VISITOR to the area recently was the Superintendent, Typing Service at Monash House, Moira O'Toole. She visited Latrobe Valley typing pools and held discussions with Supervisor typing service Lynne Leitch and Secretarial Officer Neville Thompson.



THE COLUMN would like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



THE 1975 intake of typing and clerical girls held a lunch-time reunion recently at the Latrobe Valley Hotel-Motel. The grapevine



THAT'S all for this month, but keep the stories coming to ext. 3357 or 3642.

SECOND IN STATE FIRST AID FINAL

The Latrobe Valley Electrical Services first aid team finished a close second in the SEC's annual State-wide first aid championships at Dandenong last month.

The title went to a Horsham team, with Transport, Fisherman's Bend third.

Services team members were Danny O'Brien (captain), Peter Glasper, Ian McLeod, Glen Cowley and Ray McBride (coach).

The three finalists had

come through heats and semi-finals to compete in the final, held at Dandenong Technical College. This year, 36 teams from throughout the State entered the competition.

The competitions, which began in 1941, are conducted to foster interest in first aid, and promote efficiency in dealing with real life emergencies throughout the

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Above: SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan (far left) is pictured presenting the Transmission trophy to the Electrical Services team (from left) Danny O'Brien (captain), Peter Glasper, Ian McLeod, Ray McBride (coach) and Glen Cowley.



All smiles after their final win are Yallourn Power Station team members (from left) back row: Ken Robinson, Reg Bacon, Ludwig Krznic, Brian Mathieson (Captain), Lindsay Muller, Rod McAlister; Front row: Dennis Williams, Ray Skinner, Ron Garlick, Russell Baillie and Phil McNiffe.

EXCITING WIN TO Y.P.S. IN CRICKET FINAL

Yallourn Power Station narrowly defeated a determined Hazelwood Power Station No. 1 team in the exciting final of the SEC Social League's, Valley Cup lightning premiership at Yallourn late last month.

In the final, YPS — captained by Brian Mathieson (rigger) — batted first and scored 3/98, while HPS No. 1 could only manage 4/88. The final was capably umpired by Elmo Orchard (Latrobe Valley) and Mick Given (Melbourne).

Nine teams which competed to make it a successful day were; Yallourn Power Station, Hazelwood Power Station No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, Morwell Briquet-

ting and Power Installation, Morwell workshops, Moe ESB, Rooney St. (Melbourne) and Yallourn 'W'.

Individual trophies were won by — batting: Lindsay Muller (YPS) 104 runs; bowling: Frank Butler (HPS No. 1) 7/27, and fielding: Alan Giddens (HPS No. 1) 6 points.

Manager Area Administration George Bates presented the Valley Cup to YPS captain Brian Mathieson.

Latrobe Valley Association of SEC Social Club president John Hutchinson said more than 300 people enjoyed the cricket and associated activities, which were conducted for a change, in ideal weather conditions.



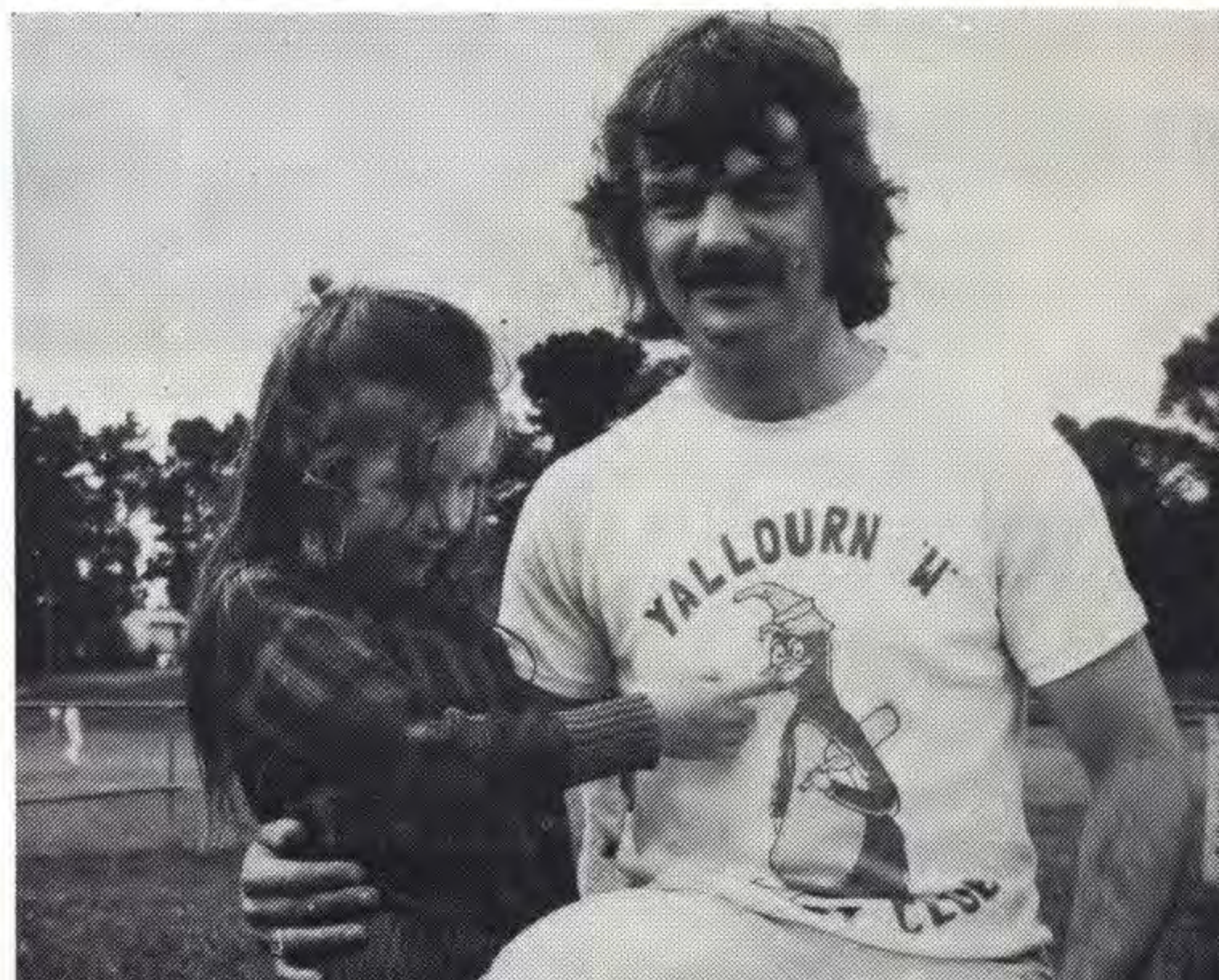
Congratulations: Manager Area Administration George Bates (left) presented the lightning premiership cup to YPS Captain Brian Mathieson (right). LV Association of SEC social clubs president John Hutchinson is the man in the middle.



