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Reading a recent issue of CONTACT are Col Murdoch senior (left) and his son Colin.

MURDOCHS MORE THAN 60 YEARS SERVICE

Although the family has only a small span of service so far, the name Murdoch is synonymous with the SEC in the Latrobe Valley.

Three generations of Murdochs have totalled more than 60 years service . . . and new blood is on the way.

Between them, Col Murdoch, of Newborough, and his son Colin junior, of Yallourn, have recorded more than 50 years association with the SEC.

Col senior's father set the pattern when he joined the SEC in 1922.

Col lived in the Eastern Camp, and each afternoon

he rode his bicycle to Traralgon to visit his family who were waiting for a house in Yallourn.

They eventually moved to Maiden Street in 1923.

His son worked in consigning in Briquette Distribution, Morwell, and Col junior is a boilermaker at Central Workshops, Yallourn.

Just for the record, there is no chance that the name Murdoch will disappear from the SEC roll; Col junior's five year old son Dean plans to follow in Dad's footsteps and his younger brother Aaron according to his father, is also certain to join the SEC.

Service Register

20 YEARS:	
I. N. Wallis	Municipal, Yallourn
25 YEARS:	
F. P. Wilkins	Civil Service
M. Murray	Briquette, Morwell
M. Bednarski	Coal, Yallourn
R. J. Galbraith	Civil Service, Morwell
R. G. Ellis	Coal, Yallourn
30 YEARS:	
J. A. Metcalf	Coal, Yallourn
G. W. Taber	Forestry, Yallourn
J. W. Moloney	Central Workshops, Yallourn
35 YEARS:	
R. L. Pyke	Municipal, Yallourn
R. J. Fisher	Coal, Yallourn
S. E. Walker	Power, Yallourn 'W'
36 YEARS:	
C. S. Kitney	Coal, Yallourn
38 YEARS:	
S. R. Hartley	Central Workshops, Yallourn
50 YEARS:	
T. H. Cox	Main Office, Yallourn
A. W. G. Roberts	Yallourn Power Station

\$1635 Loy Yang Bill Tabled

The Bill authorising the \$1,635 million Loy Yang power station was introduced and tabled in the Legislative assembly on September 8.

The Minister for Fuel and Power Jim Balfour introduced the bill. The first of the Loy Yang units is planned to start working in 1983.

Each 500 megawatt unit will be greater than those at Yallourn, Morwell or Hazelwood. Mr. Balfour told

the Legislative assembly the project would use 1,000 million tonnes of brown coal from the Loy Yang field during the station's life. This was only 20 percent of the field's recoverable coal.

He added that investigations had shown that the project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Debate on the Bill was adjourned.

Cover



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employees.

More than 5,000 visitors toured the Latrobe Valley works area this month, including Joe Williams of Mt. Eliza and his 8½ month old son Gareth. Joe and Gareth took particular interest in the 500,000 volt transmission tower model in the Yallourn visitors' centre, before leaving on a tour of the area.

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Working Trips Abroad

Two Latrobe Valley departmental heads are currently overseas on study tours.

They are Manager Area Administration George Bates and Manager Coal Production Jack Vines.

Both men have busy itineraries, which include discussions with senior power officials in each country they visit.

Between them they will visit more than 10 countries.

George Bates, who left early in August, will return late in October after visiting South Africa, England, Scotland, Sweden, East Germany, Austria, America and Honolulu.

Mr. Vines left early this month to visit England, East and West Germany, Spain and Greece. He returns early in November.

Mr. Vines will inspect the latest installed coal winning equipment in Spain and



GEORGE BATES



JACK VINES

Greece, and will have discussions in Germany in relation to equipment for the proposed Loy Yang project.

Bruce Tweedly, Senior Engineer, Machine Contracts with Fuel Department, is accompanying Mr. Vines.



Looking very smart in their new uniforms in front of the Yallourn visitors' centre are guides Bill Hopkins (left) and Bub' Whitbourne (right).

YALLOURN — "NEW" VISITORS CENTRE

The Yallourn Visitors' centre display is on the move . . . or most of it.

From early next month, the centre display will be situated in the old Yallourn Briquette Advisory Centre in Centreway, Yallourn, while the existing centre building will be used for other purposes.

Most of the display material will be transferred to the new home.

New directional signs have been erected on Princes Highway and at the Newborough approach to Yal-

lourn.

To coincide with the opening of the resited centre in Yallourn — and opening of the new Latrobe Valley Visitors' centre in Morwell — all guides have been fitted out with new fashionable uniforms.

The new uniforms include a brown reefer jacket with the SEC logo on the breast pocket, and fawn trousers.

The attractive uniform replaces the military-style uniform which has been worn by guides for many years

CONVEYOR HEAD TRANSFER — POLICE ESCORT

A special police escort was provided when a 41 tonne dump conveyor drive head for the new overburden conveyor system in Yallourn open cut was transported from Morwell to Yallourn on August 27.

The 24 metre long steel structure was transported by special truck and bogey from Maryvale Engineering's yard in Tramway Road, Morwell, to the southern end of the open cut.

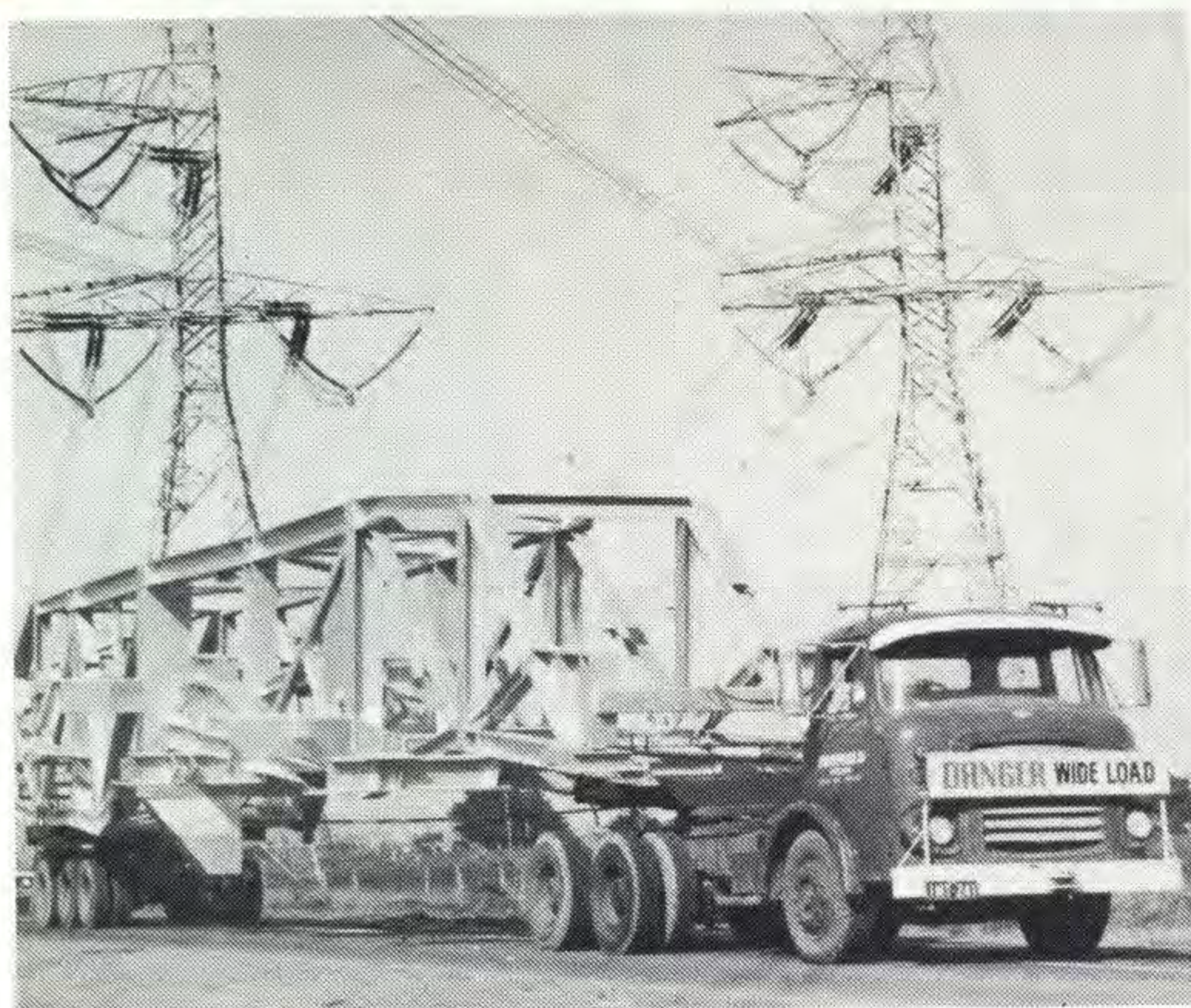
The journey took about 45 minutes.

