

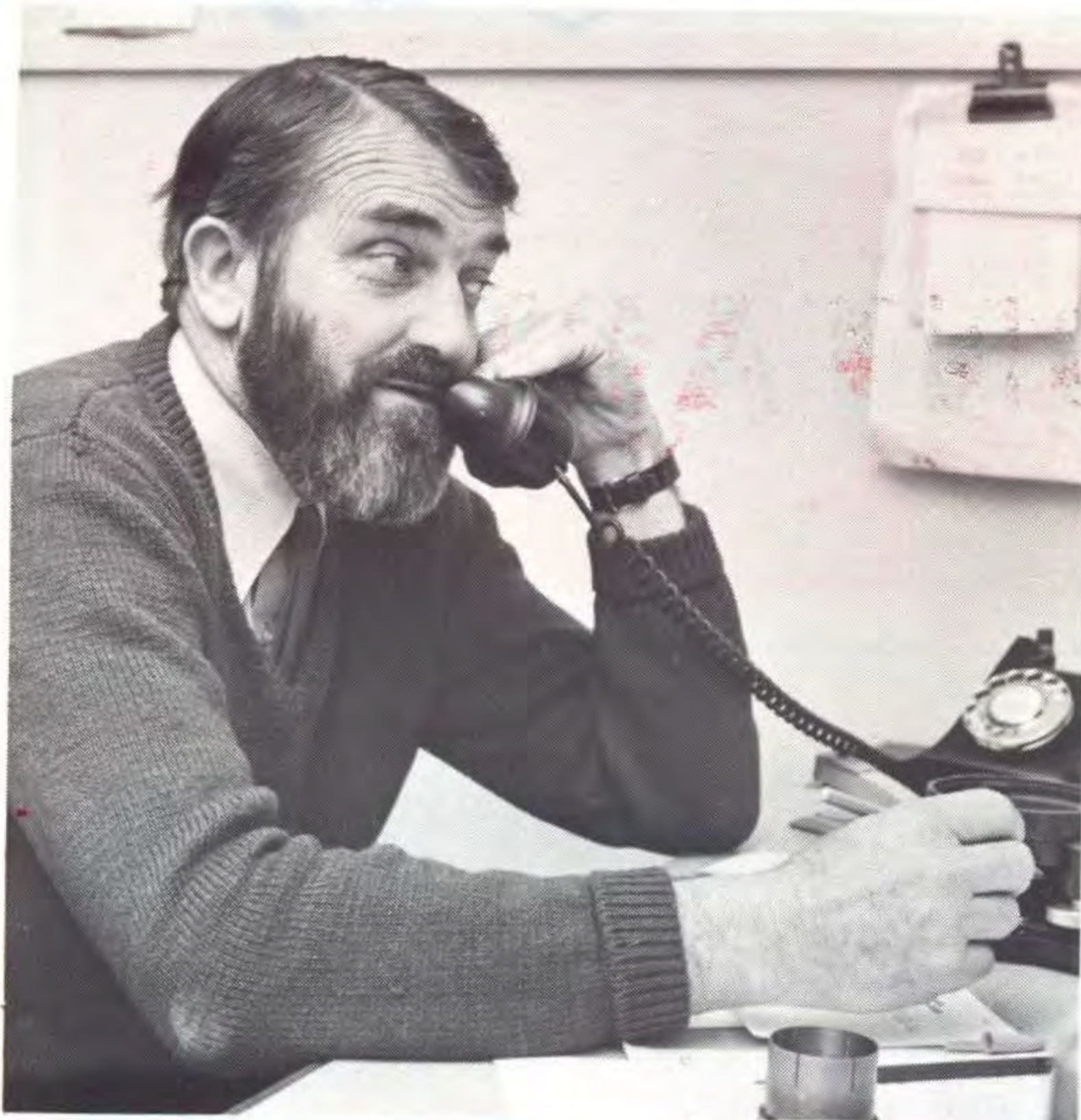
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“Mr Brown Coal” — calls it a day

After 13 years as a councillor with Traralgon City Council, Alf Ashworth (left) has decided to retire from civic life.

A surveyor at Morwell, Alf feels that it's time to “give some young blood a go”.

He officially retired as a councillor on April 15. In his time in Council, Alf has seen Traralgon's population increase from 10,000 to more than 15,000 people and he has watched the city grow, both residentially and industrially.

A personal highlight was the term he served as Mayor in 1971, a term which was very rewarding for Alf.

Alf's nick name while in Council was ‘Mr. Brown Coal’, a title he was tagged with because he constantly called for establishment of a research centre in Traralgon to investigate oil from brown coal possibilities.

Alf has always believed strongly in the need for formation of a Gippsland Regional Planning Authority, which is consistent with his views that there should be greater co-operation between Latrobe Valley councils.

As well as being a councillor and a surveyor with the Commission, Alf is a keen farmer.

He owns a 275 acre farm on the outskirts of Traralgon and his prize Murray Grey stud, ‘Falinge’ takes up most of his spare time.

He lives on the farm with his wife Vera and family.

Alf says the farm will be seeing a lot more of him now he isn't in council.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

A great deal, especially when an error is made, or where an incorrect title is used — and its even worse when an error occurs with photo identification.

That's what happened in a number of cases in the special organisation publication distributed throughout Operations Group earlier this month.

For instance, in Engineering Services, introduction of Acting Civil Works Engineer, Morwell Allan Urquhart was marred by a clear case of mistaken identity.

That's the real Allan Urquhart at right — those retaining the guide for reference purposes may care to clip out the photograph and correct our mistake.

Other corrections to be noted are:—

- Engineering Services: The correct title for George Davis is Services Engineer (Mechanical). Max Williamson is Services Engineer (Civil).

- Power Generation: Since publication of the booklet, Tom Skerry has been confirmed in the post of Electrical Plant Engineer at Yallourn Power Station.

- Production Co-ordination: Operational Systems Engineer is Graeme Dillon.

- Transmission Operations: Ian McDonald is Transmission Engineer, Operations (LV). Bill Smith is Transmission Engineer, Services (LV). John Jakobsons is Works Forestry Officer at Kiewa and Norm Middleton is Services Engineer at Kiewa. Since publi-



ALLAN URQUHART

cation of the booklet, John Cooper has been appointed Special Studies Engineer in Departmental Services Division.

New Dam

A 150 megawatt hydro station associated with the new Dartmouth dam project is planned to be in service during 1979.

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Cover

Television personality Kevin Heinze proved very popular when he visited the Crinigan Road Primary School, Morwell early this month to give advice on the “compensatory replanting” (see page 16) of Yallourn trees at the School. Also showing interest at Kevin's remarks was Roger Marriott of the Morwell Briquette and Power Installation, who is virtually the school's voluntary groundsman.

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960 EMPLOYEES RECEIVE A SHOT IN THE ARM

Mrs Doris Cunliffe, whose husband Les worked with the SEC at Yallourn from 1952 until his death in 1959, is the sort of person who rises to a challenge.

When Sun columnist Don Petersen made the comment—twice, no less—that no one could write a poem about coal, Mrs Cunliffe just couldn't resist.

In her own words, "I just picked up a pen and dropped off a few lines. When he said that no poem could be written about Latrobe Valley brown coal, I thought I would right the situation".

Mrs Cunliffe, who lives in a Housing Commission unit in Boolarra Avenue, Newborough, still has an SEC link through her son Les "Bill" Cunliffe, who has been at Yallourn Power Station since 1949.

A daughter, now Mary Thomas, was a typist with the Commission for several years before her marriage.

Ode to a lump of coal

... or,
powerful
stuff

Do you give thought to
the source of your heat,
When you sit by your
fire, maybe toasting
your feet?

For millions of years
forests covered our
land,

Forests as dense as a pile
of wet sand.