Pictured enjoying the cricket action were (from left), Geoff Wilson, Lindy (17 months) Bev Wilson and George Card.



Hazelwood power station No. 1 team opening batsmen John Ciercan (29 runs) concentrates as YPS bowler Reg Bacon sends down a delivery. Wicketkeeper is Rod McAlister; John's fellow opener is Trev Burgess and the umpire is Elmo Orchard.



Jodie Walsh was more interested in the cartoon on the T-shirt of brother in law Barry Lyon than in watching the cricket.

SEC CHAIRMAN OPENS BACK-TO



Looking the part in his back-to Traralgon T-shirt, Mr. Trethowan is pictured with (from left) Graeme, Michelle, Louise and Paul Carrington, of Traralgon.

More than 200 people attended the official opening of the Back-to Traralgon celebrations on November 20.

SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan and Mrs. Trethowan were welcomed to Traralgon by Mayor Cr. Cec Beaton, and Back-to committee chairman Alan Campigli (admin. clerk, Engineering Services). Mr. Trethowan, who officially opened the show, pointed out in his opening speech that no one could have dreamed when the SEC's first Gippsland branch manager, Cornelius Crowley, occupied a tiny corner of the old Shire Office and was generously allowed use of a six-foot

section of the official council table as a work bench that the Commission's presence would become so significant to the area.

"He added, "however, that is the situation, and the excellent relationships built up over the past half-century will stand both the SEC and this community in good stead.

"The period ahead holds great promise for a district which has always been something of a pacesetter on the Gippsland scene."

Mr. and Mrs. Trethowan were among honored guests at an official luncheon before the opening.

How many employes can you name?



The photograph above will bring back many memories for a number of SEC employes, especially those who worked in the Yallourn workshops in the late 1940's.

The photograph was brought to CONTACT's notice by well-known Yallourn resident George Evans. With his help and help from other Yallourn residents, we have named as many as possible.

They are back row (from left) Don Ferlus, Tom Green, —, —, —, Billy Griffiths, Harry Smith, —, —, Ray Tinsley, Reg Alford, —, Allan McIntyre, Ted Rogers, —, Frank Sutton, 'Bluey' McDonald, —, Arthur Hamilton.

Second row: —, —, —, —, Tom McKay, Jack Weir, 'Beefy' Lawrence, Tommy Thompson, —, Westie Halket, Kevin Green, —, Syd Tate, Alby Law, Malcolm Chamberlin, Omar Amos.

Third row: —, —, John Dunlop, John Maddern, Har-

ry Johnstone, Harry White, —, —, —, Jack McCarthy, George Hobson, —, —, —, —, Clarrie Abbot, Jim McAlister, Tom Lane, Roy Wiggins, —, —.

Fourth row: —, Ted Huxtable, Dick Sagar, —, Syd Collins, —, —, Sandy McGregor, —, —, —, ? Foley, Charlie Feely, Norm Boyes, —, —, —.

Fifth row: Reg Neave, Bill Maxfield, Brian Spencer, —, —, George Kimberley, —, Jack Carter, Hugh McGregor, Tim McCoy, Simon Shaw, —,

—, —, —, Ron Elser.

Sixth row: —, Jack Glen, Paddy Dearman, —, —, —, —, Herb Jones, Bill Pethybridge, Bill Jackson, George Botton, Jim Milne.

Seventh row: Jack Carlisle, Tom Parry, Joe Fullwood, —, Don Benson, Ben Drummond, Harry Bayley, Ern Dann, Arthur Langford, Bill Hebb, Perc Owen, Arthur Elliott, —.

Eighth row: Quinton Glen, Don Gilchrist, —, —, Dick Gray, Heather Watt, —, Sid Benson, —, Ron McMillan, Jim Shaw, Keith Forbes, —.



Considerable improvement—H.P.S.

Considerable improvement in plant availability at Hazelwood power station during 1975-76 could not have been achieved without a great deal of diligent effort from many people.

Assistant General Manager (Ops) Bill De Campo made

this point when he revealed this month that the station's performance had drawn favorable comment from SEC Commissioners.

He said Commissioners were gratified that the program to improve performance at the station appeared

to be achieving the desired result.

Mr. De Campo said the Commissioners were well aware of the considerable effort required of all station personnel to achieve the improvement. He said that while the improvement re-

flected to a large extent the improved reliability resulting from plant modifications, it was to the credit of all concerned that operating and other problems inevitably associated with a major power station had been met and overcome.

Lifting bags is all in a day's work

Lifting up to 1,000 50 kilogram bags of briquettes a day is all in a day's work for the five man team of stackers at Briquette Distribution, Morwell.

The 1,000 bags is the equivalent of 50 tonnes . . . and that's a lot of work in anyone's language.

They do their job well despite the climatic conditions, whether it be raining, scorching hot or blowing a gale. Considering the job's high accident risk, the section's excellent safety record

of only one lost time injury in five years speaks for itself . . . and the men are proud of it.

