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All smiles in the lounge room of the McClare house are (from left), Pat, Joan, Frank, David and John.

McCLARE FAMILY —79 YEARS WITH THE SEC

It has been brought to CONTACT's notice that the McClare family of Yallourn has built up the impressive record of 79 years service with the Commission.

Frank McClare has notched 22 years, his sons David 10 years and John nine, while Frank's brother Pat beats them all with 38 years service.

Frank, who began with the Commission in 1954 at Yallourn Power Station is

now a leading hand cleaner at YPS. Pat, with the SEC since 1938, is now a foreman linesman at Rubicon.

David a relative newcomer to the Commission, started in 1961 as an apprentice fitter and turner. On completion of apprenticeship he joined the Australian National Line and returned to the Commission in 1971. He is currently a fitter and turner in the Morwell CWS.

John started in 1967 as a junior clerk.

He is now a Commercial Administrative Officer at Hazelwood Power Station.

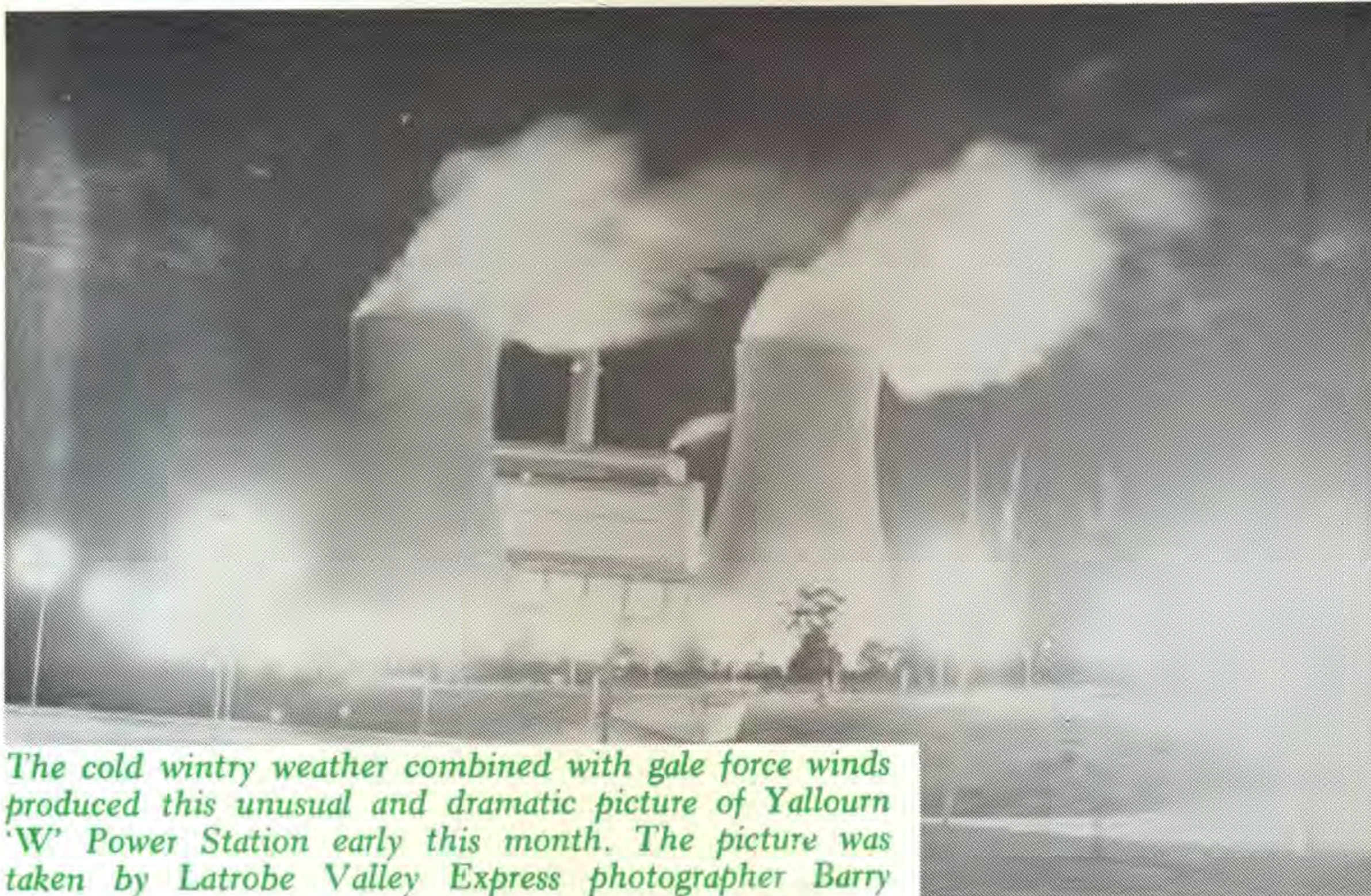
Frank's wife Joan, although not employed by the Commission, is well known to many Commission personnel, as Sister-in-Charge of the blood bank at the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital, where she has been receiving blood donations from Commission personnel, for 19 years.

If you know of any outstanding service record by Commission personnel, CONTACT (ext. 3228) would be only too happy to run the story.

DOMESTIC

Use of electricity by the average domestic customer has increased nearly 50 per cent in the past 10 years.

High winds hit Yallourn 'w'



The cold wintry weather combined with gale force winds produced this unusual and dramatic picture of Yallourn 'W' Power Station early this month. The picture was taken by Latrobe Valley Express photographer Barry Stevens.

Contact



Prepared by
The L.V. Public
Relations Group
for Operations Group
employees.

Cover

Life father, like son. 4 year old Mark Beer of Morwell takes the chair of No. 9 dredger during one of three Coal Production family days last month. His father Kevin (centre) a trainee dredger driver, took time out to show Mark the ropes, while Wally Gawron (right) the dredger's driver looked on with interest.

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ALAN ENTERS COUNCIL AT SECOND TRY

In the May issue of CONTACT you would have read the story of Cr. Alf Ashworth (surveyor, Morwell) retiring as a councillor from the Traralgon City Council.

Well an extra-ordinary election was held due to his retirement, and it was won by another SEC employee.

He is Alan Campigli, an Administrative Clerk, Engineering Services, Morwell.

Alan was one of three candidates to contest the election, the others were Richard Elkington an Engineer at Hazelwood Power Station and Mrs. Gwen Farrington a housewife of Traralgon.

It was Alan's second attempt to win a seat on the council, his first and unsuccessful attempt was last year. He was officially sworn in as Cr. Alan Campigli on May 22 in the Mayor's room. Alan, who has worked for the Commission for 20 years, has lived in Traralgon for 25 years and says he has always taken a keen interest in local Government and community affairs.

He has been a member of the Traralgon Lions Club for 10 years and is currently District 201M Youth Chairman.

He feels because of an active interest in public affairs he will be best able to

serve the ratepayers in council. As far as council's role in Local Government, he feels that council plays an important role in as much as it protects the rights of its ratepayers and provides a service to the ratepayers.

Alan is married with two children, Robyn and Susan. His wife, Dawn is the supervisor at Coinda Hill in Traralgon.

His hobbies are photography, movie making, music, fishing and gardening.



Alan Campigli (above) was busy talking on the phone when a CONTACT photographer called in to take his picture last week.

COLD WEATHER CREATES HAZARDS

Colder weather in the Latrobe Valley not only brings down the temperature . . . it also creates a driving hazard.

Which makes it essential that while driving in fog conditions in the Works Areas, all Drivers should take additional precautions against accidents.

Commission drivers, contractors, sub-contractors and their employees, and any person entering the Works Areas under permit, are required by regulation to have full headlights on low beam while fog conditions exist.

Although the Open Cut Areas and rail crossings

present hazards of the most dangerous types, the rule applies equally to all Works locations. It should also be appreciated that speed restrictions are designed for normal conditions, and that speeds should be considerably reduced in fog.