Over the ages, though
its sad to relate,

Trees rotted in ground,
for such was their
fate,

But nature knows what
she is about,

Can see far ahead, of
that there's no doubt.

These forests, now de-
composed residue of
once lovely trees,

No gem like glitter of
older brother, coal,
one sees.

No liquid magic of oil,
a relative much older,
But without this decom-
posed mess our life
would be colder,

Man, with his brain, has
found ways and
means,

To get from the earth
these sit, dead like
seams.

He has turned it to fuel,
briquette, gas and oil.

Makes life easier for man,
and helps in his toil.

Our country is blessed
with this precious
brown gold,



Writing poems is only one of the interests of Mrs Doris Cunliffe, who was hard at work crocheting when CONTACT called on her. Tapestry work is another of her hobbies.

With this 'powerful stuff'
independence we'll
hold.

Eons of time have passed
since this cycle began,
Now its a blessing, the
whole world to span.
As years go by, new facts
we will find,

Great benefits bestow on
all mankind.

So when you sit, maybe
toasting your feet,

Remember the miracle
which gave you your
heat.

Recent press publicity given to new strains of flu apparently prompted more than the usual number of Commission employees to have the annual anti-influenza injections. Administrative officer, Medical and First Aid, Vern Colling, feels this is the reason why more than 960 employees were inoculated recently.

Only 500 were inoculated last year.

The new strains of flu are Victorian type A, which has killed several people in England already this year; Scottish type A and Hong Kong type B.

A team of eight carried out the inoculation program at various locations at Yallourn, Morwell and Hazelwood.

The Commission's Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Jim McCusker was assisted by First Aid Superintendent Ron Herbert and First Aid supervisors Jack Dyer (Yallourn) and Jack Mullins (Morwell). Four girls from personnel and records who gave assistance, helping to make the occasion far more pleasant were Lauren Quirk, Julie Oliver, Jackie Simpson and Maria Turra. Hopefully the inoculations will provide employees with some protection against influenza infection.

SUPPLIER

The SEC is the largest electricity supply authority in Australia, and Australia's largest individual coal producer.



Contrary to rumors, the injections did not hurt. In fact, attractive Dot Prokop, a tracer in the Yallourn Drawing Office, was all smiles when she received her injection.



Above: It may not look much like it, but this is a street of Yallourn houses, 1976 style. With one obviously very new arrival, this is the scene which impressed SEC Commissioners during their tour of Yallourn resettlement areas last month. On this 39-lot subdivision in Trent Street, the Commission has set about renovating nine Yallourn houses as "display homes".

Right: With AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo, Mr. Trethowan chats with members of the team giving a new lease of life to Yallourn houses.

Below right: Yallourn Resettlement Officer Jack Penney uses a display board to illustrate his point to Chairman Charles Trethowan (second from right), Yallourn Resettlement Committee member Geoff Coulsell, of Melbourne, and Matt Ruston (left) who recently took up a new role as finance advisory officer at Yallourn.

Right: "I miss going down the street and meeting Yallourn people, but I am very happy here", former Yallourn resident Mrs. Sarah Rainbow tells Commissioner Tom Scott.

She invited Commissioners to look inside the flat she now calls 'home' at the Latrobe Valley Village in Newborough. Mrs. Rainbow was a Yallourn resident from 1928 until she moved from her Strezlecki Road home to the LV Village late last year.

SEC Commissioners were impressed with tour

SEC Commissioners were impressed with Yallourn resettlement activity seen at first-hand during their traditional Latrobe Valley tour of inspection last month.

The relocated Yallourn houses being renovated at Trent Street in Newborough North proved a real highlight.

Chairman Charles Trethowan summed up the general feeling of Commissioners when he said that as a former Yallourn resident, he

FULL OF PRAISE

found it difficult to believe that the renovated houses inspected by the party were from Yallourn. He was full of praise for the work of personnel involved in all as-



pects of the resettlement program.

"Anybody would be proud to live in homes such as these", he commented after the inspection.

And Commissioners Mr. Bernard Callinan and Mr. Tom Scott were obviously in agreement. Accompanying the chairman and commissioners on their Gippsland trip—the party went on to

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YALLOURN HOUSE REMOVAL RATE ACCELERATES

A steady demand by Yallourn tenants keen to make resettlement arrangements has led to an acceleration in the rate of house removals from the town during the past six months.

A total of 170 houses has been removed from the town while another 120 are awaiting relocation by the SEC, Yallourn tenants or other buyers.

In a progress report presented to SEC Commissioners last month, it was pointed out that 658 Yallourn houses were currently occupied, while another 30 had been either allocated or were available for allocation.

Survey results indicate that about 300 of the 600 Yallourn houses suitable for relocation will be required for resettlement purposes.

More than 100 tenants have committed themselves to the purchase of Yallourn houses, but the time taken to provide serviced building allotments and a shortage of house removalists are factors handicapping efforts to meet residents' needs.

A special housing co-operative formed last month will soon make its first loans available to Yallourn tenants, and special bank finance arrangements have been made for some other residents.

Progress is also being made on various land subdivisions.

These include:

- Trent Street/Avon Court (39 allotments), Newborough North (see page 4): Five Yallourn houses have been relocated and renovated by the SEC as a "display home" guide to a variety of external and internal finishes.

The display homes will be sold to Yallourn residents, and 17 other allotments are being sold to Yallourn tenants for relocation of houses.

- Lots 72, 73 (250 allotments), Newborough North: The plan of subdivision was

prepared by the Housing Commission as part of an overall plan including the Housing Commission's Monash Estate.

A first stage of 60 allotments has been approved by Moe Council, and an initial placement of 17 houses on Lot 72 (beside Newborough High School) is now under way.

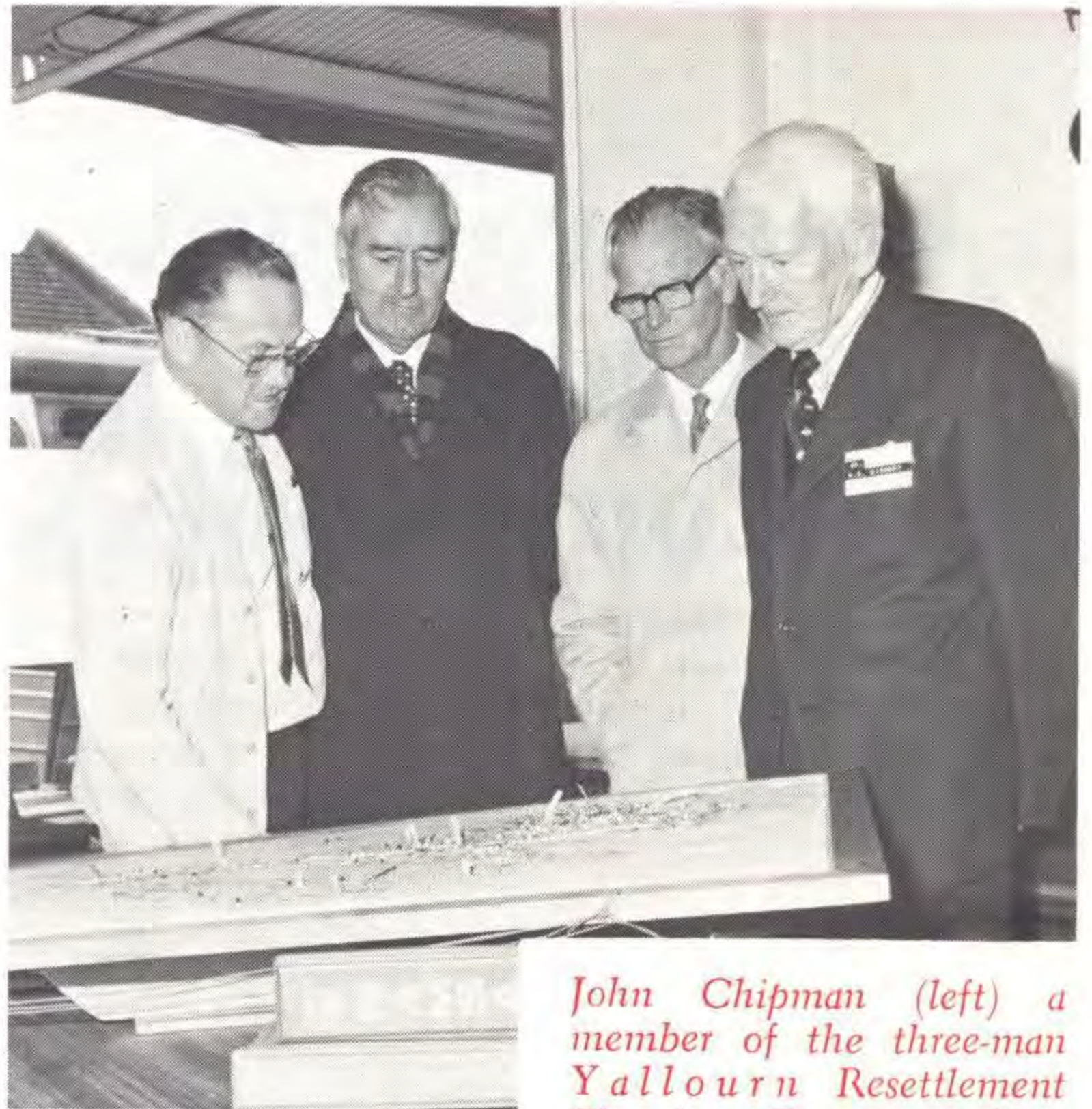
Other subdivisions are also being developed in Newborough, Yallourn North and Morwell.