There are 20 bags to a pallet and in an eight hour shift a team will load 50 pallets. As well as loading pallets the men load bags on to 14 tonnes railway trucks and local and interstate merchant trucks.

Domestic briquettes, bagged at Morwell, are distributed to Canberra, South Australia, New South Wales, and numerous centres throughout Victoria.



Showing their style are team members (from left) Michael Cahill, Paul Pulakainan, Steve Young, George Harrison and Manuel Borg.



Pictured after the presentation are (from left): Dennis Murphy (Foreman rigger), Bill Corrigan, Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Col Harvey and Safety Officer Herb Wandmaker.

SAVED BY THE TIP OF HIS

RIGGER Bill Corrigan is a firm believer in wearing safety boots on the job and, since Monday, September 6, he's been even keener—the boots have saved him from serious injury.

Yallourn Power Station safety officer Herb Wandmaker said it all happened when Bill was manoeuvring a four hundredweight hoist on the station's firing floor when a pin connected to the manoeuvring wheel snapped at the weld.

The hoist fell about three metres on to Bill's right foot, but he was saved from serious injury by the steel toe-cap in the boot.

On November 12, Bill was presented with a certificate of membership of the National Safety Council of Australia's 'Intactoes Club' by YPS Mechanical Maintenance engineer Col Harvey.

The 'Intactoes Club' is for people who have been saved from serious injury by the wearing of safety boots.



Above: Discussing excellent growth on the overburden dump are Ernie Mitchell (left) and Wally Joyce.

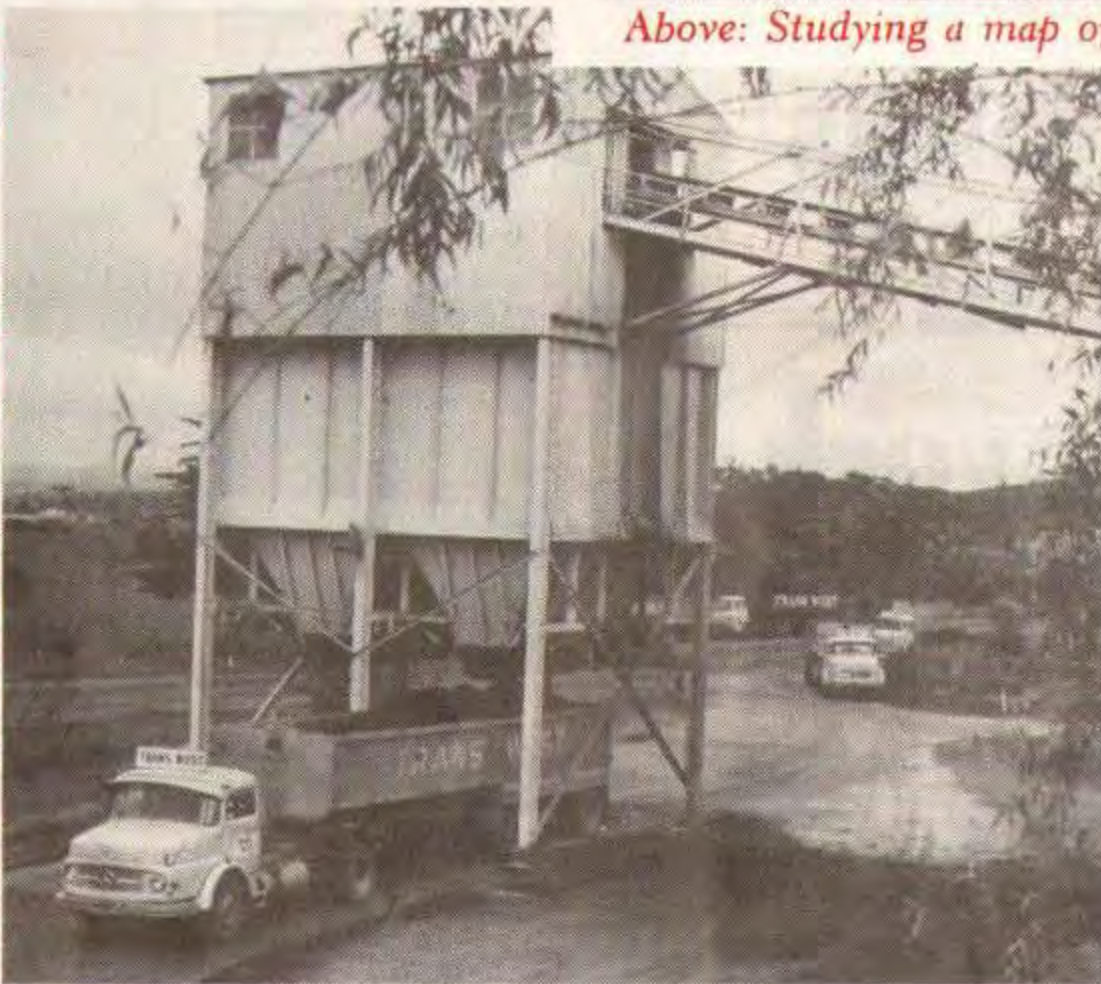


Above: Studying a map of works at 'The Extension' are Overseer Ernie Mitchell (left) and leading hand Wally Joyce.



Contact photographer Jack Hinshelwood took this striking picture (above) of 'The Extensions' dragline from the bottom of the cut.