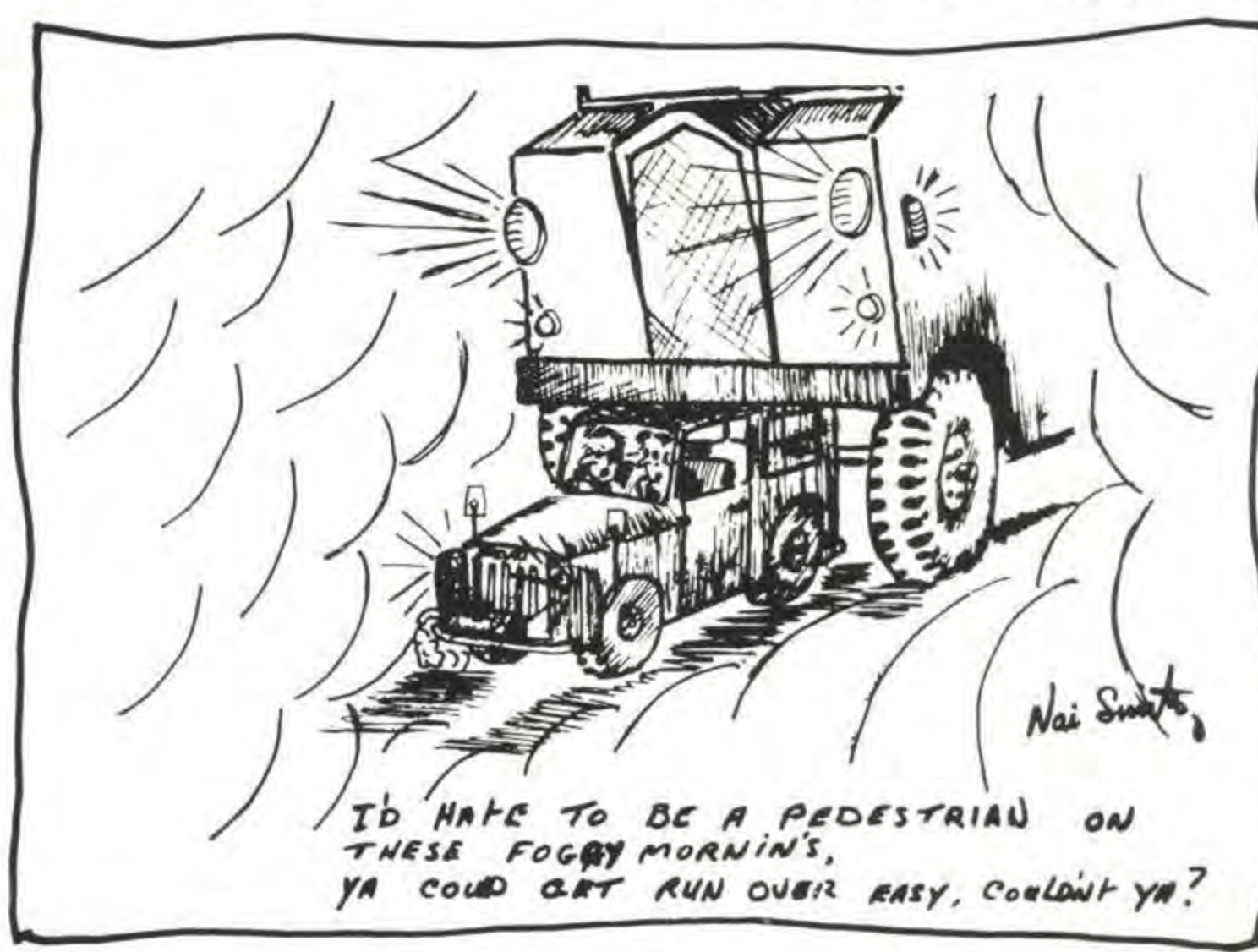
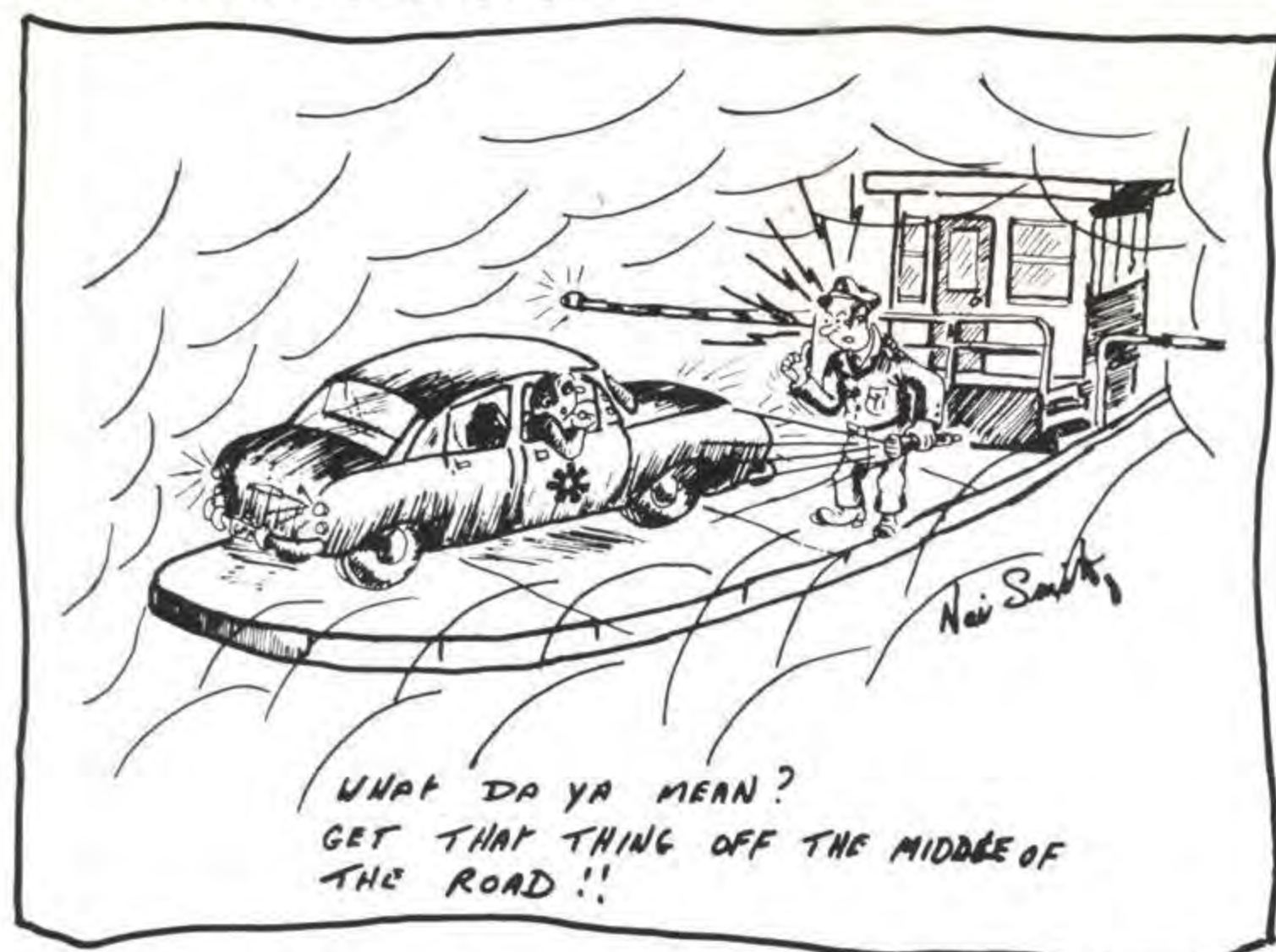
Requirements of the regulation are **NOT** met by driving with parking lights only.

Failure to comply could result in disciplinary action being taken against Commission employees, whilst the authority for the vehicles of contractors and others to enter the Works Areas could be reviewed.

Australia's Largest Public Corporation

The SEC is one of Australia's largest public corporations. It has a total investment of \$1,740 million in capital assets; its revenue in 1974-75 was \$348 million and it employs over 18,000 people.

Its system of power stations generates virtually all Victoria's requirements of electricity. It is now some 17,000 gigawatt hours a year.





BILL DE CAMPO



GEORGE BATES



CLEM JOYCE



KEN YELLAND



MAX GRAY



GEORGE DAVIS

MANAGEMENT ON THE MOVE

There will be several senior management movements within the Operations group as from July 1. The moves are:

Mr. Bill De Campo, Assistant General Manager (Ops), will be absent on recreation leave from July 1 to 31, 1976. During this period, Mr. Jack Robertson will act as Assistant General Manager (Ops) and Mr. Don Clark as Manager, Power Generation Department, from June 28.

Mr. George Bates, Man-

ager, Area Administration Department, will be overseas from August 15 to October 25. During his absence, he will be relieved by Mr. Clem Joyce from August 5 to September 26, 1976, and Mr. Ken Yelland for the period September 27 to October 25, 1976.

During the absence, on long service leave, of Mr. Max Gray from July 4 to October 11, 1976, Mr. George Davis will act as Manager, Engineering Services Department.