The conveyor head is the largest unit to be transported to Yallourn since work on the new conveyor system began. In the past similar drive heads were transported in two halves and then joined on site.

Work on the new conveyor system is about 55 per cent completed.

Maryvale Engineering constructed the drive head under sub contract to Ascom Pty. Ltd.

It was transported by Pipeweld, of Traralgon.



The 41 tonne conveyor head makes its way along Tramway Road, Morwell against a background of two 500 kV towers.

Yallourn Resettlement

HOUSE IS FIT FOR A KING

Would you believe that the house (pictured left) was once a Yallourn house. Well it was, but it is now beginning to look like some sort of mansion after many hours of hard work by Ted Crookes (Supplies Co-ordinating Officer) and his wife Shirley.

Most people would be content with a split level house on an elevated site commanding a view of the Baw Baws, but not the Crookes who moved a house from Jeeralang Crescent, Yallourn to a site in Murray Road, Yallourn Nth.

The Crookes have elevated the lower level of their home to form a third level of solid brick comprising a large garage, a pool room and a den.

The second and third levels have been clad with hardiplank, replacing the original Arnolite.

This has been given an unusual look with a Dutch flair where the hardiplank meets the brick.

All windows have been replaced in aluminium. The front bedrooms feature full-length sliding glass doors opening on to a balcony which provides an uninterrupted view of the valley below and Mt. Erica to the North.

The main living area on the second level includes a modern kitchen with an archway into a family area which opens on to a ground level outdoor living area.

Shirley has already established a sound basis for an excellent native garden terraced in to the rear of the block, while Ted has been kept busy with the many carpentry and bricklaying jobs . . . and incidentally they have been ably assisted by their family who have carried out many of the minor tasks, including painting. The Crookes home is progressing satisfactorily and Ted and Shirley hope to be in occupation by early October.



Looking at plans in front of their Yallourn North home are Ted and Shirley Crookes.



Making some final adjustments to the lounge-room wall is Ted, while Shirley is keeping a close eye on his work.

Madrigals Win Singing Contest

Yallourn Madrigals have long enjoyed a reputation for musical excellence, but the group has seldom performed better than at the 1976 Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

Under the baton of stand-in conductor Franz Onger*, a former Vienna Boys' Choir member who has retained a life-long involvement in music, the Madrigals won the City of Traralgon Choral Contest — and high praise from adjudicator Ian Field.

Mr. Field, who said

the standard of the choir was equal to the best he had ever heard — and that includes considerable experience of professional choirs—expressed surprise at finding such standards in a country area.

The Madrigals, he said, should display their talents far more widely, possibly on television.

One of Yallourn's greatest success stories,

the Madrigals are sparing in their public appearances, which makes their annual Christmas concert in Kernot Hall all the more eagerly awaited.

They gave a taste of things to come on September 10 in Traralgon's Little Theatre when they joined other Eisteddfod winners to entertain the LV community.

*Franz Onger is acting conductor of the Yallourn Madrigals during the absence on long-service leave of David Davies.

CABINET LOOKS AT LOY YANG

State Cabinet members who accepted a Traralgon invitation to conduct an 'out-of-town' Cabinet meeting in the Latrobe Valley last month were given up-to-the-minute information during a tour of the Loy Yang project area.

The panel of "guides" who filled in background de-

tails during an extensive inspection included SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, Assistant General Manager (Development) Jack Johnson, Assistant General Manager (Operations) Bill De Campo, Chief Engineer, Planning, Ivor Meldrum and two Operations Group department managers — Jack Robertson (Power Generation) and Jack Vines (Coal Production).

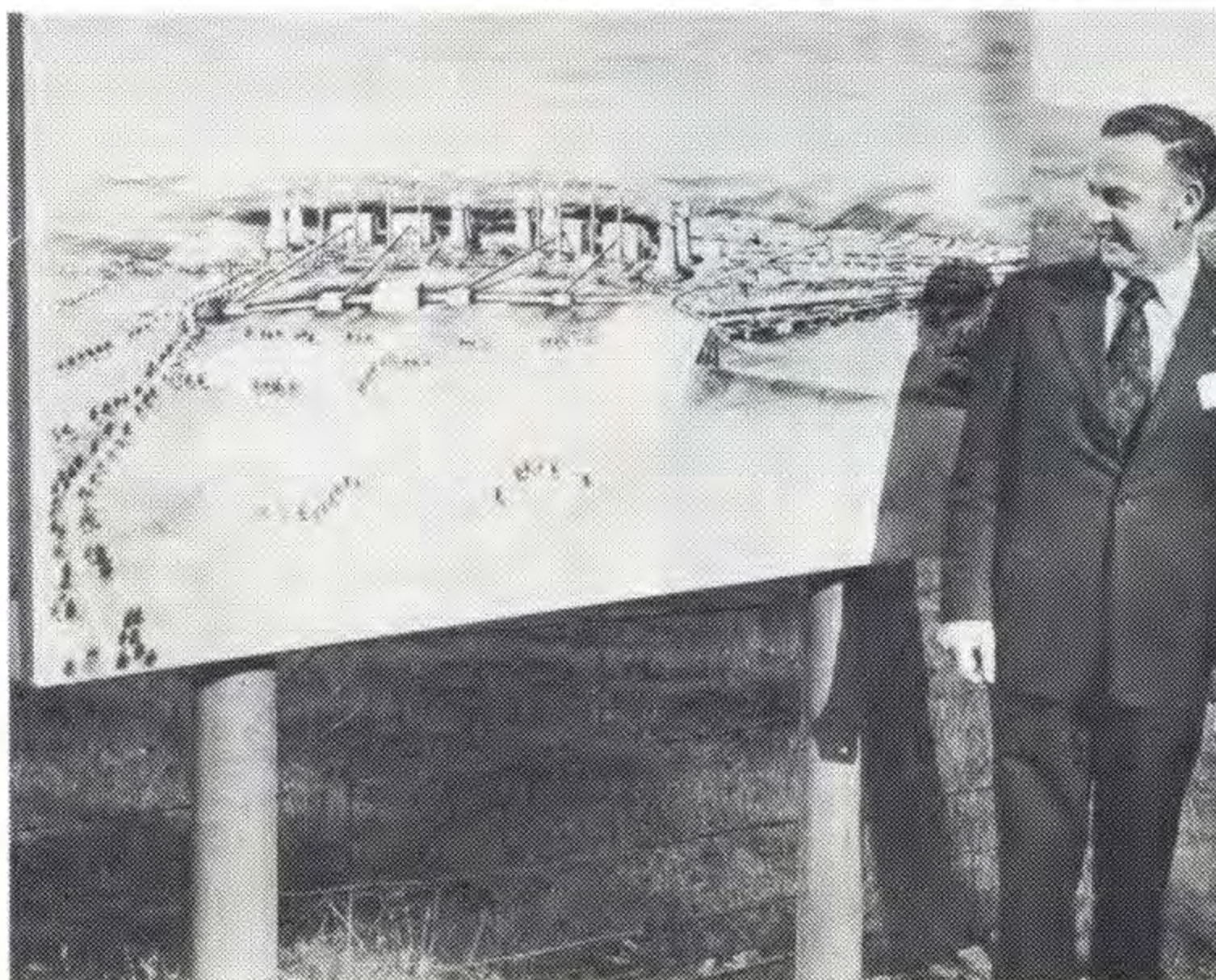
In two buses, the parliamentarians — led by the Premier, Mr. Hamer — inspected key areas of the project site, including a visit to the Traralgon South township and a run back along the Morwell-Loy Yang connecting road, which will be upgraded for all heavy Loy Yang traffic.