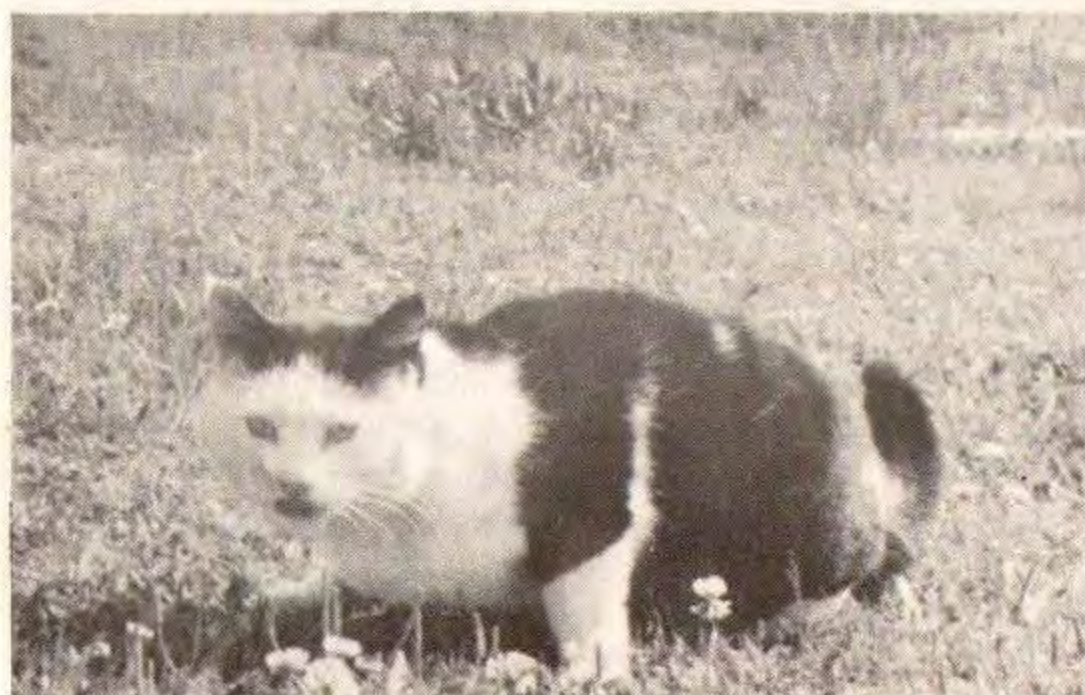
One of the 20 tonne capacity trucks which, carries the coal to the APM's mill (right) is loaded from the roadside hopper.



Lunch time is card time at 'The Extension'. Pictured (below) during their daily card game are (from left) 'Frenchie' Guerer, Charlie Kelava, Wally Joyce, 'Hec' Kennedy, Harry Marshall, Alex Ciechorski, Ernie Mitchell, Johnny De Agnoi and Mick Ryan.



Mascot 'Timmy' the tom cat gets into the picture on the lawn outside the main office.



The huge 15 tonne dragline scoop (right) makes its operator, Ralph Marshall, look like a midget. The scoop has a five-yard capacity.

Yallourn North extension is still going strong

The Yallourn North Extension is a busy place — and it was as busy as ever when CONTACT visited recently.

'The Extension' as it's known to everybody connected with it, supplies coal to APM's Maryvale Mill — a total of 241,998 tonnes last year.

Since 1955, 6,731,629 tonnes have been excavated from the 42 hectare cut which has a perimeter of 3.6 kilometres.

Now 49 metres (147 feet) deep, the cut will be even deeper soon, since work recently began on the fourth and bottom level.

Extension overseer Ernie Mitchell explained that although coal isn't won by dredgers of the kind used at Yallourn or Morwell open cuts, the two 40 year old 120 RB shovels and dragline still have plenty of work left in them.

The high quality brown coal is supplied to two 50 tonne hoppers by a 36 inch wide conveyor, which — according to Ernie — is the best loaded conveyor, but the slowest in the Latrobe Valley.

Made in England, the conveyors run at 600 feet per minute, about half the pace of the wider Yallourn and Morwell open cut conveyors.

'The Extension' is run by a team of eight competent and experienced SEC employes — "we are a family and we work together as a team in a self contained operation."

The team of Ernie Mitchell (Overseer), Wally Joyce (Leading Hand), 'Frenchie' Guerer, Charlie Kelava, Hec Kennedy, Harry Marshall, Alex Ciechorski, Johnny De Agnoi and Mick Ryan has an excellent safety record spanning 7½ years, or more — 1925 days — without a disabling injury.

Some of the features which make 'The Extension' a little different from Yallourn and Morwell open cuts is the "family" atmosphere; pet five year old tom cat 'Timmy', who is a regular at brew and lunch time; three vegetable gardens of which any backyard gardener would be proud, and some very well kept flower gardens.

'The Extension' also boasts the excellent rehabilitation of its 10 hectare overburden dump.



Left: Busy scooping up coal on the northern coal face is one of the two 40 year old 120RB shovels.



Wally Joyce (above) was caught weeding his onion patch during lunchtime.

Only a few metres away, Alec Ciechorski (pictured right) was busy working on his vegetable garden.





**TRANSMISSION
OPERATIONS**



Pictured above making an adjustment to a 16 mm projector is Murray Sanders (with screwdriver) while (from left) Ken, Glennis, Rondelle Saunders, Mavis Busby and Scott Sanders look on.



Six year old Karen Adners (with phone) talks on the phone while the rest of the family look on. They are (from left) Karen, Wally, Ellen and Jenny.



Attractive Gayle Stredder (above) fine tunes a piece of equipment under the watchful eye of husband Geoff.



Taking a breather from the day's activities are (from left) Jodie Singer, Peter Haberl, Brian Scott, Dale Scott, Jason Healy, Kelly Healy and Michael Haberl.

DISPLAYS WERE POPULAR AT FAMILY DAY

Visitors to the Electrical Laboratory — Field Tests family day on November 21 were treated to some spectacular and interesting displays.

Displays which created the most interest were, a high voltage display, a computer giving many and varied readouts, the calibrations of field tests instruments and a close circuit television unit.

A spokesman for the successful day said more than 200 people attended — an encouraging response. Two tours were organised, both

finishing at the Electrical Laboratory and Field Tests building.

Tours included the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, Yallourn workshops, the new Latrobe Valley Control Centre and the Hazelwood and Yallourn power stations.

The day gave families of SEC employes an opportunity to see where their husband or father, spends the majority of his working life.