At Morwell, two houses relocated on private blocks bought by the SEC are

Awaiting Renovation

awaiting renovation and sale to Yallourn tenants.

The SEC has also moved eight Yallourn houses to the Turnley/O'Grady Streets area in Morwell, where 24 allotments will soon be available



John Chipman (left) a member of the three-man Yallourn Resettlement Planning Group, outlines steps being taken to enable residents and the SEC to remove houses from the town. He had an interested audience in Commissioners Bernard Callinan, Tom Scott (second from right) and Yallourn Town Advisory Committee chairman Cr. Neil Wishart (right).

to the SEC for resettlement use.

Tenders have been called for renovating the houses before sale to Yallourn tenants.

Special arrangements for Continued Page 15

Record to Hazelwood



The first four months of 1976 have seen Hazelwood Power Station achieve a series of progressive records for hours in service of units and generation produced.

For the 12 months up to January 31, the generation for the year was 9,117,000,000 kilowatt hours (9,117 gigawatt hours). This gave a capacity factor of 65.05 per cent and a service factor of 71.91 per cent.

These figures were exceeded, in February and March.

The best ever was achieved when the 12 month totals to April 30 were increased to 9,381 gwh with capacity factor of 66.93 per cent and service factor up to 74.16 per cent.

For the "not so technically minded" a gigawatt hour of power will keep one million single bar radiators going for an hour.

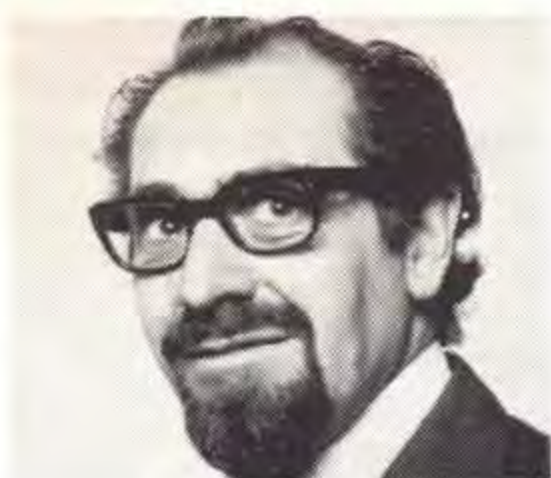


AREA
ADMINISTRATION

Trees will not be lost to LV Community

Trees removed from Yallourn during the next few years to enable the relocation of houses will not be lost to the LV community.

NEWCOMER TO P.R.



ALEC WOOD

Public Relations Group newcomer Alec Wood is no stranger to many Commission employees. After all, he's been with the SEC for 17 years.

Alec, who has joined the group as a Public Liaison officer, began his Commission career in 1959 at the Yarram office as a general clerk, a position he held for nine years.

He was then promoted to domestic sales officer at Traralgon Electricity Supply Branch.

Twelve months later, Alec was appointed Field Sales Officer for East Gippsland, a position he held for six years.

For relaxation, he enjoys sailing his Sabre yacht, on Hazelwood pondage — and spending time on his family's Yarram farm with his wife Marjorie and children Penny, Anthea and Simon.

Commission plans for a "compensatory planting program" in central Latrobe Valley schools and on Yallourn resettlement estates will be given an early start to ensure reasonable growth by the time most Yallourn trees have been removed.

The decision follows recommendations from noted gardens authority Kevin Heinze.

Planting of a large number of trees in schools and on estates in stages during the next few years is a positive way for the Commission to meet the commitment it has accepted to replace Yallourn trees which are not transplanted.

Tree removals are kept to an absolute minimum, consistent with the requirements of the house removal program, but removal is unavoidable in some cases.

The saving in being able to relocate a house in one piece is at least \$1,500.

The compensatory planting program has already begun with the planting of Australian native trees in the grounds of the Crinigan Road Primary School in Morwell.

Yallourn 'W'

Yallourn 'W' power station — now being constructed — will have a total capacity of 1450 megawatts by 1981.

Two 350 megawatt units, comprising the first stage at Yallourn 'W' station, are in operation.

Units 3 and 4, each of 375 megawatts, are expected to be in full commercial operation by 1981.



TV personality Kevin Heinze (right) and SEC Parks and Gardens Overseer Keith Randall give expert advice on the art of tree planting to Crinigan Road Primary School pupils Chris Kinell (left) and Stephen Regardo.

SAFETY CHIEF IN VALLEY

The Commission's Chief Accident Prevention Engineer, Rod Hammon, has a pretty good idea of the kinds of problems faced by line management and personnel generally in the field of safe working practices.

With his background of 29 years in the operations and maintenance fields, Rod has seen it all from the inside.

Here in the Valley last week on his fourth visit in as many weeks on a "getting to know you basis", Rod echoed the message of Latrobe Valley Accident Control Officer Ric Crookes and others before him . . . "accident prevention is a line responsibility".

One of his major aims is to promote and maintain Commission-wide attributes which are conducive to safe working practices.

He believes that accidents will continue to occur until employees themselves are more committed to accident

prevention, and that where accidents do occur, they should be fully investigated and follow-up action taken.

If some working situation has contributed, it should be rectified immediately — the investigation should not be regarded simply as an exercise to fix blame on some individual.

Committees play an important role, Rod believes, but they should consider matters relating to job performance and working procedures. One of their functions should be to consider fully suggestions made by on the job personnel.

Where suggestions are not acted upon, explanations should be given.

Rod makes it clear that he believes every employee should critically assess his or her own attitudes toward safe working practices and resolve to accept the responsibility of safeguarding themselves and their workmates.



This picture (below) taken from the air, shows the 'bottomless pit' slowly sinking, with large cracks up to four feet wide around its edges.



800 ATTEND FAMILY DAY

The first two of a scheduled three open cut family days organised by Coal Production Department for families of Morwell open cut employees have been highly successful.

Open day organiser Tony Haines, who estimates that more than 600 people have looked over the open cut during the past two Sundays, predicts that a further 200 people will take advantage of the final day on Sunday, May 30. Purpose of the open days is to give the wives and children of employees the opportunity to take a closer look at the open cut plant and areas in which the family breadwinner spends a considerable part of his working life.

