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TREVOR ROWE

Newcomer to P.R. is no stranger

TREVOR Rowe, newest member of the Public Relations Group, is no stranger to the Latrobe Valley.

A journalist, he spent five years with the Latrobe Valley Express — from 1971-75 — before heading north to broaden his experience

with New South Wales regional daily newspaper the Maitland Mercury.

Since then he has been employed by Waragul Regional Newspapers, publishers of four weekly papers in

West Gippsland.

Currently secretary of the South-Eastern sub-branch of the Australian Journalists' Association, Trevor has been active in Association affairs at sub-branch level for several years.

Transmission lines team wins LV first aid final

For the second successive year the Transmission Lines team has won the Latrobe Valley semi-final of the SEC's annual first aid competition at Yallourn on November 11.

The impressive win qualified the team for the State final at Bendigo, an event being held as CONTACT went to press.

Winning team members were; Danny O'Brien (Captain), Ray McBride, Ian McLeod and Glen Cowley.

Six teams competed in the final, in the former Yallourn visitors centre. They were: Transmission Lines, Hazelwood power station, Coal Production Morwell, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation No. 1 and No. 2 teams and Transmission Field

Services.

The competition centred around a gymnasium accident — each team had 15 minutes to attend to the injured.

The judges were, SEC First Aid Superintendent Ron Herbert, First Aid supervisor, Morwell Jack Mullins and First Aid supervisor, Yallourn John Dyer.

Ron Herbert presented the trophies to the winning team.



First Aid supervisor Yallourn John Dyer (centre) explains to Transmission Lines team members Danny O'Brien (far left) and Ray McBride (right) how they performed.

Apprentice Presentation Day

More than 135 first year apprentices and their parents are expected to attend the annual SEC apprentice presentation day in Kernot Hall, Yallourn on Thursday, De-

ember 8.

Aim of the function is to provide encouragement and recognition to apprentices for work completed during the year.

Trades to be represented will include, boilermaking, fitting and turning, plumbing, carpentry, electrical mechanics and gardening.

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Cover

The huge \$6.5 million No. 13 dredger is pictured on its way down into the Yallourn open cut. The dredger took more than four hours to travel from its erection site into the open cut. Story Page 7.

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SEC resettlement program has satisfied 93 per cent of former Yallourn residents — Wadley

S.E.C. resettlement assistance matched the expectations of 93 per cent of former Yallourn residents who have moved from the town to other parts of the Latrobe Valley.

This was one of the main findings of a survey of 120 former residents interviewed by members of a group from Melbourne University.

Third-year geography students, led by Dr. David Wadley and Mr. Michael Ballock, conducted the survey of post-move adjustment and attitudes among Yallourn residents eligible for SEC assistance and who have remained in the Latrobe Valley.

The survey found that 93 per cent were satisfied with their resettlement, including 45 per cent who described themselves as "very satisfied" — and 85 per cent have no intention of moving from their new homes in the future.

Asked whether the SEC could have improved its resettlement operations, 65 per cent said "No", while 30 per cent believed some improvements could have been made.

Eighty-one per cent of respondents said that the SEC kept them well informed

about the business of relocation.

Commenting on the survey, Dr. Wadley said that the returns were "surprisingly positive" with a rate of satisfaction which far exceeded the level expected on the basis of overseas resettlement experience.

He listed a number of factors which could have contributed to the positive response.

Arrangements satisfying

These included:—

- satisfaction with the SEC's resettlement arrangements,
- the relative youth of most "early movers" and their mobility,
- the high proportion of Australian or UK-born residents, thus avoiding language problems,
- relatively high household incomes, and,
- length of time available to consider making a move.

However, Dr. Wadley believes that the key factor has been the move into a home ownership situation following long periods in rented housing in Yallourn.



Above: Yallourn Resettlement Officer Jack Penny (left) discusses the Yallourn resettlement program with Dr. David Wadley.

The survey showed that 77 per cent of respondents had moved into their own homes.

Yallourn families

APPROXIMATELY 320 families eligible for SEC assistance have already left Yallourn.