JACK ROBERTSON



DON CLARK

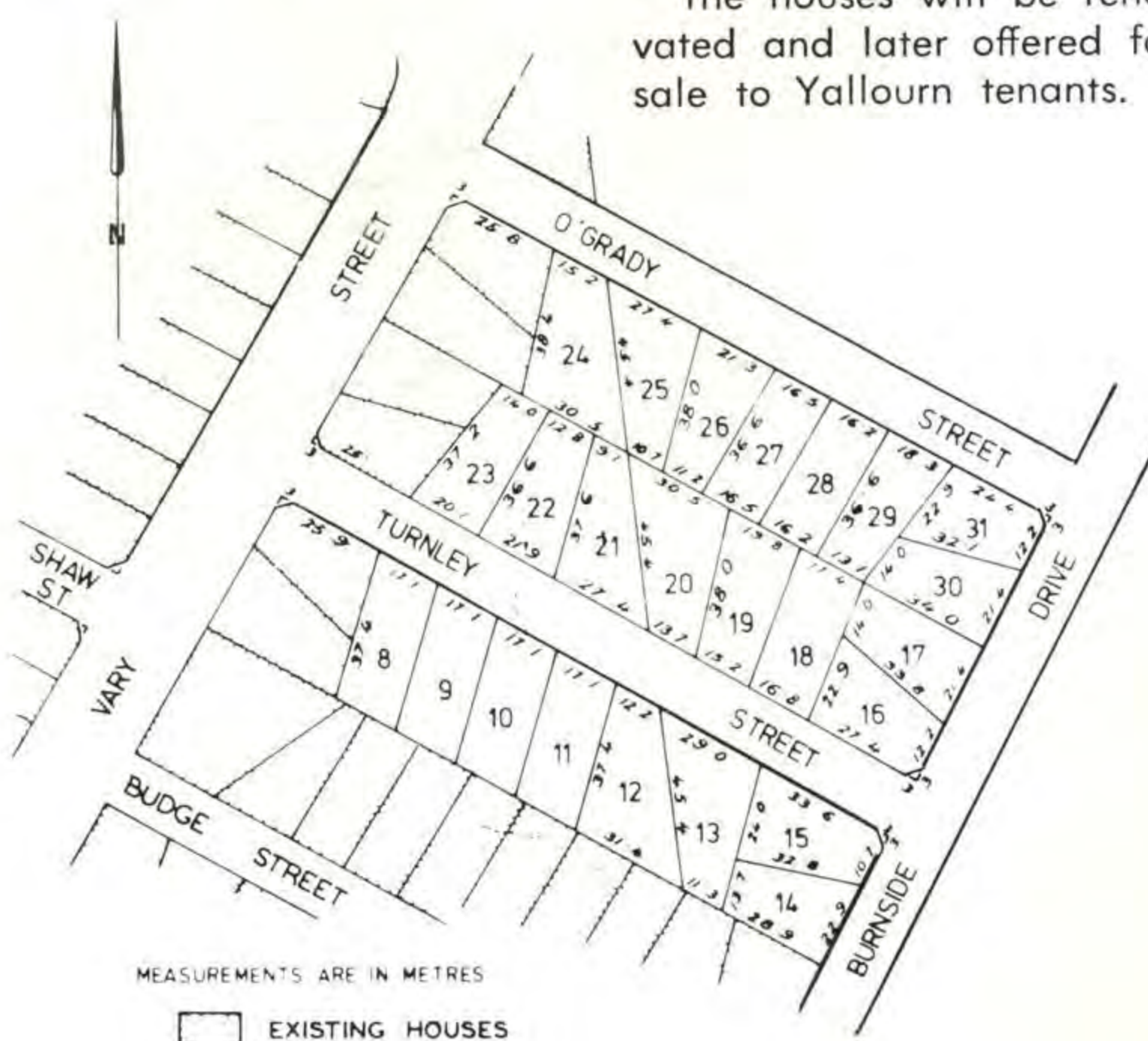
Yallourn Resettlement

New resettlement subdivision in Morwell

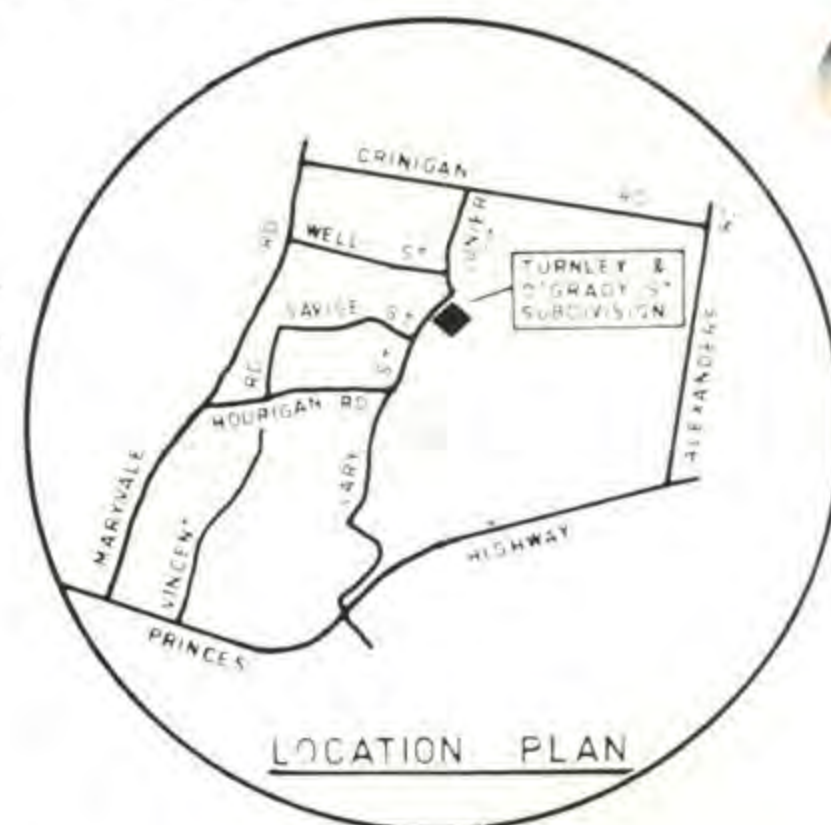
Major Yallourn resettlement subdivisions in Newborough and Morwell have reached the stage — or are nearing the stage — at which building blocks can be allocated and sold to eligible tenants.

In some cases, blocks involved will be offered with Yallourn houses already on them and in the course of being renovated to required standards.

One of these subdivisions is the Turnley Street/O'Grady Street in Morwell where eight houses have been relocated in the Turnley Street and O'Grady Street subdivision, an area involving 24 allotments.



The houses will be renovated and later offered for sale to Yallourn tenants.



Other major subdivisions are Trent Street/Avon Court, Newborough, where there are 39 allotments, a small number are still available. Lot 72 Newborough 60 allotments and Murray Road/Purvis Road, Yallourn North four building blocks.

The plan of the Turnley Street/O'Grady Street subdivision is pictured (left).

ANY '14 SERVE' POTS TO SPARE . . . ?

A simple advertisement for a china pudding bowl led CONTACT into the unusual course of publishing a recipe which could be handy for SEC personnel with large families, say . . . 12-14 members.

Recipes are a long way from coal-winning, power generation, etc., but we all have to eat after all.

Yallourn switchboard operator Florence Heppleston started the ball rolling with her pudding bowl ad; she has searched high and low for a sufficiently large bowl, but without success. She even considered cooking her meal in a copper (outdoors) but fire restrictions at the time thwarted her efforts.

Florence has a family of seven to look after, but with daughters-in-law and grandchildren, she sometimes has to cater for a much extended family.

Hence the need for a "size 14" cooking pot.

Here's the recipe which caused the commotion.

ADVERTISEMENT

WANTED TO BUY

One large china pudding bowl.

Must be at least 7 pint capacity.

Contact Florence Heppleston, Yallourn Switchboard.

FLORENCE AT HOME



King Hal's Beefsteak Pudding

Mix 1 lb flour with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb finely ground suet, 1 teaspoon baking powder, as much chopped parsley, seasoning salt and freshly ground pepper as required.

Make into a thick paste with water, line a deep earthenware bowl and reserve enough for the lid. Place 2 lb rump steak (or topside, blade steak) cubed small and 2 lb x kidney, chopped small.

Add dozen oysters, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb mushrooms, six split, hard-boiled eggs. Then add seasoning, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 1 chopped onion, whole black peppers, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen cloves, and a pinch of mace.

Add cup of claret, dash of worcestershire sauce and enough hot water to fill to the brim.

The paste lid, moistened at the edges, goes on and the bowl is capped with a sheet of buttered heavy paper.

Lastly, firmly tie a cloth over the rim, the corners knotted on top, and plunge the pudding into a deep container of boiling water. Place the lid on tightly and boil steadily without let-up for five hours.

Serve with green vegetables and potatoes cubed (about 1 inch). Melt about 4 oz butter and coat raw potatoes, place in casserole and cover. Bake in oven until cooked.

Dessert after such a meal must be light and refreshing. Lemon Syllabub is appropriately light, fresh and tangy.

Blend together in a large bowl the juice and grated rind of 6 lemons and 2 cups castor sugar.

Add 2 envelopes of gelatine dissolved and then fold in 2 pints of stiffly whipped cream.

Finally, fold in the stiffly beaten whites of 6 eggs. Turn into a bowl and decorate with grated lemon rind or mandarine segments.

Refrigerate overnight if possible.

Florence Heppleston is in her element when she's surrounded by pots, pans and cooking ingredients . . and that's how photographer Jack Hinshelwood found her when he called in for CONTACT a few days ago.

SEC IS SELF-SUPPORTING

The SEC is entirely self-supporting. From its own income it meets all operating costs, interest payments on the capital invested in its State-wide undertakings, depreciation and other finance charges and special provisions.

NEW EMBLEM FOR TRANSMISSION

Transmission Operations
Group Latrobe Valley Division



sion has adopted a modern new emblem.