The program for Sunday includes bus tours to the visitors' viewing point, control centre, and operating dredger and a stationary dredger for those who want a close look at the overburden dump.

All tours will finish at the workshop canteen for afternoon tea. Arrangements were made by Morwell Open Cut Division, with assistance from Public Relations Group.

Morwell Open Cut employees that have not taken the opportunity to show their families over the area should contact Tony Haines (3530).

A full report on the open days, complete with pictures, will be in the June issue of CONTACT.

Large log dug up

Numerous tree trunk fossils have been discovered in the Yallourn open cut, the latest being uncovered late last month.

The trunk appeared while No. 6 dredger was digging on level number 1.

According to Acting Coal Operations Superintendent Kurt Rego, the tree trunk was "as hard as a rock".

The tree trunk fossil, which is estimated to be more than 40 million years old, is pictured right.

"BOTTOMLESS PIT" HAS HAD ITS DAY AFTER MANY YEARS

A postscript (final) to the "bottomless" pit story . . .

Now almost drained of water after a marathon pumping exercise which began in July last year, the pit has so far yielded more than five million gallons of good quality water.

The draining program was not undertaken simply to shake a persistent local myth—it serves a vital purpose—for safety reasons and security of dredgers which will be working in the pit area in about 18 months.

It was important that the area be dewatered to provide suitable operating conditions for dredgers.

Due to the large output of water from beneath the pit in the last 10 months, clay and peat soil levels are sinking.

The pit has sunk several feet (as shown from the aerial picture on the left).

Engineer in charge of Auxiliary Operations, John

Harrison, says that there is still three metres of water to pump out before the pit can be classed as dry.

At the present rate of pumping (19,000 gallons a day), it should only take a matter of weeks before pumping is finished and the 'bottomless' pit will be left to rest in peace before the dredgers move in.

Brown Coal is tops

Brown coal will continue to be the chief source of Victoria's base load energy for many years.

Natural gas is a suitable alternative for new peak load stations.





Right: It was a happy moment for all concerned after the signing of David Westie's fitter and turning indenture. Pictured (from left) are David, Apprenticeship Supervisor for Gippsland John Seymour, David Westie of Newborough, Bess Westie and Yallourn Apprenticeship officer Fred Douglas.



APPRENTICE OPEN DAYS AT YALLOURN WERE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Above: Apprentice electrician Geoff Skerry (far left) looks on while his father Tom, signs his indenture form. Geoff's mother and Instructor Jack Ray look on.



Below: Apprenticeship Supervisor for Gippsland John Seymour (second from left) signs the indenture of Glen Furlong (second from right) as his mother and father Stan (far left) look on.

More than 200 parents attended two successful apprentice days conducted by the Commission at Yallourn last month.

The apprentice open days enable parents to see the environment in which their sons work; to meet their sons' supervisors and instructors and to discuss apprenticeship training generally with people such as John Seymour of the Industrial Training Commission of Victoria. The parents then sign indentures of apprenticeship, where appropriate.

Indentures are a legal contract of employment between three parties, the Commission, parents and the apprentice.

Because of the large number of apprentices (123), activities extended over two days.

Day one was for mechanical trades — Fitters and turners, boiler-makers and motor mechanics, while the second day was devoted to Electrical trades — Civil trades, instrument makers and repairing.

Training and Development Officer Harry Liefman, Apprenticeship Officer Fred Douglas and other Commission officers were available for talks with parents during the two days.

In addition parents viewed a film called 'The Apprentice' and were given a 10 minute address by John Seymour on the legal aspects of apprenticeships, before inspecting the workshops and the signing of indentures.



Above: Yallourn Apprenticeship officer Fred Douglas (far left) looks on as Mrs. Joe Veneman signs her sons apprentice indenture. Watching are Warren an apprentice electrician, Joe Veneman and Warren's brother Craig.

Left: 'Give an old hand a go', says Percy Wolf of Cheltenham, who is Boiler-maker Geoffery Bolwell's (left) grandfather. Geoff's father Gordon of Yinnar is pictured right.

Below: Instructor Peter Gracey shows Mr. George Hendricks of Morwell where to sign his sons indenture form. From left, are Peter Gracey, Mr. Hendricks, John an apprentice boilermaker, Margo Hendricks and John's twin brother Peter.



Above: Inspecting their son Stephen's work are the Vinicombe family from Bruthen. they are (from left) Mrs. Gladys Vinicombe, Stephen, who is an apprentice fitter and turner, his father Laurie, Ruth and John.

Right: This is good work son! John Grassells of Traralgon (third from left) is saying to his son Paul, who is an apprentice fitter and turner. Also pictured (from left) are Paul's brother John, monther Beth and sister Maree (far right).




**POWER
GENERATION**


Ron Baker was busy working when the CONTACT photographer called in to get this picture (above) of him last week.

GUNITING FOR THE FUTURE

"Guniting" is a process which has had limited use in the Valley in the past 19 years, but the story has changed in the past 12 months — and the next 10 years could be entirely different.

The recent boom in guniting has come about because of its efficiency and excellent finish; with Loy Yang and Yallourn 'W' stage two works now in the pipeline, the process will be in greater demand.

Guniting is a process of replacing brick lining on coal bunkers, steel stacks, ducts and concrete structures.

The process uses a mixture of a refractory (sand and cement) which is conveyed to a special nozzle where hy-

dratation takes place immediately before expulsion by compressed air.

According to brickwork maintenance, Overseer Bill Godfrey, many improvements have been made since inception of Guniting both in equipment and specialised techniques.

Bill says that Guniting adheres better than poured concrete to structural steel, and is a better form of protection against corrosion.

A Guniting crew, formed at a school held at Hazelwood recently is comprised of Foreman Carlo Peruzzi, Leading Hand John Kingsley and Alex Halkett, Frank McKeown, Alf Hankin and Lou Knowles.



A special model power spray is used to apply the gunite. Pictured above are Commission employees working with the guniting process.

NEXT 16 MONTHS WILL BE A BUSY TIME FOR RON

The next 16 months will be busy for Hazelwood Power Station Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Ron Baker.

In that time, he will have worked in three different locations, more than 18,000 kilometres apart.

Ron, who has worked at Hazelwood for the past 7 years, is currently working in Power Department Melbourne, as a lead-up to his departure early next month to take up a 15 month overseas experience and study award involving special training and studies in the UK.

Whilst in the U.K. he will undertake a 12 month course at the Lanchester Poly-Technic at Rugby, leading to the degree of Master of Science in Turbine Technology. Prior to the course Ron will visit General Elec-

tric Corporation's Turbine Generators for three months to obtain practical experience.

The award will permit Ron to gain an appropriate period of experience in overseas industry with particular emphasis on the design and maintenance of steam turbine plant.

Ron will be accompanied on the trip by his wife Barbara and their two sons.

The course begins in September.

75 Percent

Electricity production for the State's system has increased by 75 per cent in the past 10 years.



Pictured above during the recent school held at Yallourn on Guniting are (from left), John Bowyer, Geoff Knowles and leading hand bricklayer John Kingsley.



**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

Outstanding Student Award to Peter Northover

For the third consecutive year a Commission apprentice has won the Yallourn Technical School outstanding student award.

Boilermaker Peter Northover took off this year's award — last year's winner was electrical mechanic John Clough.

Peter described by apprentice training officer Fred Douglas as a brilliant apprentice:—

- completed 24 modules of study with an average pass rate of 93 per cent, and,
- during the same time completed six alternate modules averaging 91 per cent.

The presentation of the award to Northover highlighted the annual Trades and Technology awards night at the school.

Award winners employed by the Commission were — Certificate of Technology Course — first year: L. Rozvaczky; Higher Technician Certificate, Power Plant Operator — Martin Hill, Denis Humes, John Tewierik, Paul Tewierik; Mechanical Design, Drafting — Maxwell Payne, Gary Scanlon; Civil Design, Drafting—Gregory Williams.