Clearly impressed with the scale of the undertaking, Cabinet members described their tour as invaluable.



Listening intently to a commentary by AGM Develop Jack Johnson on the proposed Loy Yang Project are Cabinet ministers, Traralgon City and Shire councillors and senior SEC personnel.

SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan studies the drawing of the proposed Loy Yang project mounted on a board alongside Depot Road, near Traralgon.



How are your links with Traralgon ?

The Back-to-Traralgon celebrations scheduled for November 20-28 this year will attract many former SEC employees back to the Latrobe Valley for another look over their old stamping ground.

That's one of the reasons for SEC involvement in the celebrations, notably by arranging guided tours of the Morwell Works Area and self-drive tours of the Loy Yang project area.

Loy Yang is in the news these days, and key points of the project site will arouse considerable interest.

The SEC involvement doesn't stop there.

At a personal level,

SEC personnel will make a considerable contribution to the success of the event.

Cr. Alan Campigli, Admin. Clerk with Engineering Services Department, is chairman of the Back-to committee.

He is pleased with the varied nine-day program, which has been designed to cater to all tastes — and all ages.

Alan sees the Back-to as an ideal opportunity for the renewing of old acquaintances. Any former or present resident of Traralgon who would like to know more about the Back-to celebrations should contact Alan on extension 3539.



TRYING on one of the Back to Traralgon T-shirts for size, is the Victorian Premier Dick Hamer (centre). He is being helped by Cr. Peter Wood, Traralgon (left) and SEC chairman Charles Trethowan.



Checking equipment before entering the tower are (from left) John Wren, Clive Elsum and Dr. Kevin Spillane, all from the CSIRO.

ATMOSPHERIC TESTS AT YALLOURN 'W'

Atmospheric tests recently completed by the CSIRO from inside Yallourn 'W' cooling towers were the first of their kind undertaken by the CSIRO.

The tests, were undertaken over two days by a party of four men from the CSIRO's Atmospheric Physics Department at Aspendale.

Aim of the tests was to predict the visible plume effect of the proposed Loy Yang project cooling towers, and to learn more about what happens to water vapour when it leaves the

towers.

Party leader Dr. Kevin Spillane and his assistants released a hydrogen-filled balloon with radio transmitter attached inside the tower to measure wind (vertical draft), heat, and moisture content.

Data was transmitted from inside the tower to recording equipment in a specially designed trailer beside the tower.

Results of the tests will be studied, and findings could be applied to the proposed Loy Yang Project.



Dr. Spillane (left) makes final adjustments to apparatus inside the Yallourn 'W' cooling tower. He is being assisted by John Wren.

THE FEMALE SECS.

JUDY Crombie (renowned for her constant giggling) left the Commission late last month on a working holiday. Her first major stop-over is Perth and she then plans to head north to Darwin. Judy worked in personnel, records and the duplicating room. At her farewell presentation Judy received a suitcase and a watch.

LYNDA Young, acting secretary to the Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson, was engaged recently. The lucky man is Ross Bertoli, a fitter in Yallourn workshops.

Congratulations to Katie and Garry Evans who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kerry Theresa. Kerry was 7 lb 4 oz at birth on September 8 at the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital, Moe. Katie was the private secretary to Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson before leaving to have Kerry.

SPECIAL Job. Michelle Thompson is now back in the Morwell typing pool after spending approximately four months at the Yallourn Drawing office on a special task. Michelle was originally expected to be in Yallourn for two weeks, but somehow the two weeks stretched to 16 weeks.

EVEN though we work in this vast organisation five days a week, quite a number have never seen the open cuts, power stations, etc., in detail. Over the past few weeks the girls from Timekeeping, following a request from Finance Officer, Neil Hustwaite, have been taken on guided tours of the area. If your section would like a closer look at the works area, have your supervisor contact Public Relations (ext. 3381) and they would be more than happy to oblige.

DON'T forget if you have some news for the column phone it through to either ext. 3357 or 3642.

John Naismith's Comment....

YALLOURN
DRAWING OFFICE



SO YOU'RE GOING BACK AFTER SIXTEEN WEEKS HERE HOW DO YOU DO IT?? I CAME HERE ON LOAN FOR TWO WEEKS BACK IN 1938, AND I'M STILL HERE!!



**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

SURVEY BENEATH AN UMBRELLA...!

THESE two SEC survey personnel (pictured right) appeared to have it easy while working under an umbrella on a recent hot September day.

But as survey assistant Ken Lestrage (left) and Nicki Krijanowsky, a chainman, assured CONTACT, it was all in the line of duty.