The day concluded with a family barbecue outside the old Yallourn visitors centre.



Switchboard Operator Geoff Wilson (far left) explains the working of the switchboard to his family (from left) Geoff, his wife Barbara, Brenda, Gregory and Daniel.



AMENITIES COMM. TAKES A LOOK AT FACILITIES

On a number of occasions during the past two months employees in widely separated locations will have seen a small group of visitors taking a close look at amenities facilities.

The visitors were from the SEC's Latrobe Valley Amenities Committee (a joint management union body).

Committee members are;

- John Drewett, Personnel Division (Chairman),
- Franz Onger and George Wragg, Central Gippsland Trades and Labor Council,
- Lionel Parry and Hugh Coffield, Morwell and Yallourn FEDFA sub-branches,
- Pat Harrup, MOA Latrobe Valley sub-branch, and,
- Rod Doig, Amenities Officer (Secretary).

The committee visited work locations to see what changes had occurred since previous inspections in late 1974, and to determine whether experience had revealed the need to change amenities standards.

John Drewett says the committee went to considerable pains (often in the feet) to see a cross-section of all situations, gaining two overall impressions.

Firstly, there had been significant changes since 1974, and secondly amenities had been better treated by their users.

The second point is encouraging as it means the items are continually in service and less money is being diverted away from upgrading to repairs and replacements.

A number of projects have been completed, others are nearing completion, and still more are in an advanced planning stage.

The committee meets regularly to keep abreast of

amenities developments.

Because of the wide variety of working locations, Amenities Committee activities are broadly based.

Within a firm framework, local management can establish specific needs and proceed to meet them, a process which should involve discussion within each location between management and the workforce at the planning stage.



Taking a close look at a wash trough in Yallourn 'W' power station are Amenities Committee members (from left), Pat Harrup, John Drewett (Chairman) & Lionel Parry.

Fred calls it a day after 20 years

Tributes from all levels of the SEC were received by Fred Douglas on his retirement (November 12) after 20 years service with the Commission.

Fred also received recognition of his assistance to apprentices attending Yallourn Technical College. It is estimated that he has assisted more than 2,000 apprentices in his time with Education and Training at Yallourn.

His service began, with

the Commission on November 13, 1956 as a machinist with Central Workshops in Yallourn, but two years later he became a shift fitter and was then promoted to leading hand in 1963.

His association with apprentice training began in March, 1964, when he became a fitter in the Apprentice Training Workshop.

On January 18, 1965, he was appointed to staff as apprentice training officer, a position retitled apprentice-

ship officer last year.

Fred retired from that position.

At an informal farewell function in the training centre, Training and Development Officer Harry Liefman presented Fred with a workbench, grinder and vice, on behalf of first year mechanical apprentices, who put their training to good use by constructing the gifts.

Mr. Liefman said Fred's entire service had been in the Latrobe Valley, where his concern for the welfare of each apprentice and his determination for ensuring that they receive the best possible training would be remembered for a long time.

On November 15 at Yallourn Technical College, Mr. Bill Carmichael presented Fred with a fishing rod, reel, tackle and a kettle on behalf of the college for services to the college and to students over many years.

In retirement, Fred and his wife 'Lille' will live at Inverloch, where Fred will concentrate on his hobbies of fishing, gemstones and gardening.

Left: Fred cracks a smile on receiving two gifts from Bill Carmichael at Yallourn Technical College.



All smiles after the presentation are (from left) Training and Development Officer Harry Liefman, Mrs. Douglas, Fred, Personnel Development and Services Officer John Drewett and Technical Training Officer Boyd Thompson.





Suggestion award — \$200 to John



John Buckley (pictured above) receives the \$200 suggestion cheque from Coal Production Superintendent Yallourn Col Ferguson (left).

Coal Production maintenance fitter John Buckley was rewarded on November 3 for a suggestion he made to help reduce time spent locating lubricating system blockages on No. 12 dredger.

His reward was a \$200 cheque presented to him on behalf of the Suggestion Panel by Coal Production Superintendent (Yallourn), Col Ferguson.

Considerable time is spent searching for blockages in the dredger lubrication system, but following adoption of John's suggestion, an estimated 120 manhours a year are saved.

In detail, his sugges-

tion is — "That rupture discs be fitted just before the grease line enters the main (or first) of the 11 distributors on each crawler.

If a distributor blocks or a pipe is squashed and the rupture disc on the pump blows, the whole system has to be checked distributor by distributor — a total of 68 on a dredger.

With a rupture disc fitted just near the first or main distributor on each crawler, only that particular crawler need be checked — and with a rupture disc at this point, the rest of the system would still operate.

Yallourn dewatering station is on schedule

Work on the new \$2 million Yallourn open cut fire service and dewatering rearrangement project is on schedule, and according to Engineer-in-Charge of Auxiliary Operations, Graeme Freshwater, the project should be completed by June next year.

The project will replace the existing three-level pumping station, which

hasn't the capacity for future open cut needs.

The 12 metre high main pumping station, built of reinforced concrete and associated back filling works has been completed, as has the construction of a flocculation pond embankment, two kilometres of new access roads and 60 per cent of, a total, 5.4 kilometres of new pipelines.