Certificates of Technology —Dusan Dubajic, John Lyon, Steven Mesaric, Frederick McLeod, Kenneth McMeekin, Kevin Spears.

Apprenticeship awards—Automotive Electrical, 2nd year—Peter Bennett. Motor Mechanics, V.A.C.C. award, 1st year—Peter Dyt; Institute of Australian Mechanical Engineers award — Ralph Naudi.

Building studies — 2nd year: Daryl Keuch; Electrical Fitting—1st year: Neil Hausdorfer; 2nd year: Michael Langenakker; 3rd year: Colin Thorburn; 4th year: Chris Politti.

Electrical Mechanics—2nd year: Lennie Panayiotou; 4th year: Joseph Rosa. Fitting and Machining — 1st year: Peter Jones; 2nd year: Bernard Keene; 3rd year: Peter Heusmann.

Metal Fabrication — 2nd year: Andrew Kaczowski; 3rd year: Peter Northover.



Pictured above while working in the Morwell Workshops is boilermaker apprentice Peter Northover.

\$25,000 FIRE

The fire which destroyed the metal-spraying room in Yallourn Central Workshops on April 30 not only caused damage estimated at \$25,000 . . . it could also lead to formation of a volunteer emergency squad to deal with any similar situation which may arise in the future.

Yallourn Fire Brigade had a fire fighting unit on the

scene within minutes of a call to the outbreak, and with the help of Auxiliary contingent members and other personnel, quickly brought the fire under control.

Manager Engineering Services Max Gray was appreciative of what he described as " . . . the responsible manner in which all personnel acted in containing the fire and removing hazards associated with it".

The fire began during a metal-spraying operation.

Heat from the initial outbreak ignited other materials, destroying the workroom and its contents as well as causing minor damage to some metal-working equipment adjacent to the workroom.

The picture at left shows part of the scene after firemen brought the fire under control.

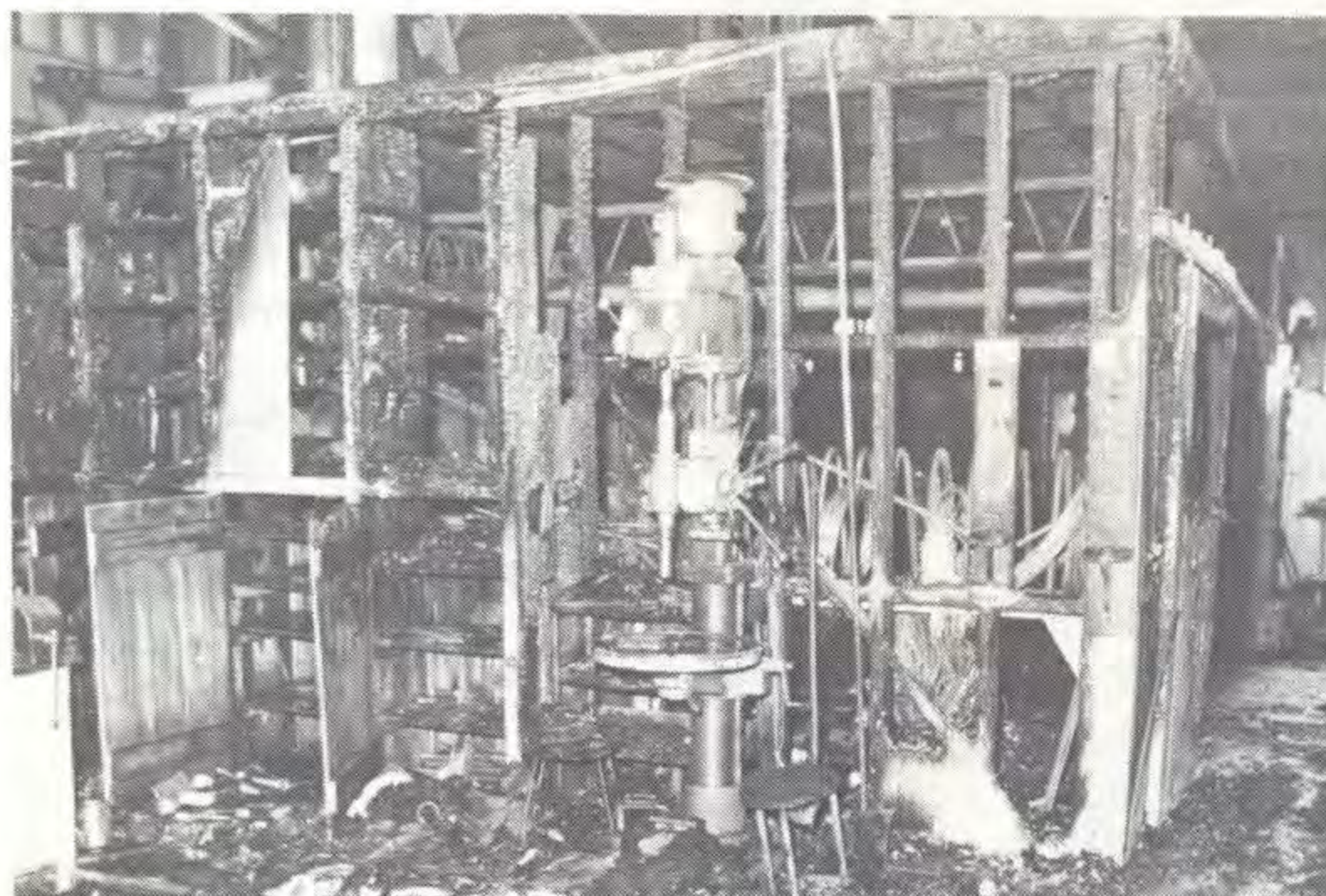
New system Commissioned

Commissioning on May 19 of a Direct Numerical Control System in the Central Workshops at Yallourn attracted a crowd of approximately 100, including international and interstate engineers and businessmen.

Among a sizeable contingent from Japan's principal machine tool suppliers was the president of the firm which supplied the system, the Fanuc Fujitsu Company.

The system, the first of its kind installed in workshops outside Japan, supports the operation of recently installed Numerically Controlled equipment at Yallourn CWS.

● The commissioning took place as this issue of CONTACT went to press. Pictures and details will be published in the June issue.



TRANSMISSION
DIVISION

SUB-STATION YS MOVED TO ITS NEW SITE

The development of the Yallourn Open Cut towards the township of Yallourn re-

KEITH HAS HIS HANDS FULL ...

Electrical Services Engineer Keith Griffiths has his hands full most of the time, but he has an additional responsibility at the moment.

Keith is currently acting chairman of the Electrical Accessories Committee, a technical committee which met in the Valley last month for the first time in almost two years. He heads up the committee in the absence of long service leave of Wiring Services Division's Bill Burton.

Other committee members are Frank Gersh (Wiring Services), Keith McDougall (Stores) and Brian Pert (Transmission Operations). Secretary of the committee is Bob Saunders.

The committee reviews the selection of standard items in the electrical accessories field, ensuring that high standards of quality, safety and economy are maintained.

While in the Latrobe Valley, committee members toured the Yallourn and Morwell Open Cuts and Yallourn 'W' Power Station.

quires that a large number of facilities be relocated . . . and this includes the sub-station YS which is now situated in the Yallourn open cut.

Sub-station YS, which supplied most of the dredgers and equipment towards the south of the open cut, has been replaced by two portable, 25 ton each, switch-houses containing 13 x 6.6 KV circuit breakers and all the protection control and instrumentation equipment associated with the switch gear.

The transformers for YC are from Sub YS.

Field Engineer Yallourn group Mike Osmer said the relocation of supplies from YSS to YC was carried out in three stages.