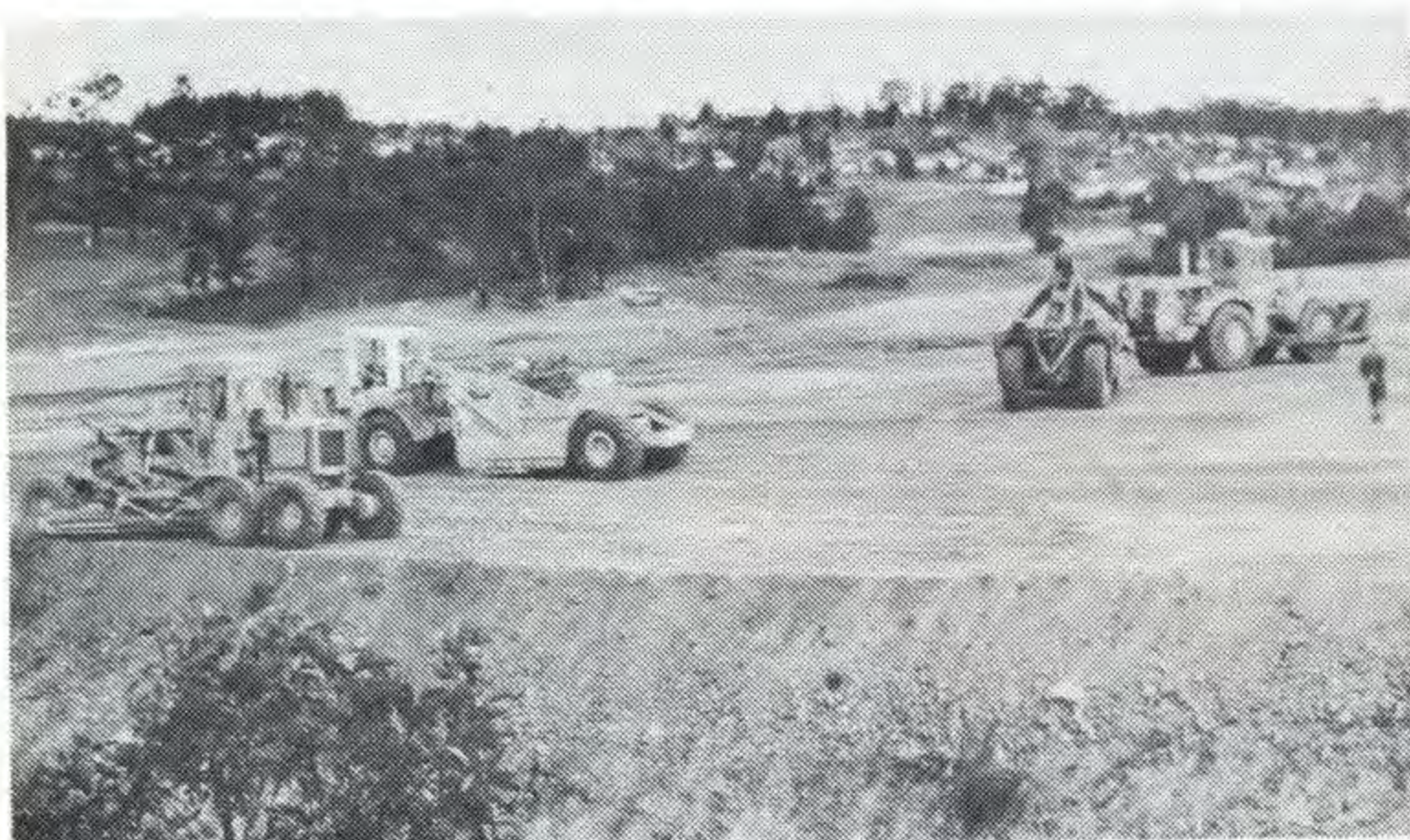
The umbrella prevents the sun affecting the readings of the

theodolite being used to obtain accurate control survey readings related to possible earth movements in Yallourn open cut.

Barry Ross, Surveyor-in-charge, Morwell, says the readings are carried out annually at Yallourn from 12 different locations around the open cut in an operation which takes about 14 days to complete.



TAKING final readings at one of the eastern locations are Ken Lestrage (left) and Nicki Krijanowsky.



CONTACT'S photographer took this picture recently of work being carried out on the HERNES OAK Oval, with Yallourn township in the background.

HERNES OAK OVAL NEAR COMPLETION

If the weather remains kind, work on the new HERNES OAK recreation oval should be completed early this October.

Acting Civil Works Engineer Gary Deppeler says the earth works are 70 percent completed and work is pro-

gressing satisfactorily despite one spell of bad weather which put work behind schedule.

The new oval will replace the existing HERNES OAK oval, which is in the path of Yallourn open cut expansion.

Since work began in January this year, extensive earth works have involved the removal of more than 9,000 cubic metres of earth and a considerable amount of grading and levelling.

More than 500 metres of water pipe and a section of the Hazelwood-Yallourn supervisory cable has also been relocated. A new access road from the Haunted Hills road to the oval is yet to be constructed.

Other ancillary works, including oval boundary fence, security fence and a cricket pitch, are expected to be completed in this financial year.

Football Award to Ludlow

SEC carpenter Peter Ludlow has won the 1976 Mid Gippsland Football League's senior 18 best and fairest award, after being runner-up last year.

Peter, who is captain-coach of Hazelwood-Churchill Football Club, polled 20 votes (3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2) to take out the award from Boolarra rover Peter Pacunskis (18 votes).

Twenty-seven year old Peter has been captain-

coach of Hazelwood-Churchill for the past three seasons.

He didn't give himself a show of winning the award, describing his form this season as "only average".

A strong determined footballer Peter played most of his games at either centre half forward or in the centre.

Peter says this will be his last year of football; he plans to give it away for a season or two or three!!!

Fellow SEC employee Denis McGrath (Training Services Officer, Yallourn) won the Hazelwood-Churchill Club's senior 18 best and fairest award for 1976 with 57 votes.



Here's Something Worth Stressing Dr. McCusker Tells

Whether we are working or relaxing, doing familiar things or tackling something new and challenging, all of us are subject to stresses and strains everyday of our lives.

Stress is the normal stimulus for achievement and as such, is beneficial.

Stress is a factor some of us learn to manage better than others.

sure or stress, the person's normal character has changed, probably temporarily.

The extra pressure may arise because of a particular problem in the work situation in the home, or in financial or social matters unconnected with either.

Stress is not to be confused with tension or anxiety, and according to SEC Senior Medical Officer Dr.

nised by many experts as necessary for a person to acquire the capacity to cope with the problems of life, and to get on top of situations which beset them.

Often, people enjoy the experience and challenge of stressful situations, the rewards being satisfaction of achievement and mental growth.

So despite the popular mythology of living the good life, it is impossible to live without experiencing stress or distress — some good some bad.

Today, there is more and more evidence available that increased levels of stress can lead to errors through pre-occupation.

Errors which occur where there is a hazard or danger, whether in the work situation, on the road, or in the home, can cause injuries.

Accidents, as a result of stress—through pre-occupation or inability to cope may — occur without warning the stress being difficult to observe and therefore the accident difficult to avoid.

city and incurs harmful stress levels there is a **decrease** in his ability to perform and an **increase** in the risk of error.

This emphasis on stress as a factor in accidents and injuries is a relatively recent approach which is being increasingly recognised by more people.

The basic theory is that those working under stress are more vulnerable to error than those who are not, and that the more errors there are, the greater the likelihood of injury.

The stress can be caused by many factors, both within the work environment and outside it.

In the work environment, it can be caused by excessive levels of temperature, vibration, noise, exposure to toxic or noxious materials, poor communication and conflict between people on the job.

Outside, it can also be caused by lack of sleep, fatigue, disagreements with workmates or family, concern about personal finance or health and many other things.

Usually, there are many complex factors which lead up to the occurrence of any injury.

It is now considered that stress which is caused by a whole range of preceding factors is an important consideration in accident prevention work.

In the work environment in particular, the identification of stress and stress effects is likely to be of considerable importance in improving safety records in the future.

Extra Pressure

How many times have you heard the explanation, "Oh poor fellow, he's been working under terrible stress these past few days."

This statement may be made either because the fellow is genuinely overtaxed with problems or the expression is used to excuse some unusual irritability, fatigue, indecisiveness or perhaps even a mistake or accident by someone with whom we work or live.