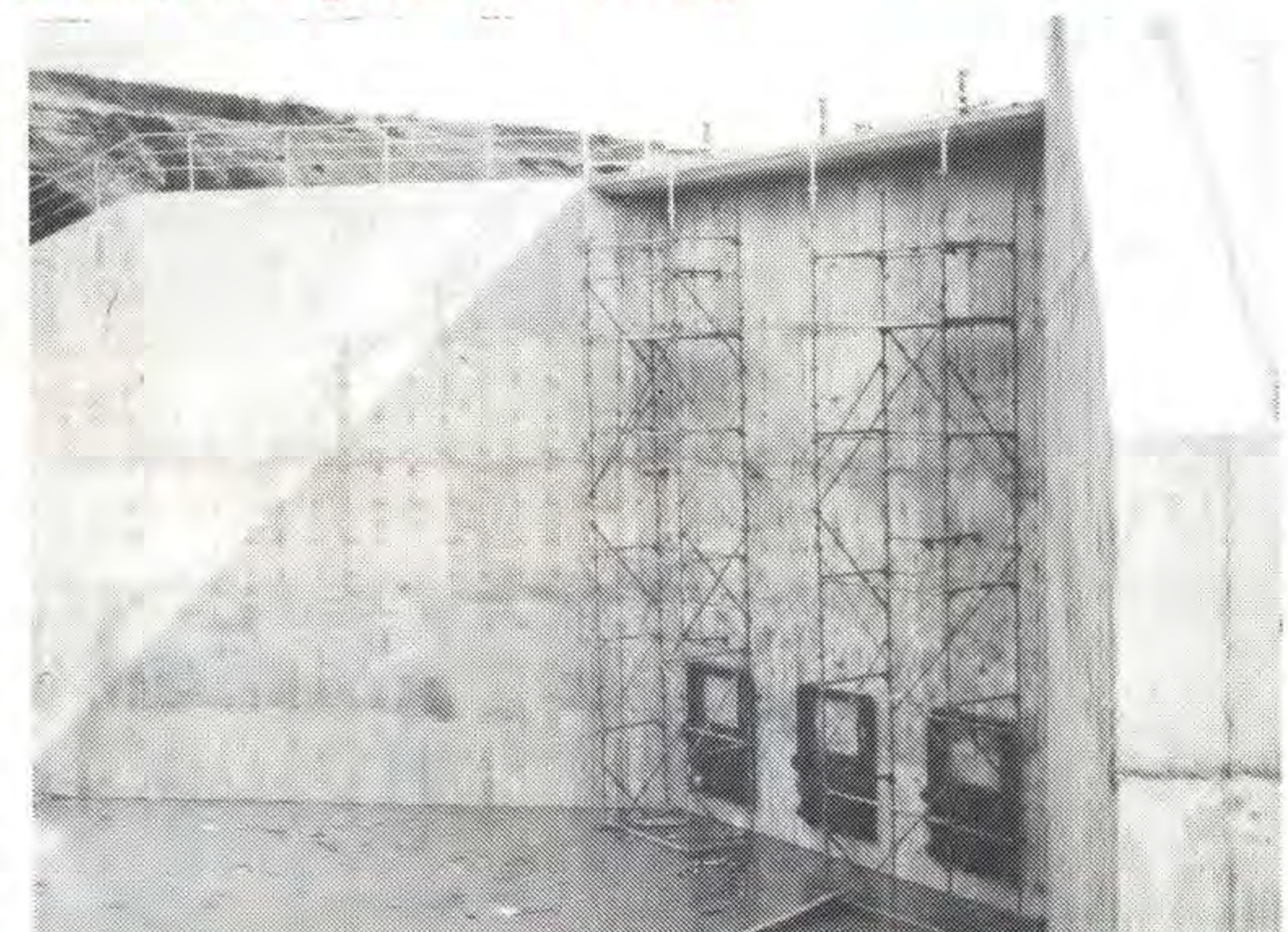
The main pumping station will supply water fire service mains and Witts Gully Reservoir south of Hernes Oak and transfer surplus run off water to the newly constructed flocculation pond south of the pumping station.

The next stage to be completed is the installation of electric pumps and cubicles.

Work on the project began in April this year.



This picture above was taken from the floor inside the station, looking toward its ceiling.



This external picture of the dewatering station (above) gives some idea of the station's size.

For Sale

'From Squatter's Hut to City'
A souvenir booklet on Traralgon's history from 1840 to 1976.

\$3 each — Contact: Alan Campigli ext. 3592.



ENGINEERING SERVICES



Above: Taking an interest in workshop equipment during the family day were (from left) Mr. E. Johnston, Stephen White, Peter and Stephen Johnston.



Above: Gracy Gatt looks on as John Gatt makes a lathe adjustment.



Above: Peter Pawley explains the operation of one of the workshop lathes to Sue Stone.



CONTACT caught Mr. I. Buhagiar (above) showing his family (from left) Michelle, and Mrs. Buhagiar, a container of waste metal

Excellent response to family day

More than 300 people attended the recent successful Yallourn Central Workshops family day.

Organisers were pleased with the excellent response.

Aim of the day was to familiarise employees' families with the environment and conditions in which their husbands or fathers work.

Employees took their families on guided tours of

the workshops.

Included in activities was an electrical safety seminar and a film for the children, 'Bimbo, the flying elephant'. Both proved very popular. The day ended on an informal note with afternoon tea in the workshops canteen.

Following the success of workshops family day it is expected that it will now become an annual event.



Pictured (above) is a cross section of the crowd attending the family day.

TRARALGON SHOW DISPLAY WAS SUCCESSFUL

More than 1,000 people visited the SEC's display at the 1976 Traralgon Show on November 26-27.

Theme for the successful display was Loy Yang.

Feature of the display was a full-scale model of the proposed \$1635 million project.

Visitors from as far as Bairnsdale, Leongatha, Yarram, Sale and Warragul inspected the colorful and comprehensive display.

Public liaison officers were on hand to answer the hun-

dreds of inquiries about Loy Yang and other aspects of SEC operations.

It was the second year in which the SEC has successfully conducted a display at the Traralgon Show.



A young couple pictured (above) leaving the SEC's marquee at the Traralgon Show.

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SECOND IN STATE FIRST AID FINAL

widespread areas of SEC activity.

They test the ability of competitors to deal with cases under conditions of actual emergency.

This year, the scene was a TV studio, which was convenient as the contest was video-taped to enable the work of the teams to be used later for training and evaluation.

It also enabled the audience to view the action "live" as well as in close-up on two color monitors at the front of the stage.