The emblem, which symbolises a 500 kV tower, also resembles the "T" and "O" of Transmission Operations.

It replaces the former CONTACT emblem which included a 220 kV tower surrounded by three insulator strings.

The emblem was the brain child of Ray Parry, who was then Acting Divisional Engineer Tests Division.



Pictured above running down a hill at Yallourn North in an attempt to get air-born is Ken Hunt, Drawing Office, Yallourn.



Making the long haul up the hill after soaring to the bottom of it is a tired Ken Hunt.

Hang Gliding Has Its Ups and Downs

Commission employees have many and varied hobbies, out of working hours . . . and one that has caught the fancy of two draftsmen from the drawing office, Yallourn is hang gliding.

Hang gliding is the art of soaring through the air suspended from a large kite for a period of time.

The men concerned are Ken Hunt and Ian Bush, who both admit they are only beginners, but they're having fun learning.

Both started about six months ago and freely admit they have had their ups and downs (pardon the pun).

Ian recently cracked his left wrist in one fall, on the other hand Ken has been lucky so far — 'touch wood' — he's had no injuries, but numerous falls. They have three or four favorite hills from which they jump. They are at Hernes Oak, Tyers near Traralgon and Eagles Nest at Inverloch.

Both hang gliders have different ambitions.

Ken would like to land on the same spot that he has

taken off from; which takes some doing, believe me, says Ken.

Ian's ambition is to soar for a period of time and make a perfect landing.

Meantime they will keep practicing, because practice makes perfect.



Discussing their next jump on top of a Yallourn North hill top are (from left) John Gillert and Ken Hunt.

Annual deaf appeal raises

a record \$1003.74

SEC employees in the La-trobe Valley this year again responded magnificently to the Annual Appeal for the Victorian School for Deaf Children.

So good were their contributions that a record \$1,003.74 was received.

Appeal co-ordinator Ham Ballagh says it is the first time the appeal has cracked the \$1,000 mark since its inception in 1964 — the

previous best was \$966.78.

Ham says that, over and above the generous tendency of people to help the handicapped, the reason for the increased contributions has stemmed from awareness that so many deaf children of SEC-employed parents have been

helped by teaching and rehabilitation at the Princess Elizabeth Kindergarten, Burwood and the Victorian School for Deaf Children, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.

On June 1, a cheque for \$1,003.74 was presented by Neville Thompson, Secretarial Officer, to the President of the Central Gippsland Auxiliary of the Victorian School for Deaf Children, Mrs. Kathy Round and Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Green, both of Traralgon.

In expressing the Auxiliary's gratitude to all the SEC employees who had contributed to the appeal, Mrs. Round pointed out that because of Government subsidies the SEC appeal would, in fact, provide \$5,000 and this money would be used for the purchase of additional high frequency radio hearing aids known as 'Phonic Ears' for use in the classrooms at the deaf school.



All smiles at the presentation of the cheque for \$1,003.74 are (from left) Margaret Green, Kathy Round, Neville Thompson and Ham Ballagh.

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in Kernot Hall

Friday, August 6th, 1976

Dance to the music of
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Good food — Good music

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ENGINEERING SERVICES



Pictured above discussing the new DNC system with two Japanese company representatives is Workshops Development Officer Bob Stephenson (right). The two Japanese visitors are (from left) Mr. K. Endo of O.M. Ltd., and Mr. T. Ogura, manager of Mitsui and Co. (Aust.) Ltd., Melbourne branch.

NEW DNC SYSTEM COMMISSIONED

Several Japanese visitors at the commissioning on Wednesday, May 19 of the SEC's new Direct Numerical Control System in the Yallourn Central Workshops were amazed by the size and amount of equipment in the workshops.

Principal guest at the commissioning, Dr. S. Inaba, President of the Fujitsu Fanuc Ltd., Tokyo, said he knew of no comparable workshops in Japan, and could not envisage any workshop building on such a scale in the near future.

The Fujitsu Fanuc Company supplied the DNC system, which complements the operation of numerically controlled machine tools.

In his speech, through an interpreter, to more than 100 people, Dr. Inaba said that his company had the world's largest sales record of DNC's but the Yallourn Workshop unit was the first system installed in a foreign country.

Mr. S. Kawai, of Mitsui Company, was impressed with the self-supporting nature of the workshop—if a piece of machinery was needed, it could be made in the workshop. In

Japan, workshops rely heavily on outside contractors to make equipment.

Mr. Mitsuyasu (Mike) Ubukata of Mitsui, Sydney, made the point that the DNC system would make the workshop even more effective.

Engineering Services Manager, Mr. Max Gray, said that commissioning of the system made Yallourn Central Workshops one of the leading workshops in Australia.

He recalled that in 1972, senior engineers and supervisors were faced with the problems of replacing old machine tools and involving workshop capacity.

The problems were capably handled by Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis and his team.

After a trip to Europe, the U.K., Japan and America, to look at maintenance equipment, a program for re-equipping the Yallourn Workshops evolved of which the DNC equipment was part.

The machines which are serviced by the DNC system are a slant bed lathe, an eight-station turret milling and drilling machine

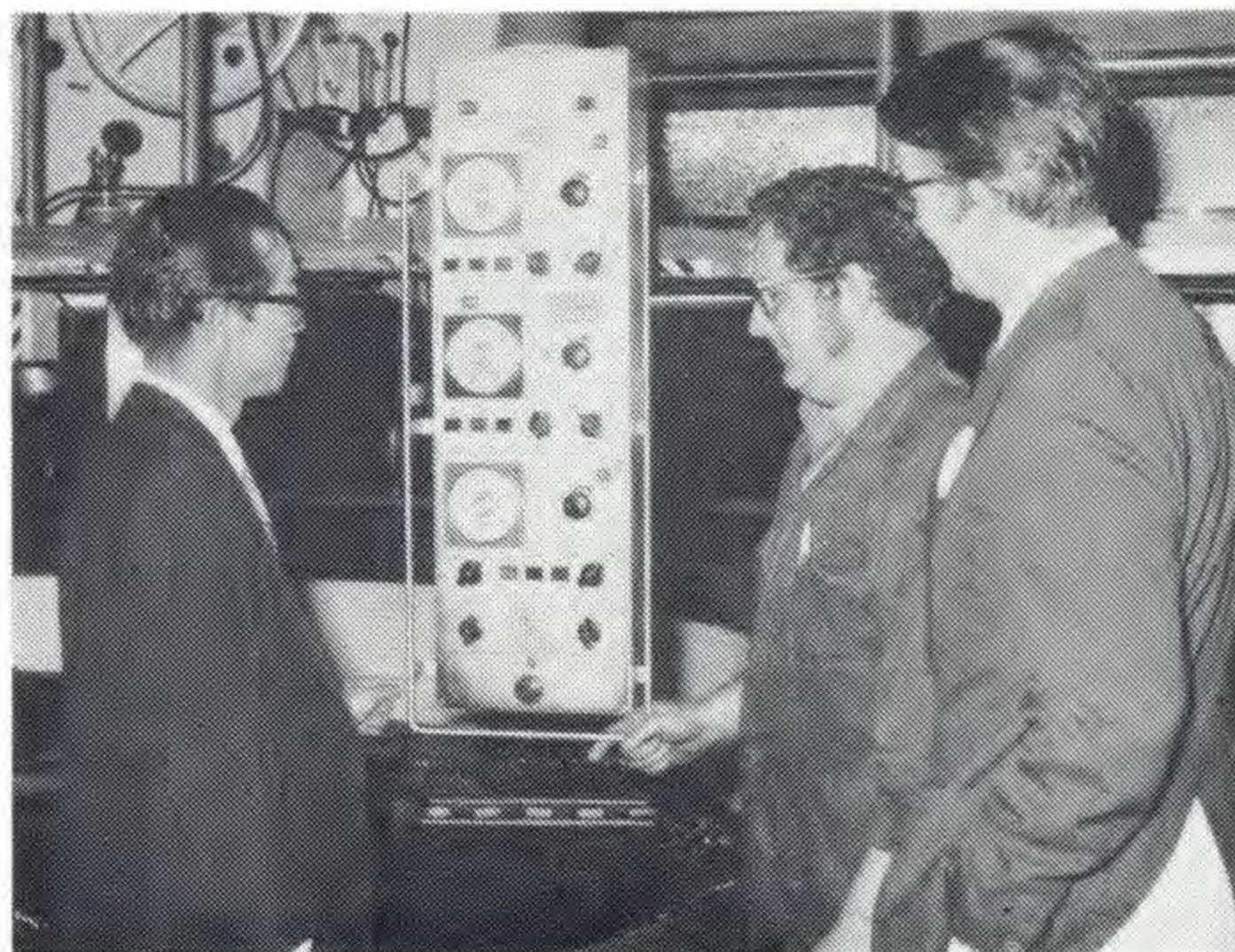
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Above: Looking at Dr. Inaba's "long" speech after the official ceremony are (from left) Dr. Inaba, Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis, Mrs. Inaba, and Engineering Services Manager Max Gray. Dr. Inaba's speech, written on very fine quality Japanese paper, was a centre of attention for many of the guests at the commissioning.