The inference is that because of some extra pres-

McCusker —

"Tension is abnormal. The degree of stress is not important within reasonable limits but the person's reaction to stress is important.

"When a person is in a state of tension he will not react predictably.

"Therefore, both the individual and his supervisor should recognise the warning signs and symptoms."

In general these are:—

- mental: headaches, anxiety (tension) states, irritability.

- physical: migraine, various digestive disorders, asthmatic attacks, nervous dermatitis, etc.

Where these symptoms can be recognised we should train ourselves to objectively work through our problems in an effort to overcome them.

One of the best cures for tension, frustration and anxieties is to meet the problem head on and talk your way to a solution or compromise.

It is often surprising how your problems decrease in magnitude once you begin to talk about them to someone with a sympathetic ear.

The fact is that we all live under continuous, though varying degrees of stress at work, at home and in our family and other social relationships.

Stress is not always destructive and disruptive, but is an inevitable part of life.

It is suggested that mental discipline and struggle with one's self are recog-

Electrical Out Put Loy Yang

Power generated in the Loy Yang power stations will be transformed to 500 kilovolts (kV) in switchyards immediately to the south of each station.

The electrical output will be transmitted to the Hazelwood terminal station by three 500 kV lines in two separate easements, and from there to Melbourne by 500 kV lines. The transmission lines will be located in separate easements to increase reliability and guard against possible hazards such as bush and grass fires.

Insiting the lines, engineers will guard against interference with other facilities and will pay particular attention to their visual impact.

Evidence Available

According to Mr. Eric Wigglesworth, an expert in safety with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, "there is growing support for the view that people under stress have increased vulnerability to injury."

He points out that man is imperfect and that if he is **loaded beyond his capa-**

For Sale

1 BULTACO 350 c.c. MOTOR BIKE (Montesa MK9) also 1 helmet, a pair of Rossie riding boots, riding pants and a pair of riding straps. Bike has only done 200 kilometres and is in excellent condition. Price \$1,100. Phone Adrian Bonacci Ext. 3245.

John Eyre is on the move

John Eyre is a man on the move . . . in more ways than one.

As well as an active member of the Yallourn-Newborough Athletic Club he is a very keen ice speed skater.

John, Metallurgist at Yallourn, has been speed skating for 24 years and has represented Australia in Norway and Switzerland.

In 1958 he was runner-up in the Australian Championships, then in early 1959 he and seven fellow skaters travelled to Norway where they lived for three years. It was in Norway that John gained considerable experience in speed skating.

In fact he and his fellow skaters became so good they were selected in the Australian team for the 1960 world championships in Davos, Switzerland.

Last year John competed in the New Zealand Championships and hopes to compete in the titles again next year.

The biggest advantage of skating in Europe and New Zealand is the longer tracks.

Tracks overseas are 400 metres — the largest in Australia is only 100 metres.

John's personal best time over 1500 metres (1.5 kilometres) is two minutes 23 seconds.



Pictured above during last year's New Zealand championships is John Eyre.



The Yallourn Golf Club celebrated its 50th anniversary early this month with a dinner dance in its own club-rooms, attracting more than 250 former and current members, and associates.

There were many past presidents, captains and life members . . .

They are (from left):

1. Betty Hebb:
Associates Captain
1953-57;
2. Betty Kite:
Associates Captain
(President)
3. Peter Jonas:
Captain (present);
4. Sue Foster:
Life Member;

5. Bob Guy:
Captain 1956-57
1966-67
President 1959-61, Life
Member;
6. Frank Tomlinson:
President 1969-75, Life
Member;
7. Molly Bowler:
Associates Captain
1971-72;

Yallourn Golf Club is 50

8. Phil Ashmead:
Captain 1959-62, Pre-
sident 1965-68, Life
Member;
9. Ruth Rutter:
Associates President
(present);
10. Vic. Colvin:
Captain 1947-51;
11. Olive Colvin:
Life Member;
12. Bill Hebb:
President 1952-58, Life
Member;
13. Mardi Brown:
Associates Captain
1967-68;
14. Jim Irving:
Captain 1969-70;
15. Margaret Irving:
Associates Captain
1965-66, Associates
President 1971-72;
16. Terry Salisbury:
President (present)
17. Win Ashmead:
Associates President
1953, 1958-59,
1961-62.

POWER
GENERATION

SAFETY AWARD HISTORY AT HAZELWOOD

The 24 group 3 mechanical maintenance (boiler house) men at Hazelwood Power Station have made history.

They have notched 100,000 accident free man hours (they have actually done better, recording 108,216 hours so far without disabling injury).

Their last DI was on May 16, 1974.

For the record, there are four boiler house groups at Hazelwood, and group 3 is the first to reach 100,000 "safe" manhours.

The men are engaged in maintenance and overhauling work on stage 3 boilers and associated plant.

Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson present-

ed fitter Reg Kemp with a National Safety Council pennant and certificate in the HPS lecture room on September 3.

Mr. Robertson also presented a 100,000 hour safety award to the 31 strong electrical maintenance group 13, which is regularly engaged in work on boilers, turbines and coal handling equipment.

Hans Smith (electrician) received the National Safety Council certificate and pennant. The group has now reached 108,717 manhours without a DI.

Mr. Robertson and Hazelwood power station superintendent Arthur Ewen praised the efforts of both groups.



PROUDLY displaying their pennant and certificate are the 31 members of the Electrical Maintenance group 13.



PICTURED in the Hazelwood power station models room are the Group 3 Mechanical Maintenance team.



Members of the rescue training course prepare to apply mouth to mouth resuscitation to the dummy during one of their training exercises.

Breathing and Rescue Training

For the past four weeks scenes like pictured left, have been common at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation . . . but it is not as bad as it looks. The picture was taken during recent breathing apparatus and rescue training at the Installation. Ten courses with 10 personnel attending each, were held. Bob Cooper from Fire control was in charge of the rescue training while Jack Milkins, First Aid, supervised the heart massage and resuscitation.



AREA ADMINISTRATION



Foster High School student Phillip Pollard studies a bore hole sample under the watchful eye of Commission Geologist Bob Gaulton.



Rab Bartholomeusz (payroll clerk) gives Lynne Creighton from Newborough High School some help in checking payroll sheets in the timekeeping section, Morwell.



Morwell Technical School student Martin Krygsman is given some helpful advice from Investigations Engineer Tom Adams (left).

TEN STUDENTS TAKE PART

Ten students from 10 different Gippsland and Latrobe Valley secondary schools received a taste of what it would be like to work with the SEC this month.

The students, 3 girls and 7 boys participated in the Gippsland Regional Directorate work experience program . . . and incidentally it is the first time the SEC has taken part in the program.

Training and Development Officer Harry Liefman says the object of the program was aimed at allowing students from forms 3, 4 and 5 level to be employed, to gain experience in work.

Two of the students Glen Alexander (Bairnsdale High School) and Phillip Kenworthy (Wonthaggi Tech.) worked under supervision at the local Electricity Supply Region branch, while the remaining students worked at either Yallourn, Morwell or Hazelwood under a foreman or supervisor.

The students, the school they were from and where they worked were:

- Phillip Pollard, Foster High, Geological section Coal Production, Morwell.
- Martin Krygsman, Morwell Tech., Investigation section Coal Production, Yallourn.
- Karen Smith, Moe High, Secretarial Division Area Administration, Morwell.
- Lynne Creighton, Newborough High, Finance Division Area Administration, Morwell.
- Brendon Megee, Trafalgar High, Yallourn workshops, Engineering Services.
- Russell Mitchell, Warra-gul Tech., Yallourn workshops, Engineering Services.
- Gerard Fraser, St. Paul's College, Traralgon, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation laboratory Power Generation.
- Gracie Fava, Presentation College, Moe, Hazelwood Power Station Power Generation.