During the televising of a championship TV quiz, according to this year's "plot", two cameramen and the compere were injured — with injuries ranging from an acute gastric ulcer attack to a sprained ankle.

Electrical Services won the trophy for the most successful Transmission team, and each team member was presented with a trophy as a memento of the occasion.



Right: Taking a close look at the proposed Loy Yang project model are Ian and Maureen Cameron from Bairnsdale, with 'Joey' their Australian champion Alsatian. Ian is a linesman with Bairnsdale ESB.

U.S.A. journalist impressed with S.E.C.'s workings

An American journalist who spent a day inspecting the SEC's Yallourn works

area last month was impressed with the extent of Victoria's coal reserves and the way they are being developed.

cular interest in Yallourn open cut and steps taken to rehabilitate the old Yallourn open cut.

She said that in response to the energy crisis in America at the present time there was increasing interest in re-opening old open cuts which had not been developed their full extent.

Emily Bavar, editor of the Sentinel Star in Florida — a daily with a circulation of more than 200,000 — was in Australia as guest of the Federal Government.

She was accompanied to the Latrobe Valley by Charles Berger, of the Australian Information Service.

Mrs. Bavar showed parti-

The problem of rehabilitating and beautifying worked out cuts and overburden dumps is expected to receive close attention in the USA from now on.

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THERE will be no January issue of CONTACT.

The next issue will be in February.

CONTACT would like to wish its readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

RETIREMENTS



BOB BATES

After 26 years with the Commission, Bob Bates called it a day on October 8.

Bob, who lives in Newborough, began with the Commission in July, 1950 as a clerk at Kiewa. On November 12, 1951, he became a clerk with accounting section at Yallourn. He was promoted to workshops costs section on November 25, 1955, a position he held until retirement.

At Bob's request no farewell function was held, but Yallourn Central Workshops Superintendent Charlie Prust and workshops welfare committee secretary-treasurer Joe Metcalf visited Bob at his home in Newborough.

He was presented with a polaroid camera and a silver server was given to Mrs. Bates on behalf of Bob's workmates.

Bob intends a "quiet" retirement.



JACK FRANCIS

Jack Francis made history when he retired . . . he was the first Commission employe to retire from the Yallourn 'W' maintenance section.

Popular with his workmates — as indicated by the attendance of more than 150 at his retirement function — Jack plans to make his future home in New South Wales, where the climate is warmer.

Jack, who's lived in Moe for 19 years says his hobbies of golf, and his five grandchildren will keep him busy in retirement. He and wife Ethel spent some time before retirement day planning a well-earned round-Australia holiday.

Jack began with the Commission in July, 1969 as a cleaner at the Yallourn briquette factory.

He became a greaser, also at the briquette factory, in September, 1969 then a bunker attendant in 1970; electrical plant attendant in 1971 and back to bunker attendant in the same year.

He was transferred to the Morwell briquette factory as a cleaner in January, 1972, then to Hazelwood power station also as a cleaner.

July, 1972, brought another change for Jack, this time to trades assistant at HPS, and he was on the move again in March, 1974, to Yallourn 'W' power station as a trades assistant.

At a farewell in the Yallourn 'W' canteen on October 22, Maintenance Engineer John Jones presented Jack with a portable barbecue and a stock of cigarettes.



DES O'BRIEN

Tasmania will be the future home of Des O'Brien, who retired from the Commission after 35 years on September 9.

Des, who lived in Yallourn for many years, began with the Commission in October, 1941, as a laborer at Yallourn Briquette Factory, becoming a cleaner in December, 1941, a job he worked at for two years until promoted to an electrical plant attendant in 1943.

He was on the move again in August, 1947, this time to coal conveyor at-

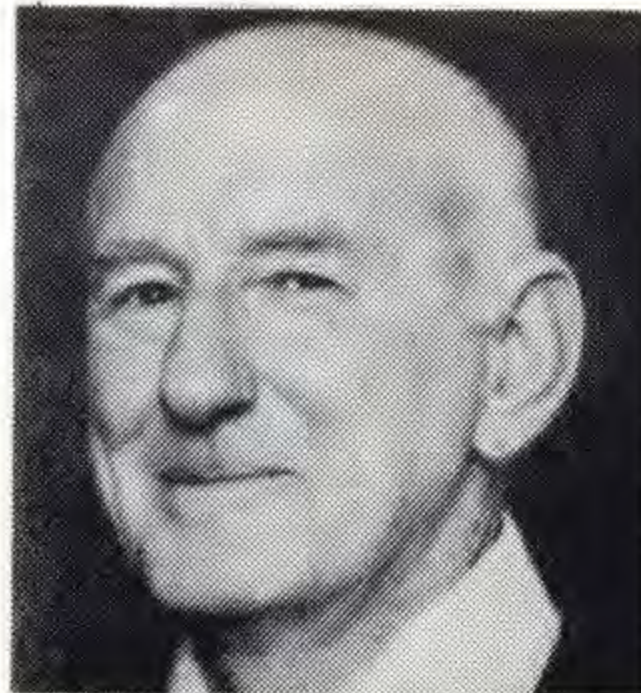
tendant, a position he held for 16 years until 1963 when he was appointed steam plant attendant.

On June 14, 1970, he was transferred to Morwell briquette factory as a coal conveyor attendant. Two years later, 1972, he was transferred back to Yallourn, this time to Yallourn 'W' as an electrical plant attendant.

Des, who took a keen interest in scouts, was Yallourn scoutmaster for three years. He also is regarded as founder of the Yallourn cycling club.

His hobby of trout fishing will be taking up much of his time, but in retirement Des and his wife Julia will be taking each day as it comes.

At an informal farewell function, Yallourn 'W' Operations Engineer Noel Shears presented Des with a carving knife set, a barometer and a clock on behalf of his workmates.



MICK REGAN

Mick Regan's hobbies of fishing, shooting and gardening will be receiving their share of attention from now on.

Mick retired from the

Commission after 6½ years on October 30.