About 250 of them have chosen to remain in the Latrobe Valley.

The central Latrobe Valley areas of Moe (44), Newborough (96), Morwell (43) and Traralgon (14) account for most families, with Churchill, Yallourn North and other LV towns providing new Valley homes for a total of 51 former Yallourn residents.

Yallourn houses are also on the move.

Of the 1060 originally in the town, 480 have been removed — 371 since July, 1975.

Another 44 houses have been sold either to Yallourn residents, community organisations or to members of the general public and are awaiting removal.

SEC to spend \$294 million on three Loy Yang contracts

The SEC will spend a massive \$294 million on three contracts to be issued for the giant Loy Yang power station complex.

The contract is one of the biggest single contracts ever issued by the SEC and one of the largest of its type in Australian financial history. International Combustion Australia Limited will receive in excess

of \$238 million for the supply and installation of four 500 MW boilers and associated equipment.

The second major contract, valued at more than \$48 million, is to be awarded to Siemens Industries Limited for the supply and installation of three 500 MW turbo-generators and associat-

ed plant and equipment.

The two contracts comprise a major part of the equipment for the 2000 MW Loy Yang A power station.

The four 500 MW units of this station are planned for commercial service in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1987.

The station will be

the largest power station in Victoria and the individual units will be the largest ever installed in this State.

The previous largest output was 350 MW from each of the two units so far installed at the Yallourn W power station. Two 375 MW units are being installed to complete this station.

The Government has
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Pictured discussing the menu at Vic Wiggins retirement are (from left) Rod Bennett, Tom Davey, Vic, Jack Clancy and John Manicola.

Vic notched up 51 years service

Vic Wiggins, who retired from the Commission on October 16 after 51 years service, is believed to be the longest serving SEC employe in the Latrobe Valley.

He joined the Commission on October 15, 1926 and worked at first in the Yallourn Electrical Section.

In 1928 he began a mechanical engineering (fitter and turner) apprenticeship. He was appointed instrument fitter at Yallourn power station in January, 1935.

For Sale

- 1 Aluminium Bathroom window, frosted, 100 x 64cm with screen \$15
 - 1 S/Steel Sink 6ft. \$6
 - 1 Frigidair elec. Range \$50
 - 1 Mixmaster with attachments \$60
 - 1 Singer Cardmatic Knitting Machine \$100
 - 10" Elec. Exhaust Fan \$12
 - Snap Vent—Thermac Fan \$5
 - Magazine Rack \$5
- Contact: Peter Butcher, ext. 3759, or A.H. 27 2171.

Promotions followed until in September, 1971 he was appointed Technical Service Officer, the position from which he retired.

Among Vic Wiggins most treasured possessions are his apprenticeship indentures signed by two former SEC Commissioners — Sir John Monash and Mr. T. W. Clements and the then secretary Mr. V. J. Price.

Vic and his wife Beryl are planning a camping and fishing holiday to Tasmania early next year.

In the meantime he plans to keep busy in the garden and workshop at his Newborough home.

Vic was given two farewell functions. The first was in the Yallourn Power Station lecture room where YPS Superintendent Bruce Johnston presented him with a two-speed electric drill and workshop accessories and the second was in the Yallourn hotel dining room where YPS Assistant Technical Services Engineer John Manicola presented Vic with a photographic history of his time in the Commission.

THE FEMALE SECS



ELAINE Watson formerly of Morwell typing pool is now typist at Yallourn 'W' Construction Good Luck.

YALLOURN drawing office has a new starter, she is Angela Landy Welcome.

PERSONNEL secretary to Manager Area Administration Mary Whelan began maternity leave early this month. Sue Dyer formerly typist with Yallourn 'W' Construction is now acting secretary to Manager Area Administration.

WENDOLA Bickerton a drafting assistant in the Yallourn drawing office has bought a new push bike and grapevine has it she is riding it to work from Newborough to Yallourn — so keep your eyes open for her.


WHILE talking of maternity leave—Lydia Goodwin CAO at Hazelwood power station has also commenced her maternity leave — Good health.