Works Area Tours For S.E.C. Employees

For many years now the SEC has provided a sightseeing service to thousands of visitors to the Commission's Latrobe Valley works areas — last year, more than 70,000 people enjoyed a guided tour.

The service also applies to SEC personnel and their friends.

In fact, guides at Yallourn and Morwell escort hundreds of SEC employees and their friends over the works areas annually.

Guides receive an average of three phone calls each week from SEC employees keen to have a look at the SEC installations.

The best way to arrange a tour is to contact the guides (ext. 2756), who will be only too happy to help.

Yallourn and Morwell area tours conducted seven days a week between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. take about 1½ hours, but it is important that the guides — who travel in visitors' cars — receive 24 hours notice.



GUIDE Bub Whitbourne gives SEC visitors Carol Dinsmore, of Drouin, and Medeline Poyacher, of Ontario, Canada, a run-down on the SEC's operations.



COAL
PRODUCTION



CONTACT' photographer took this picture of the two bulldozers busy at work recently.



Preparing to put fertilizer in the sod seeder are Alf Rogowski (left) and Jack Gale.

YALLOURN O'B DUMP, HIVE OF ACTIVITY

Yallourn overburden dump has been a hive of activity in the past seven weeks . . . as numerous SEC employees would have observed.

Apart from the everyday operation of the two overburden spreaders, extensive rehabilitation work on the overburden dump has been carried out by Forestry personnel.

More than 24 hectares at the northern end of the dump has been cultivated recently; 144 of the total 200 hectare area has been cultivated and sown down to pasture. The remainder must await completion of dumping in the northern part of the cut

within the next 18 months, Forestry Officer Ian McDonald says.

Fertiliser and seed used were specially mixed for the O/B dump soil; the seed included several varieties of grasses and clovers.

The overburden soil is very poor and will need a lot of treatment before it will respond, but Ian has no doubts about final success.

Ultimately, it is hoped to crop the entire Yallourn overburden dump. Rehabilitation of internal overburden dumps has already been successful both at Morwell and Yallourn North open cut.



MURRAY MacRAE



COL FERGUSON

Coal Production Appointments

Three new senior appointments have been made in Coal Production following two senior officer retirements and creation of a new post for Loy Yang Liaison Officer.

The retiring officers were Coal Production Superintendent Headquarters, Eric Foote who retired on February 11 and Coal Production Superintendent, Morwell, Ian Wilson, who retired on August 18.

New appointments announced by Manager Coal Production Jack Vines are:—

- Coal Production Superintendent Head-

quarters: Murray MacRae (formerly Co-ordination Engineer, Coal Production).

- Coal Production Superintendent, Morwell: Ian Runge (Acting Coal Production Superintendent, Morwell).

- Coal Production Superintendent, Loy Yang Liaison: Bob Odgers (Acting Co-ordination Engineer in the absence of Murray MacRae, who has been overseas on a study tour).

Coal Production Superintendent, Yallourn, Col Ferguson, was appointed last year.



IAN RUNGE

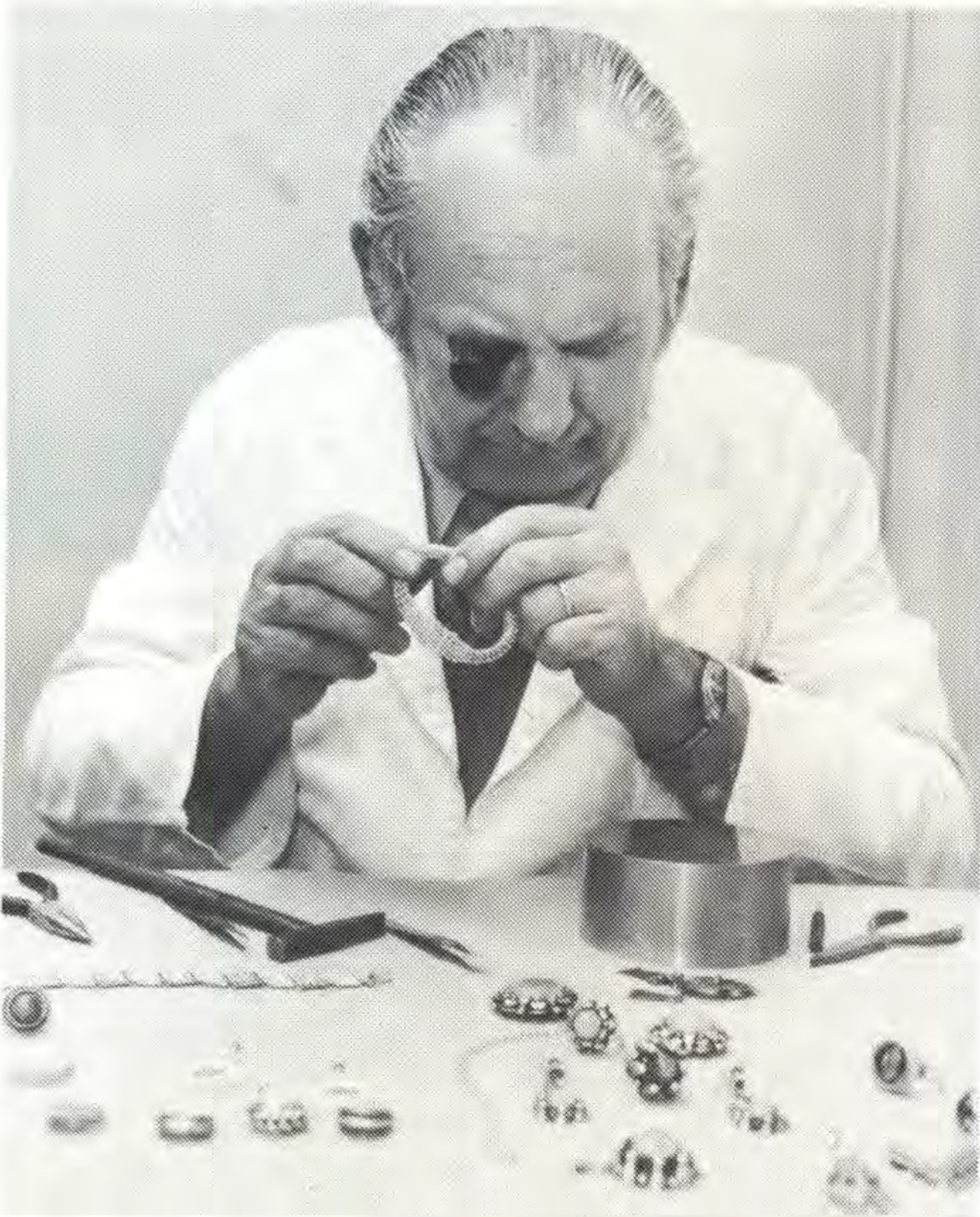


BOB ODGERS



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

SILVERSMITHING IS BILL'S HOBBY



Pictured above putting some final touches to a bracelet is Bill Apinitis. A selection of jewellery made by Bill is pictured on his work bench.