- One transformer from YS was transferred to YC and coupled up to the 2 switch houses (Sub YS being supplied by one transformer),
- All 6.6 KV feeders former sub YS were transferred to sub YC operating on one transformer and, finally,
- The remaining transformer from YS was transferred to sub YC.

The relocation only took a matter of days to complete.



Pictured en route to the new Yallourn YC sub-station is one of the 25 ton transformers from Yallourn YS.

WISE WORDS ON LIFTING

There is a right and wrong way to lift object.

That was the message Accident Prevention Officer (Research) Norm Hellwege put over to the Electrical Services Division employees early this month with a

series of practical on-the-spot planned body movement lectures. Electrical Services Engineer Keith Griffiths asked Norm to visit Electrical Services Division personnel at Morwell and Yallourn following a recent increase in the incidence of back injuries. The series of sessions, on an informal level, were held in the workshops and on the job—not, as usual, in class rooms.

According to Keith Griffiths, the response was excellent.

More than 90 took part in six sessions at Yallourn and Morwell.



Norm Hellwege (right) shows Electrical Mechanic Paul Darby (left) the correct way to lift.

COMMISSION TEAMS DO WELL AT CRICKET

The 1975-76 Latrobe Valley Mid-week cricket season proved to be very successful, with SEC teams and players well to the fore.

The Yallourn 'W' side took off the final by defeating Police in stylish fashion, and many players turned in creditable performances during the season.

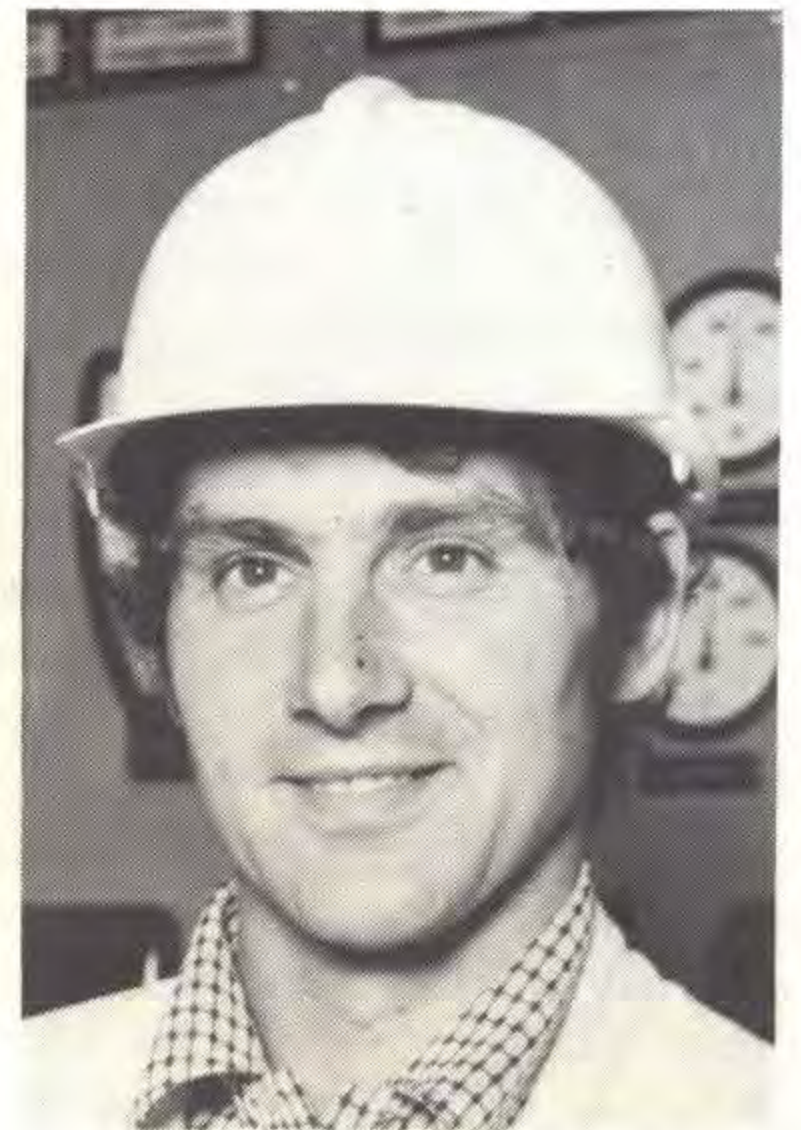
At the Association's annual presentation evening at Yin-nar on April 23, Latrobe Valley Association of SEC Social Clubs president John Hutchinson presented awards and

the SEC's best team man awards.

Winners were — Yallourn 'W': Lloyd Lewis. Hazelwood Blacks: Dennis McAulley. Morwell Briquette: Stan Wilson.

Hazelwood White's best team man Jack Fawcett, was on holidays at the time of the presentation. Best fieldsmen award went to Central Workshops player Peter Wilkinson.

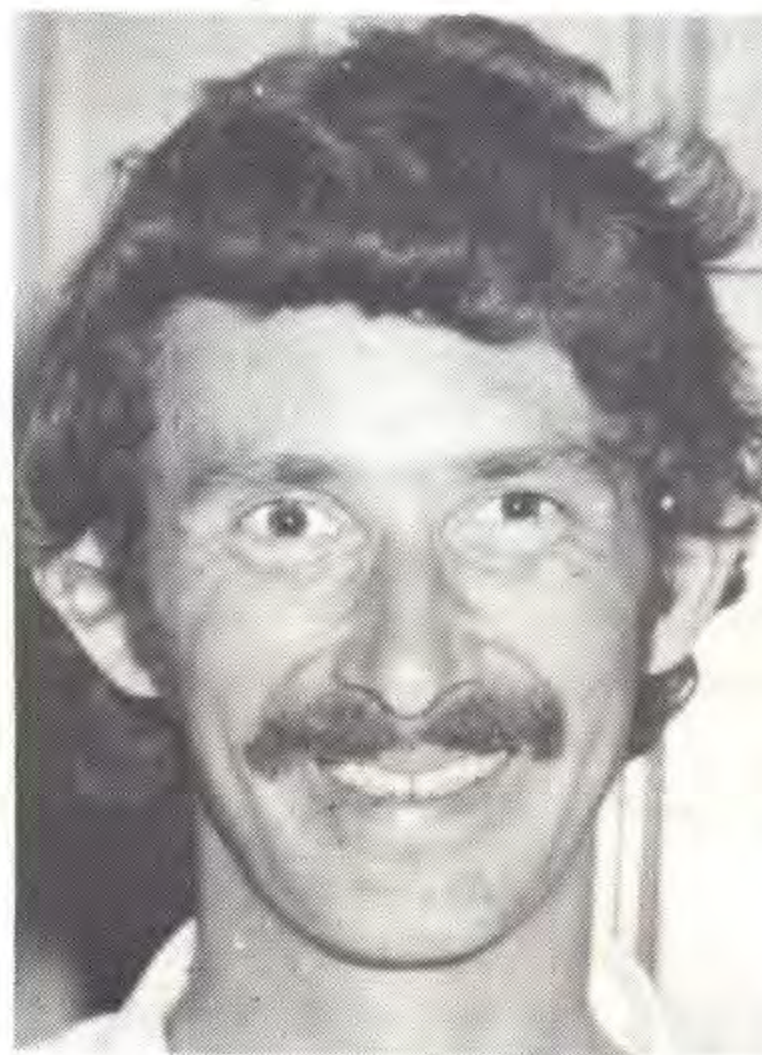
Gregory Fraile received the premiership shield for Yallourn 'W' from the Mid-Week Cricket Association president Lloyd Lewis. After the presentation Lloyd Lewis commented that the season had been very successful. He said that interest in mid-week cricket had grown to the extent that two new sides could enter the competition next season.