Above: Showing interest in a pamphlet on the eight-station turret milling and drilling machine pictured in the background are (from left) Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Inaba and Dr. Inaba.



Pictured above inspecting the vertical boring machine are (from left) Mr. K. Endo, General Manager of O.M. Ltd., Japan, the firm which manufactured the machine, machine operator Rick Toseland and Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis.



Above: Taking a keen interest in a booklet on "Power Generation in the Latrobe Valley", at the Morwell workshops canteen are (from left) Phyllis Taylor, Matthew, Ron and Samantha Radford.

Right: "That's where I work", Sid Bilson indicates to his wife and family during their visit to Morwell open cut. Pictured (from left) are Sid, his daughter Tracey, Glad Bilson and David. The picture was taken from the Morwell lookout.

Below: Following the tour of the works area, workers and their families enjoyed afternoon tea in the Morwell Workshops canteen. However, these four girls found better things to eat and drink than tea, coffee and biscuits. Enjoying ice-creams and cold drinks are (from left) Anne Habets, Michelle Habets, Carmela Colantuono and Maria Enverizzi.



Above: "Don't move, I want a picture of you and the children". Sue Jeffrey (right) prepares to take a shot of her husband John and children Mellisa (in John's arms) and Katrina. The picture was taken beside No. 9 dredger in the Morwell Open Cut.

750 PEOPLE ATTEND COAL FAMILY DAYS

Many favorable comments were received from families attending the recent Morwell open cut family days organised by Coal Production Department.

Organiser Tony Haines estimated that more than 750 people took advantage of the three-day exercise. Purpose was to give the wives and children of employees a closer look at the open cut plant and areas in which the family bread-winner spends a considerable part of his working life.

Bus tours took visitors to the viewing point, control centre, an operating dredger, a stationary dredger and the over-burden dump.

All tours ended at the workshops canteen for afternoon tea. Wives made some interesting comments.

• Mrs. Margaret Durea, "For the

past 20 years I have been going crook at my husband for coming home so dirty. But after seeing where he works (the overburden dump), I think I'll have 20 years worth of apologies to make."

• Mrs. Maureen Habets, "Now I know how he gets so dirty".

• Mrs. Nancy Mitchell, "I see the open cut every day, but I've never been in to it, to see its workings. Now after seeing it at first hand, I have a much better understanding of it."

• Mrs. Elvie Ellman, "A tremendous day, not only for wives, but especially for the workers' children, who I'm sure enjoyed their day".

• Mrs. Sue Radford, "I didn't think the dredgers were so big, they are enormous".



Above: Explaining the 'ins and outs' of the Coal Production Control Centre is operator Ted Hanlon (with back to camera). Taking a keen interest in his explanation are (from left) Bill Jacoba and Sonja Everaert, Tony and Doris Mangion.

Left: Showing a keen interest in some samples of coal from the Morwell Open cut are Jason Barnes 3, (left) and Mark Beer, 4 (right). No. 9 dredger driver Wally Gawron explains to the boys some facts about coal and the dredger bucket the boys used as a platform.

Left: This group of workers and their families are dwarfed by the large No. 9 dredger bucket wheel in Morwell open cut. Visitors showed much interest in the stationary dredger.

Right: Pictured before embarking on their tour of the Coal Production works was this bus load of Coal Production workers, their families and friends. On an average taken over the three Sundays, about six buses were used each day.



AREA
ADMINISTRATION

All smiles and proud of their safety award are the members of the Morwell Stores after the presentation of the pennant and certificate in the Stores building on June 3.

5,947 More Visitors

There has been a sizeable increase in the number of visitors touring the Latrobe Valley Works area up to the end of May, 1976, compared with the figure for the corresponding period last year.

In fact, there was 5,947 people more.

Last year 23,336 people toured the area during the five month period, while 29,283 have already toured in the corresponding period this year.

The break-down of figures is interesting.

Casual visitors — 1976: 17,066. 1975: 13,631.

Organised parties: 3,359 - 2,173.

School children: 5,218 - 4,760. Special visitors: 342 - 328. Visitors centre: 3,298 - 2,498.

The grand total of visitors in 1975 was 73,105, but the way this year's figures are shaping up, that total will be greatly exceeded.

RECORD TO MORWELL STORES

The 83 members of the Morwell Stores have notched up the impressive record of more than ½ million accident free manhours . . . actually, their total to date is 552,461 hours.

The outstanding achievement was officially recog-

nised on June 3 when Acting Materials and Services Officer Frank Hiscock presented part-time safety officer Jack Wilkinson with the National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate.

The Stores' last disabling injury was in February, 1973. The present record for Stores without a disabling injury is 2,479 days (over 1 million hours) established in February, 1973.

Since then the Stores have recorded 1,212 days without a disabling injury and are still going strong.

Both Frank Hiscock and Materials Officer Col Glen praised personnel for their fine achievement and their responsible approach toward safety. Special mention was given to Jack Wilkinson, who played an important role in gaining the award.

Jack told the gathering that Stores people were very safety-minded and were now working towards the magic 1 million man hour award.

20 Years and Over Club

Do you work in Stores? Have you worked there for 20 years or more?

You have . . . well here's some news you will be interested in.

There are moves under way at the moment to form a Latrobe Valley SEC Stores 20 and over Club.

Initiators of the move, Jack Wilkinson and Alan Scarce, Morwell Stores, say

the club is only for those who have worked in Stores for 20 years or more and are now employed in, or who have retired from, the Stores Section in the Latrobe Valley.

The aim is to arrange social functions to enable retired and present employees to get together and renew old friendships.

To Jack's knowledge there is only one similar club in the Commission and that's at Brooklyn.

The Latrobe Valley Stores also include Yallourn supplies personnel.

Interest in the idea has been high, so those interested including retired personnel should contact either Jack Wilkinson, Stores Section, Morwell ext. 3385, or Alan Scarce, Stores Yallourn ext. 2553.

CAPITAL

A large part of the SEC's capital has been provided by public investment in its loans.

Subscriptions total more than \$263 million, and there are 46,000 stockholders.

WANTED

FOR CAR SCHOOL — CHURCHILL TO YALLOURN

1 EXPERIENCED DRIVER — Must be reliable

Qualifications — must own comfortable 5 seater sedan, with heater, radio and/or cassette player removeable baby seat preferred for about 3 months commencing 2 August, 1976.

Must have substantial knowledge of football and politics, may be offered continuous association with "School" (if lucky !!).

CONTACT: GEOFF RYAN 2885, Yallourn Resettlement BRIAN EDDY 2798, Property

For Interview and Safety Check of Vehicle



POWER GENERATION

Accident control —Don't abuse it at home or work

Have you ever gone to the trouble to do a little self-analysis . . . or thought that the wrong attitude developed during working hours could rub off at home? (By the amount of injuries we are having, some people's attitudes must be wrong.)

Hazelwood Power Station's Safety Foreman Ray



RAY WILKINSON

Wilkinson says, for example, when you are working at home (you think no one is around), and something just doesn't go right: You get annoyed, let go a stream of abuse, when there is a tug at your trouser leg and there stands a little child from next door, or your own child. You feel embarrassed and foolish because you have given vent to your feelings — just as you probably do at work.

You leave a piece of wood with the nails exposed and the same small people step on the nails. You feel sorry and ashamed because you forgot.

You take short cuts in many ways and get into trouble; this could be transmitted to the same small people or anyone else at home. The distressing point is that when they take the same short cuts and get into trouble, they may not be able to get out of it as lightly as you.

At work, you don't bother to wear ear protection

because you think noise doesn't affect you — you have become used to it. Well you have **not** "become used to it"; you could be going deaf, and in consequence, when you listen to the radio, television or stereo, have to turn it to greater volume.

The result? Your family is being exposed to higher noise levels. In time they will become "used to it", and, like you, will be going deaf.

If you lose your sight, hurt your back or break a limb, you will become an encumbrance at home.

We know you will get sympathy and compensation, but you will still be an encumbrance.

Yet, many people abuse accident control as so much "bull" that they shun planned body movement hearing conservation, they expose their eyes to far too many dangers.

Is it so much "bull" when you think of the consequences?

You are not only hurting yourself, but your family also.

So! Believe in, and practice accident control and wear protective gear.

Don't be so selfish. Think of other people — your people.

FOR SALE

RIFLE — Remington Bolt Action Calibre 30/30 Win. Brand new condition with 4 x 81 Pecar Scope and mounts \$150 Reloading equipment to suit also available Contact Brian Eddy, Property Yallourn, Ext. 2798



Receiving a cheque is usually good news and this cheque presentation to Bruce Williams was no exception. Pictured (from left) are Jeff Savage, Chairman of the Suggestion Panel, Bruce Williams, Keith Kesper, Site Engineer, Yallourn and Bob Parrett, Chief Engineer Power Department.

Suggestion makes Bruce \$750 richer

Bruce Williams became \$750 richer recently following a suggestion he made to the Suggestion Board.