SEC employees have many and varied hobbies. The range is almost endless, from stamp collecting to yachting — and including silversmithing.

CONTACT found Bill Apinitis, a foreman in the Electrical Instrument Laboratory at Yallourn, for whom silversmithing — the art of making jewellery from silver — is an absorbing hobby.

Bill, who was born and bred in Latvia, began silversmithing as a boy scout in 1941.

You'll be interested to know that silversmithing is Latvia's national art.

Now 60 years of age, Bill has been interested in the hobby for more than 35 years, once owning a craft shop in Germany before migrating to Australia in 1949.

It's a hobby which takes up about six hours a week in the small workshop be-

neath his Moe home.

It takes Bill about three hours work to make a bracelet and about 16 hours for a ring.

The old adage 'practice makes perfect' is obviously true in Bill's case; the rings, necklaces, earrings and bracelets he has made are of a very high standard of workmanship.

He says it is the relaxation and personal satisfaction he gains which makes the hobby so worthwhile.

STOP PRESS

Lloyd Lewis (Yallourn 'W') was re-elected president of the Latrobe Valley Mid-week Cricket Association for the 1976-77 season at its annual meeting recently.

All other office-bearers are SEC employees. The Umpires secretary is Elmo Orchard (Patrol).

There are eight teams the same as last season (five SEC teams). The season begins on October 6.

Television System A Beauty

A wide variety of equipment is in use in the Transmission Operations Communications section, including the interesting closed circuit television system (pictured above) one of many used by the SEC in the Latrobe Valley.

The camera-control unit being operated by Peter Surman is sending a picture to the television monitor on the left, as adjustments are carried out by Bob Taylor (communications officer) to a control unit

used in stage 2 at the Hazelwood Power Station to monitor the drum water gauge level. The television system is of great benefit in this situation, and in many others throughout the Commission.

Viewing the smoke from chimney stacks, job training and video tape recording of special work situations are other useful applications for sophisticated television equipment.

CONTACT photographer Jack Hinshelwood took his picture (above) of Peter Surman (right) and Bob Taylor (left) testing a control unit at Yallourn.



RETIREMENTS

**IAN WILSON**

After 26 years service with the Commission, Ian Wilson called it a day on August 18. Ian, a very popular figure in Coal Production department, retired as Coal Production Superintendent (Headquarters) and was given two farewells, one by staff at Golden Hill, Morwell and another by wages personnel at the Coal Production offices (Wilson's motel) at Morwell. Ian and his wife Joyce will live in Berwick in retirement after living in Yallourn for many years. An indication of his popularity and respect held for him, by Coal Production staff was evident in the amount and quality of gifts he received from staff and wages personnel. Ian began with the Commission in December 1950 as an engineer with Coal Production, where he gained considerable experience, in 1955 he was promoted to Operations Superintendent, Yallourn open cut and then transferred to Morwell open cut in 1957. Following experience as Operations Superintendent, Morwell and a short period as Acting CPS he was promoted once again to CPS, Morwell on May, 1966. Following re-organisation of the Latrobe Valley Department Ian took up the position of CPS (Headquarters) in May, 1975, where on a number of occasions he deputised for Manager Coal Production. Among the gifts he received were a clothes dryer, a digital clock, a vertical griller, a set of suit cases, a set of wine glasses and a model of a dredger as a memento of his association with Coal Production. Ian's immediate plans are a holiday back to his homeland, New Zealand, and after that retirement will be taken from day to day.

**BILL STAFF**

Life in retirement will be a busy one for Bill Staff and his wife Violet. Bill, who has a block of land at Shallow Inlet in South Gippsland, intends building a holiday home there—and as well as building he will keep up with his hobbies of gard-

ening, surf fishing and football. Bill retired from the Commission on August 17 after 18 years service. He began in May, 1959 as a furnaceman at central workshops, Yallourn, a position he held for seven months before transferring to cleaner at Yallourn power station, and finally to trimmer at YPS in 1960, the position from which he retired. By request Bill didn't have an informal farewell, but talked over "the good old days" while enjoying a cup of coffee with Station Operations Engineer, Frank Tomlinson.

**JIM ORR**

Construction Supervisor 'Jimmy' Orr called it a day on July 2 after 25 years with the SEC. Jimmy, who began with the Commission in 1951, has already planned a holiday touring Queensland with his wife Molly, after which the couple will live in Morwell. 'Jimmy' signed on as a construction supervisor (Mechanical) with the Morwell project, but as a consequence of the Commission's curtailment of construction activities, he was reclassified foreman (structural steel) in August, 1952. In August, 1953, he transferred to Generation Branch, production Department at Hamilton power station as a technical assistant, returning to Morwell in October, 1955 as construction supervisor. He

was on the move again in January, 1960 — this time to construction (Mechanical) at Yallourn to assist in the erection of turbines in Yallourn E power station.

April, 1963, saw another move for 'Jimmy', this time to Hazelwood branch design and construction department to assist with the supervision of turbine erection for Hazelwood. He then moved to Yallourn 'W' power station to carry out similar duties. At an informal farewell in Yallourn 'W' canteen, Yallourn 'W' site engineer Keith Kesper presented 'Jimmy' with a bench grinder, barometer, electric shaver, motor analyser and a toy trumpet (he was always telling people to stop blowing their trumpets).

**BILL FLETCHER**

Bill Fletcher and his wife Hilda plan to tour Australia in the near future . . . beginning with a trip to Queensland in October. Bill retired from the Commission on Monday, August 16, after 23 years. His trip will be a slow and enjoyable one.

According to Bill, he has "plenty of time." In retirement, Bill and Hilda will continue to live in East Newborough. Bill's hobbies of playing snooker and billiards will take up much of his time in retirement, as will his two sons, daughter and eight grandchildren. He began with the Commission in July, 1953 as a laborer at Yallourn construction, the position he worked in until he became a greaser at Yallourn power station in March, 1956. Two years later he transferred to fireman at YPS. Bill was farewelled informally by Acting YPS Superintendent Bryce McRitchie.