Mick says he'll be taking every day as it comes — and enjoying them all with his wife, Thelma, and family.

A holiday to South Australia will be one of the first activities for the Regans in retirement.

Mick began with the Commission in January, 1971 as a trades assistant at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, and he retired from that position.

At a farewell function in the MBPI training centre, Mick was presented with a digital clock-radio.

VALLEY VISITORS

Overseas visitors take a look at S.E.C. works

Visitors from as far away as South Africa, France, Japan and Germany visited the Latrobe Valley works area during the past month.

Other visitors came from inter-state and most major Victorian centres. The French Trade Commissioner to Melbourne, Mr. Jean Poupard, and his wife Gloria inspected the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, Hazelwood and Yallourn power stations before returning to Melbourne.

Other visitors included Mr. Junchi Inque from the Industrial Bank of Japan and a party of four members of a technical survey mission from the Japanese Electric Power Department Company.

The party, which spent four days in the Latrobe Valley, was led by Mr. Michio Hashimoto, advisory officer and senior engineering adviser with the firm's Power Department.

The South African visitor was Mr. Jan Hoogendoorn, Manager Research and Development of the SASOL Corporation.

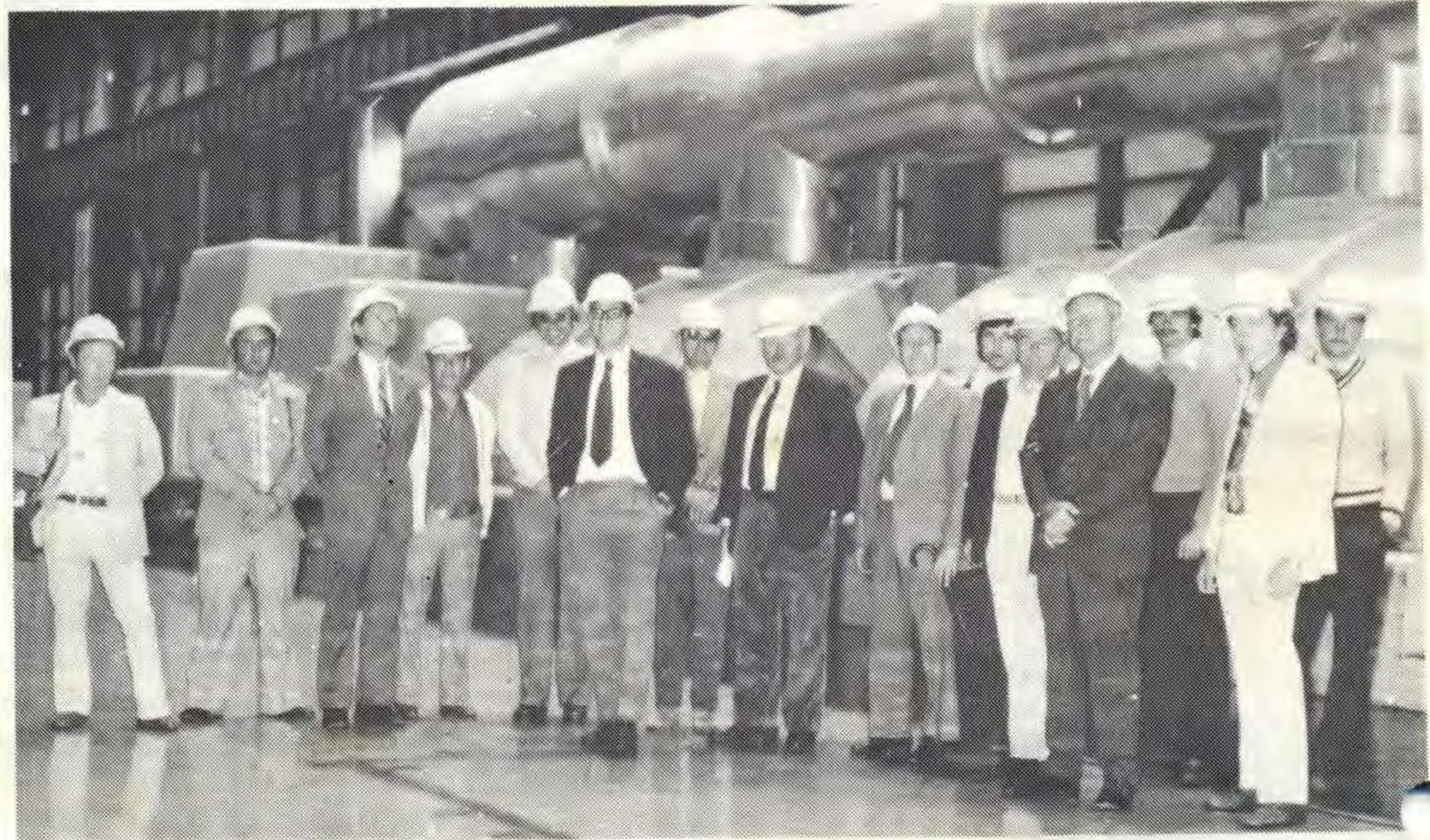
A party of 16 delegates from Minenco Mining Co.

also spent a day in the area.

The Thompson River Water Resources joint committee made a half-day inspection of the proposed Loy Yang project and held discussions with SEC officials . . . and last, but by no means least, a party of 17 students and officers from HMAS Cerberus visited the area on December 1.



CONTACT's photographer caught Mr. Junchi Inque (left) from the International Bank of Japan and Mr. Jeff Baird from Bank of New South Wales (International Business branch, Sydney) studying a pamphlet on Loy Yang during their recent visit.



Above: The 16 members of the Minenco Mining group are dwarfed by one of the Yallourn 'W' 350 MW turbines.



Pictured (above) during their visit to the Hazelwood Power Station are officers of HMAS Cerberus.



Above: (from left) French Trade Commissioner in Melbourne Jean Poupard, his wife Gloria, an officer of the SEC's public relations department Julian Fader and his wife Win.