Bruce is a supervisor with Mechanical Construction Division, Power Department, at Yallourn 'W'.

His suggestion related to the erosion of the main pulverising mill outlet duct sections at Yallourn 'W'.

He proposed to set up a coal face wedged in behind a flat bar to stop the erosion on the plate surface caused by falling coal.

The outlet section of duct was eroding away causing PF leaks to occur every seven to nine weeks and this meant the mill had to be taken out of service for repairs.

Trials showed that there was only 1 mm loss of plate thickness in 6,000 hours compared with complete wearing through of the 12.7 mm plate in 1,050 hours.

It was then decided to modify all mills in the same way and the sug-

gestion is expected to result in considerable savings.

Chief Engineer, Power Department Bob Parrett and Suggestion Board Chairman Jeff Savage attended the presentation at Yallourn.

DID YOU KNOW...

The SEC network comprises 106,000 kilometres of power lines. Each average working day 4.5 kilometres of lines are built, a power pole goes up about every thirteen minutes, and a transformer is installed every hour.

Throughout Victoria about 120 additional customers are connected to the State supply system every working day — an average of about one every four minutes.

TRANSMISSION
OPERATIONSelec staff
1948...

The picture on the left should bring back memories.

The picture, of Electrical Superintendents' staff, was taken in the Yallourn Power Station switchyard in November, 1948.

Electrical Superintendent then was John Newman (fifth from left in front row), and his assistant was Bob Thornton (sixth from left).

Others in the picture (from left);

Back row: Brian Langdon, Jack Given, Dean Treadwell, Joe Fowles, Jack Spalding, Bill Smith, Neil Robertson, Phil Evans, Bill Drylie, Snowy Hamilton, Jack Richardson, Clif Chapman, Jim Irving, Laurie Baker.

Second Back: Keith Smith, Frank White, Bill Allen, George Fletcher, Frank Haywood, Wally Andrews, Arthur Brogan, Bill Lawrey, Malcolm McLaren.

Second row: Col McLean, F. Drury, Malcolm Thomson, Brian Clark, Doug Wilson, Gerry Knight, Bert Milne, Reg Stephens, Bill Barklay, Stan Padfield, Stewart Cummings, Harold Westgarth, Aub Brown, Charlie Christopher, Ern Rawiller, F. McGuinness.

Front row: Joe Davis, Vic Greer, Jack Whitehouse, Frank Kirby, Don Newman, Bob Thornton, Jim Watkinson, Roy Smith.

Inaugural
golf day
a success

An Operations team won the inaugural teams' event at the Transmission Operations Latrobe Valley inter-section golf tournament on Sunday, May 30, at Yallourn Golf Club.

The team of Jock Morris, Ivan Harris, Dennis Farmer and Bill Trent put together a team score of 110 Stableford points to defeat a Stations team by 11 points.

Tournament organiser George Ballard (Electrical Workshops) says the day was an outstanding success which should develop into a popular annual event.

More than 43 Transmission men and 10 women competed.

Other winners were — A grade: Ken Downs (Electrical Workshops) 38 points, on countback from Jim Richardson (Field Tests); B Grade: Bill Trent (Operations) 36 points from Les Thompson (Operations); C Grade: Rick Foster (Headquarters Group) 27 points on countback from Dale Dare (Electrical Lab.) and Alan Lofts (Headquarters Group).

The women's event won by Marg Brogan.

Major awards to
SEC yachtsmen

Transmission Engineer Alan Newey is a keen yachtsman . . . and a good one at that . . . so much so that he recently won the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club's Multihull Division's aggregate trophy.

But winning the trophy is nothing new to Allan, he's won it in four out of the past five years.

Allan was presented with his trophy at the Club's annual presentation evening on May 29.

He wasn't the only SEC employee to receive a trophy.

Bill Broekstra, an engineer with Coal Production (Morwell) won the "A" Division aggregate and the Fireball class aggregate, while Ron Maskiell (Chemist, Yallourn "W") was runner-up in "A" Division.

Ron's sons, Brett and Garry, also performed extra well.

Garry made a clean sweep of major trophies by winning the Club championship, the junior championship and the "B" Division aggregate, while Brett won the "C" Division aggregate.



Displaying their trophies after their presentation are (from left), Bill Broekstra, Brett Maskiell, Alan Newey and Garry Maskiell.



COAL
PRODUCTION

GORDON IS BOUND FOR GERMANY ON STUDY AWARD

This time next month, Morwell Open Cut Electrical Maintenance Engineer Gordon Stewart will be in Cologne, Germany, hard at work.

Gordon, who has worked at Morwell for the past five years, has been awarded an SEC experience and study award involving practical experience in the Rhine Brown Works near Cologne, where there are large coal open cuts.

The award, covering a seven month period, gives Gordon his second trip to Germany.

Some years ago, while working for an English firm, in the U.K., he spent six months in Germany.

Gordon, who speaks fluent German will be accompanied by his wife Ann, who before marrying Gordon, was an engineer with the SEC in Melbourne, and their children Rachel 7, and

David 6.

While in Germany, Gordon will look at work methods, artesian dewatering systems, remote control and monitoring of plant performance, safety device testing and many other facets of open cut works.

Gordon and his family plan to return to Australia in February, 1977.



Pictured above at home this week is Gordon and his family (from left), David, Ann, Gordon and Rachel.

Protective Devices Save Sight

BURNS

Eye protective devices have been used in industry for more than 60 years, and—as a result—many eye injuries and cases of blindness have been avoided.

It is impracticable, however, for us to wear these protective devices all the time at home or during our recreation and, of course, we can't stop specks of dust and other abrasive particles

flying around, nor can we eliminate eye injuries received while playing sport.

If the following actions are taken the injury will be minimised:

SPECKS

Don't rub an eye in which there is a speck of dirt or other foreign body.

Lift the upper lid over the lower lid and let tears wash out the particle.

If the speck doesn't wash out, keep the eye closed with a light dressing and seek medical attention.

BLOWS

For a blow to the eye or a "black eye", apply cold compresses immediately for about 15 minutes and repeat each hour.

A black eye could mean serious internal damage to the eyeball and should be seen by a doctor.

CUTS

Cover the eye with a sterile gauze patch and call a doctor immediately.

Don't wash with water.

Don't try to remove any object which remains stuck in the eye.

Whether caused by flame or chemicals, a burn in the eye should be flooded with water immediately for approximately 15 minutes.

Hold the head under a tap or pour cool water into the eye from a glass, pot, kettle, etc.

Burns, especially those from chemicals, should be examined by a doctor.

Soil Days Successful

More than 250 people took advantage of two top soil days held by Coal Production last month.

According to John Harrison, Engineer In Charge Auxiliary Operations, the co-ordinator of the days, more than 2,200 cubic metres of top soil was removed.

The soil was 1,000 year old peat, which is ideal for growing all sorts of plants and shrubs in. It is also excellent for vegetable gardens.

The top soil was taken from the "Bottomless Pit" by front end loaders and a back hoe, then loaded straight in to trailers and trucks.

The days were so successful that more days are being planned for next Summer.

On the first day, May 1, more than 800 cubic metres were removed, on May 22 about 1,400 cubic metres.

John said the plant operators did a great job to keep the day operating smoothly.

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RETIREMENTS



REG THOMAS

Reg Thomas' immediate plan in retirement is to travel around Australia and to visit his son Neil in Alice Springs.

During his trip Reg plans to play his fair share of golf, a hobby which takes up a lot of his time.

After 26 years with the Commission, Reg says he is looking forward to an active retirement.

His interesting career with the Commission began in May, 1950 in carpentry at Yallourn. In the same year, he was transferred to staff as a foreman. By 1954, Reg was a foreman at construction, Yallourn, a position he held for five years before being appointed supervisor in February, 1961, the position from which he retired.

At his farewell function in the Morwell Training Centre on May 15, Reg was presented with a fishing reel, polaroid camera, a lamp, a picnic set, and electric drill by Services Engineer (Civil) Max Williamson, Construction Engineer Graham Teese, and Contracts Engineer Ian McBain.

HARRY WAIN

After 28 years with the Commission, Harry Wain called it a day on May 31. A quiet person by nature, Harry didn't have a large farewell, just a quiet chat over afternoon tea with Yallourn Power Station Superintendent Bruce Johnston and other senior YPS personnel. He was presented with a cassette-radio by Bruce Johnston. Harry, who began with the Commission February, 1948, as a carpenter at Construction, Yallourn, became a cleaner in 1954, changing later to trimmer at YPS. In 1956 he was on the move again, this time to the role of fireman at YPS, a position he held for eight years. He became a turbine plant attendant in December, 1964, carrying promotion to turbine driver in 1965.

BOB BOLDING

Bob Bolding has decided after 19 years service to swap power stations for retirement on his Hazelwood North farm.

Bob, who began with the Commission in 1957 as a trades assistant at Yallourn Power Station, transferred three years later as an electrical plant attendant to Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation. In February, 1974, he was promoted to operator, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function, MBPI Superintendent Cyril Morellato presented Bob with a wallet of notes.