RETIREMENTS

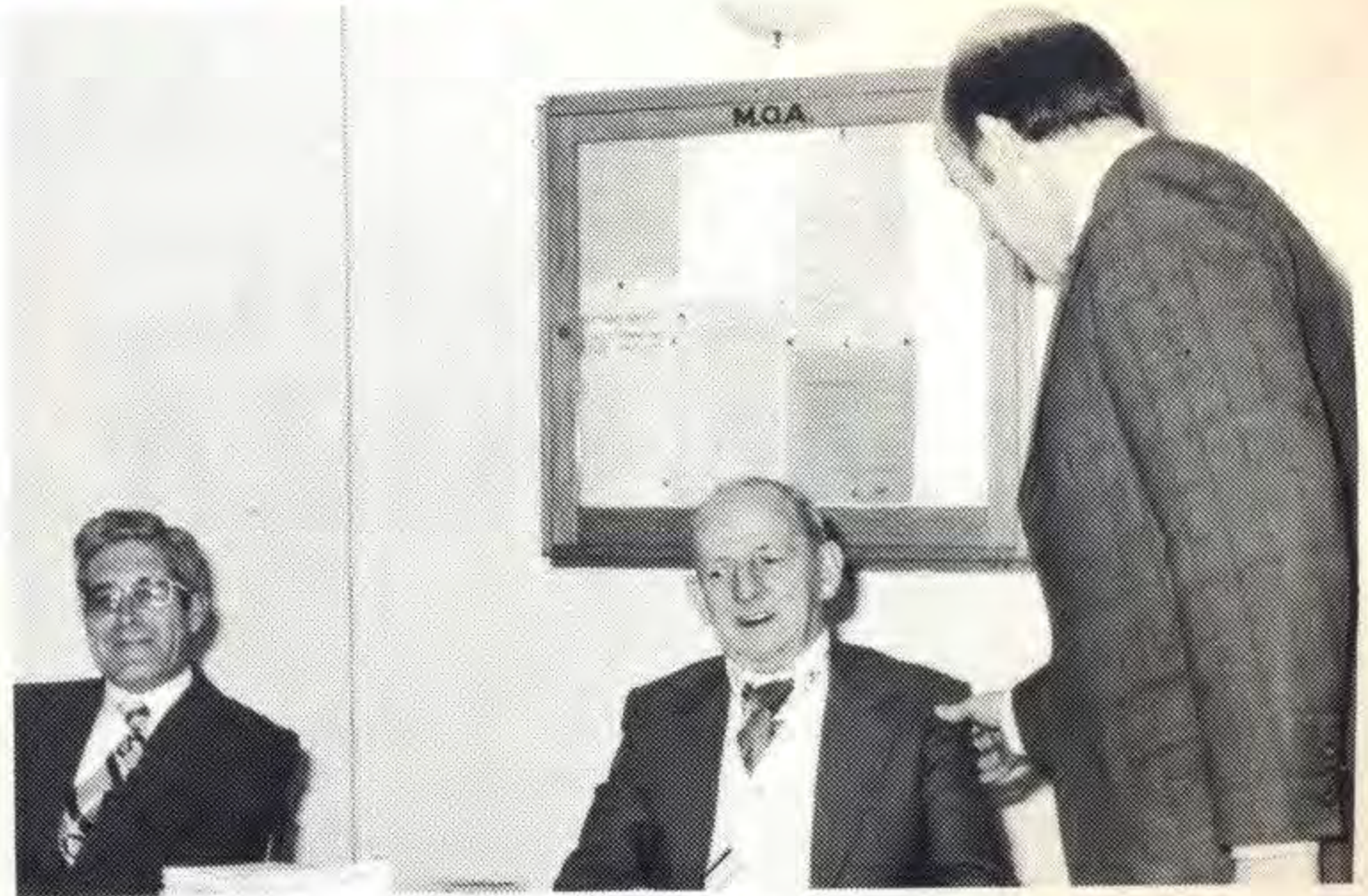


BILL BACKMAN

Bill Backman is currently enjoying a holiday around Australia in his Kombi van. His first port of call was Queensland where he did a spot of fishing and visited old friends and workmates. Bill, who was with the Commission for more than 25 years,

as a foreman with Forestry retired from the SEC on June 23. Bill, who went to school at Morwell Bridge and the first Yallourn school at Hillside had worked in the Latrobe Valley since the beginning of the SEC's activities. Bill stood alone in his knowledge and service in the fire control field. In private life he was also an active man, being the main stay of the Yallourn Boys Club for many years, and with his son John he and a team of boys were among the pioneers of boxing shows following the inception of television transmission in 1956.

Manager Engineering service Max Gray presented Bill with two fishing reels, a fishing rod, a creel and transistor radio on behalf of his workmates at his farewell.



HARRY WILSON

Harry Wilson, who retired from the SEC on July 1 after 38 years service, intends to follow the sun around Australia on an extended holiday with his wife Eileen. His first port of call will be South Australia; then they'll be off around Australia. On their return, the Wilsons — who have lived in Yallourn for many years — will be moving to Newborough. A keen fisherman, Harry says he'll be dropping the line in at every patch of blue water during the trip. Harry began with the Commission at Kiewa in July, 1938, was appointed plan room attendant in 1941, and — after occupying several clerical positions at Kiewa — was appointed records officer at Morwell in February, 1965. During a farewell function in the Morwell administration canteen, Secretarial Officer Neville Thompson presented Harry with a painting and a stand for his stereo and records. Harry's two daughters Gay and Thelma, who also work for the Commission also attended the function.



ARNOLD MEIER

Arnold Meier and his wife Ursula plan to travel extensively following Arnold's retirement from the Commission on July 27 after 25 years service. The Meiers plan to tour around Australia and then overseas to Canada's Rocky Mountains and on to Disneyland. Afterwards, they will continue to live in Moe. Quiet by nature, Arnold will be kept busy in retirement by his hobbies of stamp collecting, gardening and keeping up with a lively grandchild. Arnold began with the Commission in June, 1951 as an engineer on open cut planning in Coal Production branch, Richmond, where he worked for six years before transferring to Coal Production, Yallourn, in July, 1957. From then until his retirement, Arnold was closely associated with planning activities in the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts. At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Administration building, Manager Coal Production Jack Vines presented Arnold with a travelling rug and a set of suit cases on behalf of his workmates.

Deep involvement in sporting and other circles of Latrobe Valley community life ensure that even in retirement — he retired from the SEC on August 26 — Jack Crameri will be kept on the move. A commercial-administrative officer in Personnel Division, Jack has been a Commission identity for 25 years, beginning with his appointment as a clerk at Yallourn in March, 1951. Jack, who has lived in Yallourn for many years, has a number of community interests to which he has given years of outstanding service. These include Yallourn Football Club, of which he has been a member for 25 years and is a Life Member. Latrobe Valley District of the Victorian Country Football League. A district councillor for the past five years. Latrobe Valley Schoolboys Football team; he was team manager for 15 years. Latrobe Valley Umpires Appointment Board (6 years). Yallourn Bowling Club (20



JACK CRAMERI

years). Yallourn Golf Club (25 years). Latrobe Valley Community Hospital at Moe (he is president and a Life Governor), and Basketball (with Dick Hurley, he started basketball in Yallourn in 1955 and refereed for many years).

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell administration offices, Personnel Officer Brian Collier presented Jack with a reclining chair on behalf of workmates. Jack intends to visit Tasmania to see his brother Ben in the near future.

VALLEY VISITORS

SOUTH KOREAN VISITS S.E.C. WORKS AREA

During the past month there have been visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area from West Germany, South Korea, Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales and many parts of Victoria.

The West German visitor was Dr. Erwin Gartner a former chairman of the Rheinischen Braunkohlenwerken (Rhein Brown Coal Works) in West Germany, was accompanied by his son Dieter. The Gartners were taken on an extensive tour of the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts by manager Coal

Production Jack Vines.

Mr. Chong Park of the Development Bank in Seoul, South Korea visited the area with officers of the Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne.

Now to the Australian visitors. The National vice-president of Australian Jaycees John Harris of Brisbane toured the area with Churchill Jaycees Bill and Trisha Dyt. Then there were 25 members of a Perth schoolboys football squad and six adults who took in a visit as part of a two day Latrobe Valley tour.



Pictured discussing the SEC Latrobe Valley works area with Public Liaison Officer Bob Bridle (right) is Chong Park (centre).



National vice-president of Australian Jaycees John Harris (centre) is pictured with Bill Dyt (left) and his wife Trisha.



Standing on the edge of the Morwell open cut are Manager Coal Production Jack Vines (left), Dieter Gartner and Dr. Gartner (right) during their recent visit to the works area.



Pictured at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation during their visit to the SEC are members of the Perth schoolboys football squad.