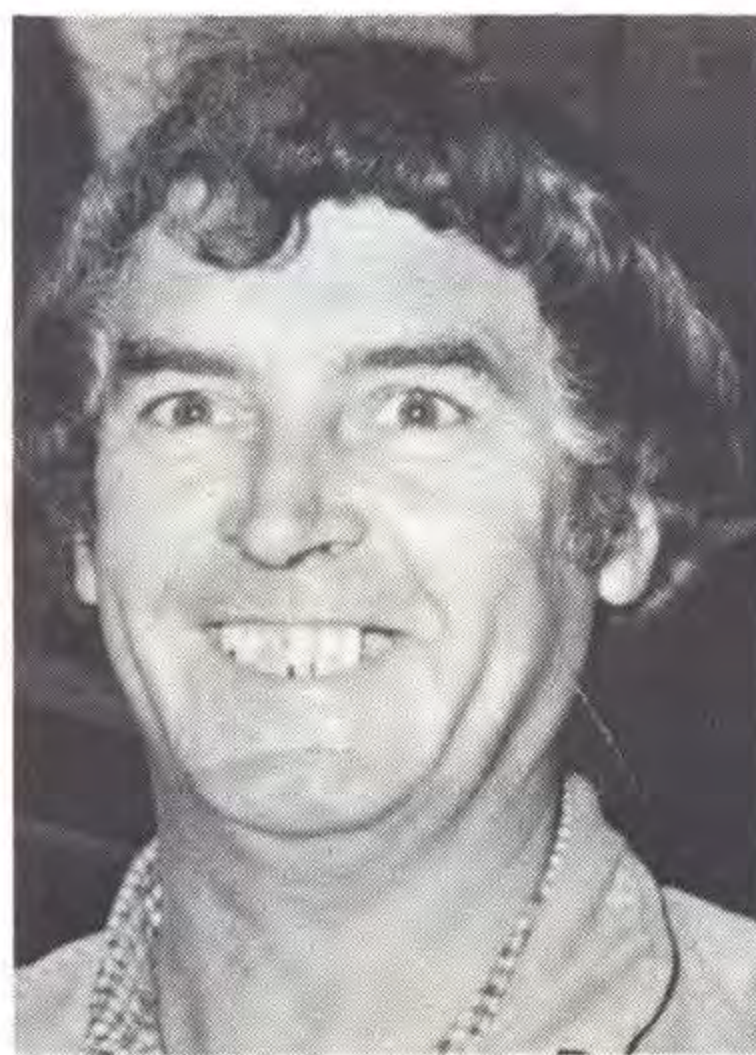
DENNIS McCAULLEY



PETER WILKINSON



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STAN WILSON

SEC ODDS ON TO WIN GOLF

The eighth annual SEC versus APM golf tournament is creating lots of interest within the Commission and it is understood that there is plenty of money around for the SEC to win.

In fact the latest odds are the SEC 6-4 favorite, while the best odds on the APM are 10-1.

The Commission's team organiser, Industrial Relations officer Bruce Lawn, says the odds of 6-4 are good, he hastens to add that they should shorten closer to the event.

APM are the current title holders.

The event is an 18-hole stableford to be held at the picturesque Traralgon golf course on Saturday, June 12, starting at 7.30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The winning team will be the team with the greatest number of aggregate points. A minimum of 50 players is needed for the Commission team. Those interested should contact Bruce Lawn on 3424.

Conformity has its advantages but . . .

Conformity may not always be a good thing . . . but there are times when it has distinct advantages.

That seems to be the message of the growing number of standardisation technical committees which keep a close eye on general materials and equipment in use within the SEC. The committees involve representatives of major material users — and Stores Division personnel — in responsibility for selecting the proper items for each particular job, taking into account quality, performance, availability

and cost.

However, the work of the committees brings equally positive benefits to the Commission by:—

- making one item serve several purposes, thereby eliminating unnecessary types and sizes — although only where economy can be effected without loss of operational efficiency,
- eliminating duplication resulting from several departments using different items for the same purpose,
- eliminating where possible items made to special design by replacing them with national or industry

standards.

The committees also have the task of adding appropriate new items and removing those which have become either out of date or obsolete.

A major requirement for all technical committees is that the interests of all departments expected to use a particular item must be fully considered; there must be collaboration with all user departments when new materials are being investigated, and the general agreement of user departments should be obtained on decisions in regard to any item.

RETIREMENTS

FRANK FOOTE

Frank Foote spent all of his 33 years with the SEC at Yallourn and in retirement, he will continue to live nearby, at Hernes Oak. He worked for the Commission for seven years, from 1934-1941, before leaving and rejoining the Commission in 1950 as a boilermaker at Yallourn. In 1952, he took up the position of welder and was promoted to a leading hand welder, a position he held for six years before becoming a special leading hand welder in General Services. Frank transferred to Central Workshops in 1970, his "home" for the past six years. Farewelled in Bay 4 at Yallourn Workshops by Mechanical Services engineer George Davis, Frank received a set of cuff links, along with a pair of binoculars, a leather key holder, a writing set, a pen set and a silver plate. It was pointed out that Frank took a very active role in district affairs, especially the Hernes Oak Cricket Club, of which he has been president for the past 19 years. In retirement, he hopes to do as much fishing as possible and concentrate on cricket during the summer — but not before Frank and his wife Sheila enjoy a holiday.

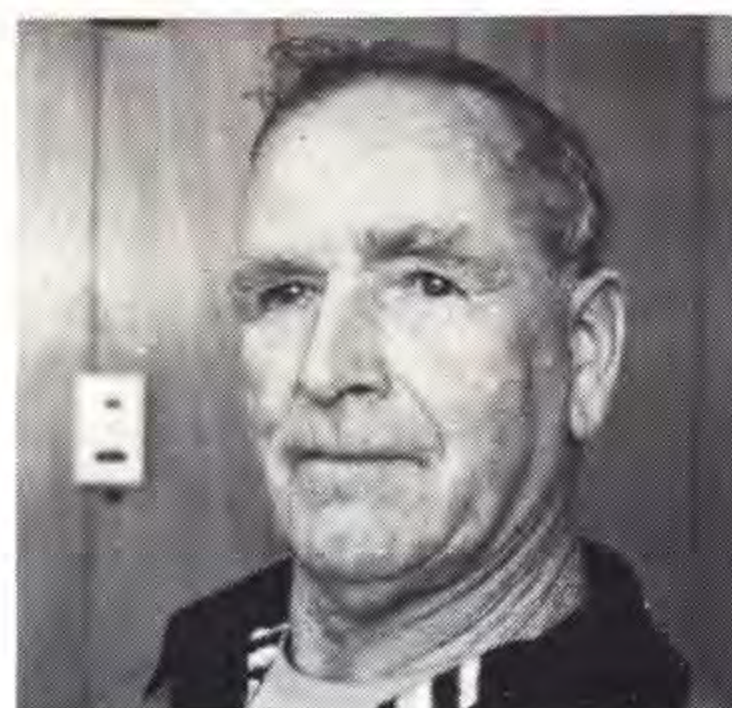


MAX ADAMS

The early retirement last month of Max Adams brought to an end 29½ years of Commission Service. Max retired at a quiet luncheon at the Morwell Hotel-Motel with his workmates on April 23. At his own request no formal farewell was conducted, but Max did receive an electric frypan and an electric shaver as farewell gifts. He began with the Commission in December, 1946, as a commercial clerk with accounting at Yallourn, and retired as a deductions clerk at Morwell. Max, and his wife Lorna, who currently live in Yallourn, plan to move soon to Moe, where Max plans to lead a quiet life "just pottering around the home doing odd jobs and generally enjoying life".