Other speakers were Assistant Briquetting Superintendent Bob Jobling and fellow workmate Len Darragh.



JACK SMITH

Jack Smith, who retired from the Commission on June 2 after 15 years service intends to return to his home land, England, with his wife Dorothy early next year. He intends visiting relations and friends there for about six months before returning home to Morwell.

After starting with the Commission in July, 1961 as a clerk in administration at Morwell, Jack was transferred to coal in 1963 and finally to Yallourn Power Station in 1969.

At an informal farewell function in the YPS Bistro, Technical Services Engineer, Rod Bennett presented Jack with a digital clock and an electric frypan.

While in retirement, Jack plans to do his fair share of fishing throughout Gippsland.

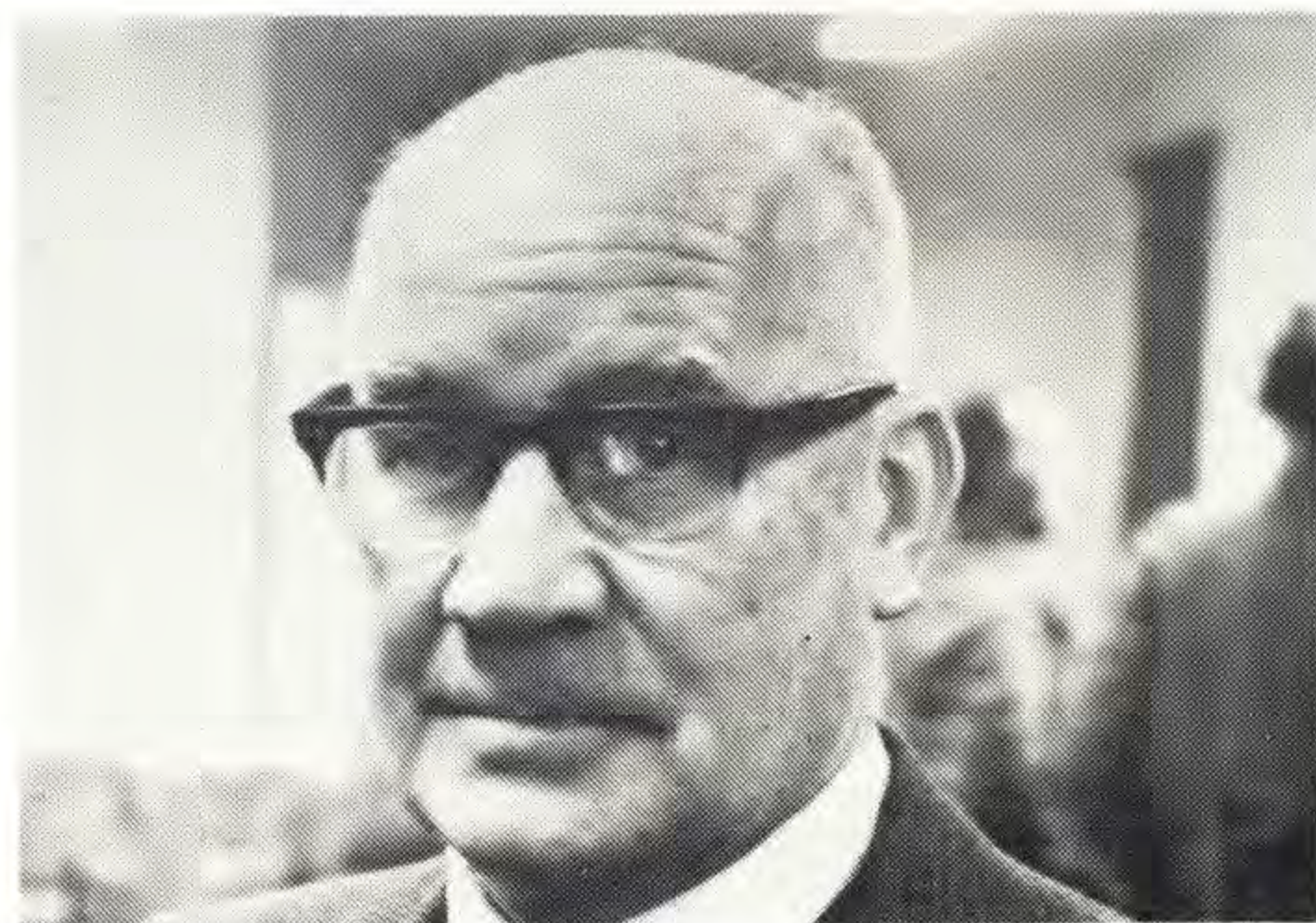


DAVE McCLEOD

Dave "Jock" McCleod will continue to live in Morwell now that he has retired from the Commission. Jock, who retired on May 28 after 26 years with the Commission, plans a quiet retirement which will include plenty of visits to members of his family. He started with the Commission as an operator at Morwell Stores in December, 1950, was transferred to telephone operator, Morwell in 1962 and in 1971 received promotion to supervisor, the position from which he retired. At a quiet farewell function in the Electrical Laboratory canteen at Yallourn, Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operation Ray Greenwood presented Jock with a wallet full of notes on behalf of his workmates.

ALAN WILLIAMSON

Alan Williamson has purchased a caravan and plans to do his fair share of touring, with his wife, in retirement. Alan retired from the Commission on May 21 after 38 years service. A versatile employee, he started as a trades assistant at Forestry, Yallourn in October, 1938. He retired as a leading hand electrician special class at Morwell. At his informal farewell function in the Morwell Training Centre on May 21, he was presented with a watch on behalf of his workmates.



NEW DNC SYSTEM COMMISSIONED

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and a large turning machine. The system which was commissioned by Mr. Gray, has been operating successfully since its installation was completed in early April.

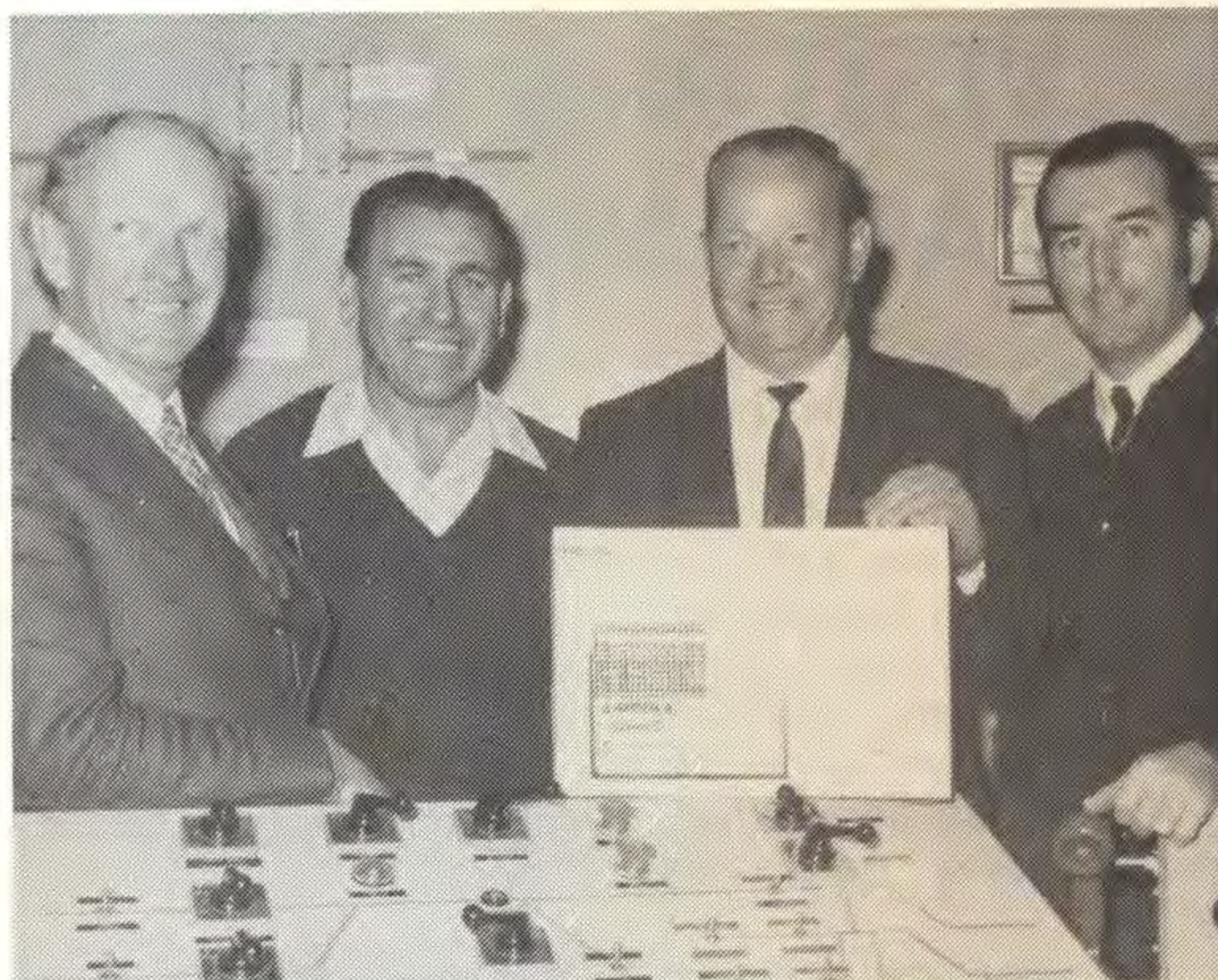
Pictured below: The Monash Committee, back row (from left to right), N. Nash Assistant Secretary, Y. Williamson, P. Hiriart, G. Fullard Vice-President, B. Holder, G. Peel President. Front row: L. Schnabl Treasurer, C. Nash Secretary, D. Lang, J. Vazquez Senior Coach. Missing when picture was taken were T. Sultana, C. Cachia and J. Vazquez.