JIM O'BRIEN

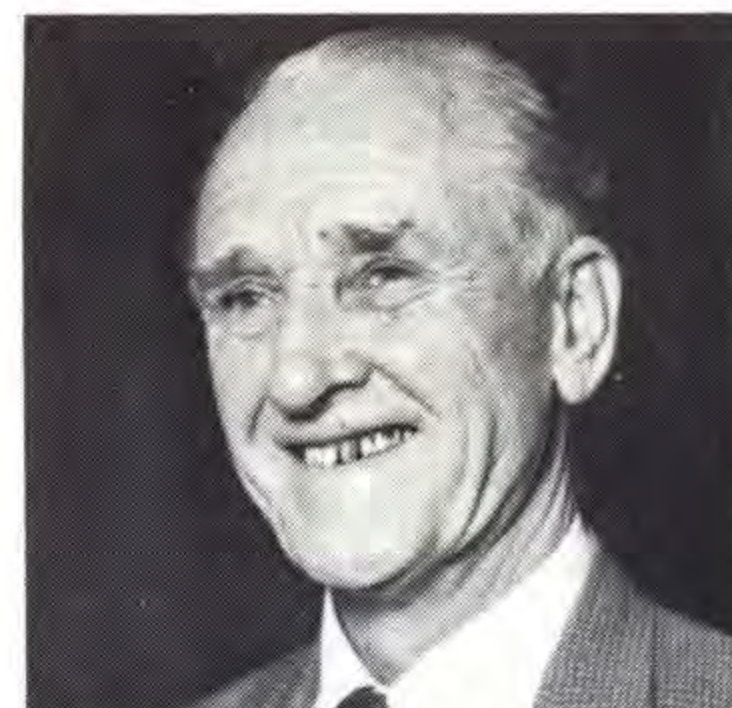
After 31 years with the Commission, John 'Jim' O'Brien has called it a day. Jim started with the Commission in 1945 as a shift foreman at Coal Production, Yallourn, a position he held for nine years. In 1954, he transferred to field maintenance at Yallourn, where he worked until November, 1970, when he was appointed Supplies Co-ordinating Officer, the position from which he retired. At a dinner in the Morwell Men's Club, Jim was presented with a wallet of notes by Coal Production Superintendent (Headquarters) Ian Wilson. In retirement, Jim plans to take it easy and concentrate on his workshop, which is his main hobby.



BILL CARR

Bill Carr plans an active retirement after working for the Commission for 24 years. A member of several community organisations, Bill is a keen collector of coins and stamps; loves fishing and plays his share of bowls. He began with the Commission in October, 1952 as a loco driver with Coal Production at Yallourn, a position he held for 11 years, before transferring to Morwell.

A year later, he moved back to Yallourn, receiving promotion in February, 1965 to leading hand loco driver at Morwell. In 1968, he was appointed disposal unit operator at Coal Production, Morwell. The Morwell Overburden Village was the venue for a function at which Bill was presented with an electric shaver, a toaster and a wallet of notes. Bill quickly took off on a short holiday in Eden, New South Wales, with his wife Kath.



ALEX PRINGLE

Alex Pringle has planned an active retirement program, one which he and his wife Joan have been looking forward to for some time. Alex, who is currently living in Yallourn, retired from the Commission on May 1, after 27 years service. Their immediate plans are to move to their new home at Mount Martha, where Alex will continue his hobbies of fishing and golf. Early next year, Alex and wife will be off to Europe for a well-earned holiday abroad. Alex, who started with the Commission in December, 1948 as a shift engineer at the briquette factory in Yallourn, retired as an Assistant Charge Engineer, also at Yallourn. At an informal function in Yallourn Power Station lecture room, Assistant Briquetting Production Superintendent Bob Jobling presented Alex with an electric drill and attachments on behalf of workmates. A sheaf of flowers was also presented to Mrs. Pringle. Yallourn Power Station Superintendent Bruce Johnston, commended Alex on his service to the Commission.

BERT BETTLEY

Bert Bettley could be regarded as an 'I've been everywhere man'. In his 18 years with the Commission, he has served with seven different sections. He began with the Commission in March, 1958, as a Dogman at Civil Works, Morwell. In November, 1958, he took up the position of trimmer at Morwell Power Station, and in December, 1962, he was on the move again, this time to become a bunker attendant at MPS. Six years later he took up the position of greaser; received promotion to electrical plant attendant in 1973, and moved finally

to operator at Morwell in November, 1973. Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation Superintendent Cyril Morellato presented Bert with a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates at a farewell function in the MBPI canteen early this month. Other speakers were Acting Operations Engineer Barry Osborne and Fireman Jim Mersey.

Quiet by nature, Bert plans a quiet retirement at his Morwell home.

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visit Orbost, Bairnsdale, Traralgon, Sale and Warragul—were AGM (Marketing and Distribution) Bob Chapman, secretary Frank Chipperfield and Administrative Services Officer Geoff Coulsell.

After inspecting resettlement areas at Newborough and lunching with Moe City councillors, the party visited Yallourn township, meeting personnel involved in resettlement activity and members of Yallourn Town Advisory Council.

The Commissioners took a second look at the Latrobe Valley when they returned in time for Mr. Trethowan to officially open the Gippsland Homes Show in the Traralgon Civic Centre.

Yallourn Resettlement

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the elderly at Yallourn include assistance to the Latrobe Valley Village Society at Moe, where seven Yallourn people took up residence during December last year.

Twelve of 16 Latrobe Valley Village flats currently under construction are for Yallourn residents.

Six Yallourn tenants have settled into Yallambee Village for the Elderly in Traralgon, and 12 villa units at Newark Avenue in Newborough are expected to be available for occupancy by the end of the year.

The Commission hopes for an October 1976 start on a second stage of one-bedroom flats currently being designed for Newark Avenue

DRAWING IS HIS FIRST LOVE

Coal Production Department employees who read 'Coal News' would have noticed the recent inclusion of cartoons in the monthly news sheet . . . and may have wondered about the artist.

Well, the person behind the pencil is CP operator John Naismith.

John, who has been drawing and painting for 25 years, says that for drawing cartoons, a weird sense of humor, and good imagination are major requirements.

The two cartoon strips below, featuring 'Charlie Coal' are a sample of John's work, in which he draws on real-life characters and incidents for inspiration.



JOHN NAISMITH



VALLEY VISITORS



More than 90 members of the Retired Personnel Association (SEC) visited the Latrobe Valley Works area on April 28.

The tour was headed by Association Chairman Mr Fred Barnett of Chadstone.

The two bus loads of visitors arrived at the Yallourn visitors centre from Melbourne at 10.30 a.m. and then partook in a tour of the Latrobe Valley works areas at Yallourn, Hazelwood and Morwell.

Pictured (above) outside one of the buses before departing on their tour is a group of retired personnel.



More than 40 Caulfield Institute of Technology electrical engineering degree and diploma students visited Yallourn 'W' power station and the Hazelwood 500 KV yard on May 5.

The students are currently undertaking a six-month course in power generation systems, and as a part of their course they spent a day inspecting the Commission's facilities.

The tour is an annual event by students from the electrical engineering faculty at the Institute.

The chief chemist with the Ezaki Glico Co. Ltd., from Osaka, Japan, Mr. Alto Kitajima, toured the Latrobe Valley works area on May 10. Ezaki Glico is a manufacturer of chocolate. Mr. Kitajima was accompanied by Mr. Ian Sadler, field officer for Unigate Pty. Ltd., Gippsland. Both men were taken on a tour of the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, the Hazelwood Power Station and the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, in which Mr. Kitajima displayed keen interest.



The chief Development Engineer of Telecom Australia Mr. K. J. Simpson and three other senior Telecom officials visited the Latrobe Valley Works Area on May 4. The other three in the party were: Assistant General Manager, Commercial and Customer Service Department, Mr. L. K. Manderson; Longline Equipment and Assistant Secretary, Licensing Policy and Operations Branch, PMG Department, Mr. H. S. Young.

The party toured the Morwell and Hazelwood works areas and had discussions with Senior Commission officers.