Bottom: The Monash senior side, back row (from left) D. Lang, L. Harris, R. Lang, L. Winkelman, L. Schnabl, W. Schnabl and J. Vazquez (Captain-Coach). Front row: A. Ellul, I. Amaira, J. Schnabl, C. Lang, T. Sultana and R. Ellul.



MAX BARKER

A short holiday, in Goulburn, New South Wales, will be one of the first duties of Max Barker in his retirement. Max, who retired from the Commission on May 20, after 26 years, will be accompanied by his wife Josephine. Following his holiday he plans to concentrate on his favorite hobby — fishing. He also plans to spend some time at his holiday home at Lake Tyers. Max commenced with the Commission in February, 1948 as a clerk. In 1950 he was promoted to a stores assistant, a position he held until November, 1965, when he was appointed a Storeroom supervisor. Five years later he was promoted to a storekeeper at Yallourn, the position he retired from.



LES SMITH

One of the great identities of Yallourn Coal Production, Les 'Smithy' Smith, retired from the Commission on June 6 after 42 years service. Officially farewelled at an informal function at the South Pivot No. 1 level by more than 150 workmates, Les started with the Commission in 1934, the year the Yallourn Open Cut was filled by flood waters. He started as a laborer, a job he held for 15 years before being promoted to foreman. In 1954, he was promoted again to supervis-

or, receiving his final promotion in May, 1963 to the position of Overseer, from which he retired.

An active person, Les plans to do plenty of fishing and gardening in retirement, as well as attending local horse races. He and his wife Emily plan to live in Pakenham. They lived in Yallourn for 38 years. Yallourn Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson, who has known Les for more than 20 years, presented him with a cassette-radio on behalf of his workmates.



SOCCER IS ON THE UP AND UP

Soccer is a very popular sport in the Latrobe Valley, in fact its popularity is just as big as Australian Rules Football, if not bigger.

According to Dick Bosma (Operator, Hazelwood Power Station), the President of the Latrobe Valley Soccer League, soccer will run all over Aussie Rules in the near future.

It is interesting to note that a large number of SEC employees play soccer. In fact in a recent letter to CONTACT, Dick pointed out that the Monash Soccer Club, Morwell is almost entirely made up of SEC employees . . . from the Club president Geoff Peel, down

to their many supporters. Formed by SEC employees in 1958, the Monash Club has had only limited success in their senior ranks over the past 18 years. Their most successful year was last year when the senior side won the Advertiser Shield and Charity Bowl. The teams' success has continued this year, they are currently on top of the ladder.

The Club's junior sides have won many Leagues and Cups and have had many good players work their way through the ranks.

At present the under 12's and under 8's are on top of the ladder.

VALLEY VISITORS

VISITORS FROM FAR AND WIDE

Joe Young, a representative of Australian Radiation Laboratories in Melbourne, took in a one-day visit to the Latrobe Valley works areas as part of a working visit to Gippsland on May 28.

Mr. Young was accompanied by Mr. Geoff Smith, of the SEC's Planning Department.

His visit included inspections of Hazelwood Power Station and Morwell and Yallourn Open Cuts.

It was his first tour of the works area.

Four representatives from the Mitsui Coke Co. Ltd., Japan toured the Latrobe Valley works area on June 8.

The party was comprised of Mr. Susaki, Executive Vice-President of Mitsui Coke Co. Ltd., Mr. Hosoi, engineer with Mitsui, Mr. Iwanaga and Mr. J. McKindlay.

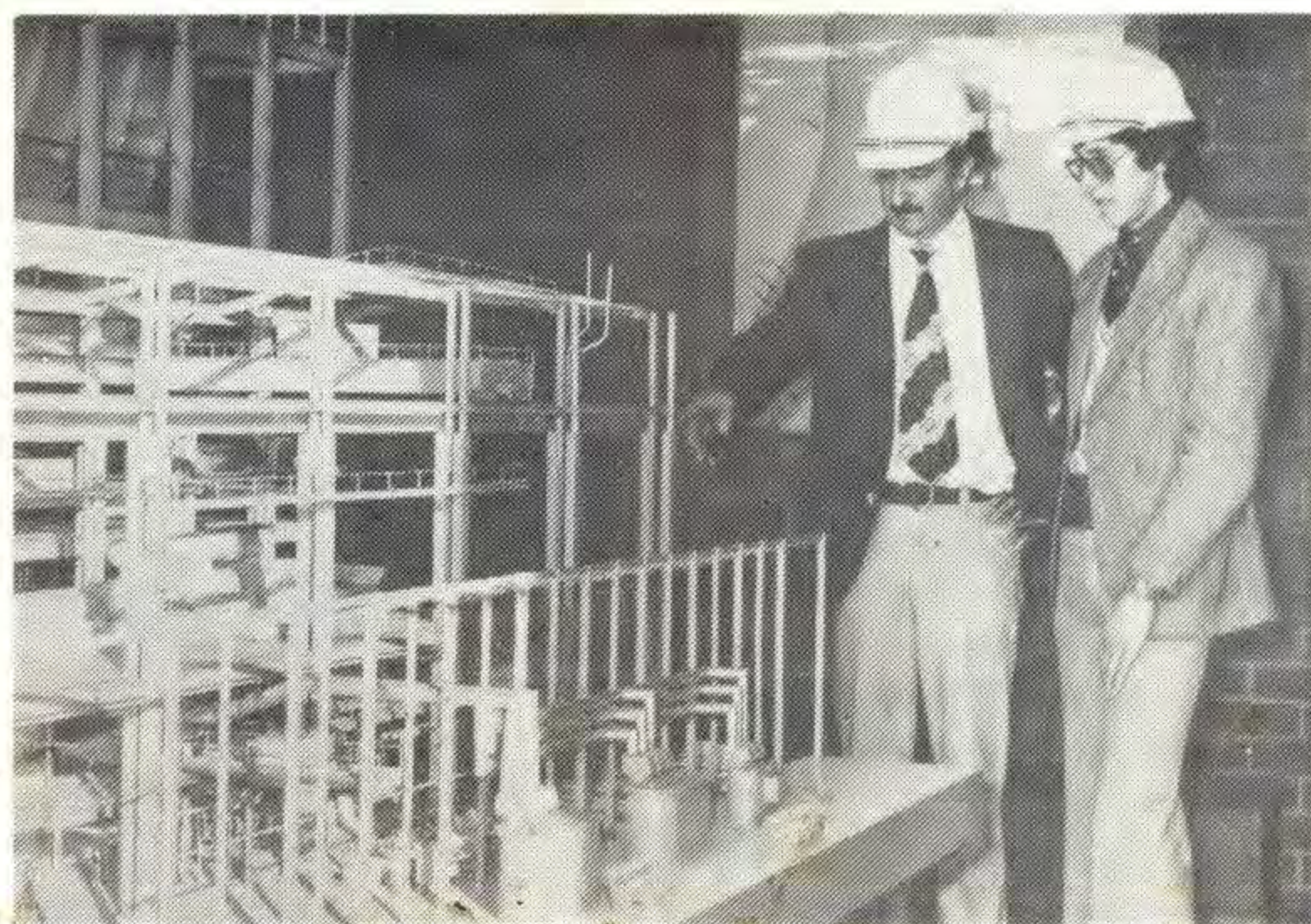
Morwell Open Cut Assistant Coal Production Superintendent Bob Lethlean accompanied the party on its inspection tour.

The tour included the Yallourn and Morwell Open Cuts and the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation.

More than 50 students from the Kensington Special School, South Australia took in a day visit to the Latrobe Valley Works Area on June 9.

The tour was a part of the students Victoria holiday.

Their SEC tour included the Yallourn and Morwell Open Cuts, the Yallourn



Power Station and the Hazelwood Power Station.



The latest European guest to tour the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area was a Polish gentleman, Mr. Jerzy A. Kiszkiel, a Technical Consultant (Mining Machinery) Research and Design Centre for Open Cuts Mining Polfegor, Poland.

Mr. Kiszkiel showed an interest in the transportation system in the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts and also the new Yallourn overburden system.

He was accompanied by Mr. Ted Lorenz from the Department of Trade, Melbourne.