YOU'LL be interested to know that Vicki Edwards, formerly of the drawing office, Yallourn is now in London, and has a job as a receptionist. Vicki intends to travel England and Europe for the next 12 months before returning home.


PERSONAL secretary to Manager Coal Production Maria Rosato has been busy the last three weeks. She has been secretary to the Committee of Inquiry into the Morwell open cut fire.

THAT'S all for this month but more items are needed for the December issue so phone either ext. 3642 or 3228 with some news.



 Butting cigarettes out on the sides and bottom of a plastic bin (above) is not recommended.



 Right: After three minutes the plastic bin is well alight and giving off thick black smoke and toxic fumes.

BIN FIRES CAN BE DANGEROUS — BE CAREFUL

A recent incident in a Morwell office could have had a disastrous effect had it occurred at the close of the working day, when most people had left the building.

Following the lighting of a cigarette by an SEC employee the match was flicked into a plastic waste paper bin—result: a fire in the bin.

Fortunately a fellow worker noticed the fire and extinguished it. He was able to fold down one of the near molten sides of the plastic bin to smother the fire.

An experiment conducted with this type of bin revealed that it had been burning for about 3 to 4 minutes before the fire was noticed.

Bin fires of this nature are extremely hazardous because the polystyrene melts and burns rather fiercely, giving off dense black smoke and toxic gases.

The lesson to be learned from this incident is, if you are a smoker;

- Don't throw cigarette butts and matches into plastic waste paper bins.
- Don't empty ash trays into waste paper bins, and
- Metal bins are much safer, a fire in this type of bin has a chance of burning itself out.

Jubilee Raffle

How would you like to win a ten day holiday at the Pacific resort of Vila in the New Hebrides?

Well a ten day "Viva Vila" holiday for two from Melbourne, including return air fares and accommodation is first prize in a raffle to be conducted throughout the SEC between November and January, 1978.

Proceeds from the raffle will form part of the SEC contribution to the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Appeal for Young Australians.

The Premier has set members of the Govern-

ment Service a target of \$100,000 to be raised and the SEC hopes to be able to contribute \$10,000 towards this target.

In addition to the first prize of a Vila holiday other prizes include a freezer, an upright range, an air-conditioner, rotary clothes dryer and a fan.

Tickets will be available through all Latrobe Valley social clubs until January 24 next year.

The winners will be drawn on February 23 and announced in daily news papers, CONTACT, and social clubs.



Right: The remains of a plastic bin after burning for only seven minutes.

Service Register

COMMISSION staff and wages employes who reached significant service milestones during November are included in this month's register:

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| Ron Elser | 25 YEARS: | Hazelwood Power Station |
| David Napier | | Coal Morwell |
| Alan Taylor | | Hazelwood Power Station |
| Horrie D'Cruz | | Coal Morwell |
| Harold Wheatley | | Yallourn 'W' Power Station |
| Ed Williams | | Civil Services, Yallourn |
| Albert Rees | | Transmission Yallourn |
| John Myers | | Civil Services, Yallourn |
| Ross Miles | | Civil Services, Yallourn |
| Jan Witteveen | | Yallourn Power Station |
| Rudy Boskma | | Yallourn Power Station |
| George Lucas | | Yallourn 'W' Power Station |
| Ken Wardley | | Yallourn Power Station |
| Merv French | | Yallourn Power Station |
| Tony Vella | | Yallourn Power Station |
| Mick Makuch | | Yallourn Power Station |
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 | 30 YEARS: | |
| Keith Collins | | Yallourn Workshops |
| Jack Robertson | | Power Generation Department |
|
 | 31 YEARS: | |
| Charlie Barnes | | Yallourn Workshops |
| Bill White | | Civil Services, Yallourn |
|
 | 32 YEARS: | |
| George Mayes | | Patrol |
| Ken Passey | | Yallourn Power Station |
| Westie Halket | | Yallourn 'W' Power Station |
| Kevin Willett | | Coal Yallourn |
| Frank Collins | | Civil Services, Yallourn |
| Joe Austin | | Yallourn 'W' Power Station |
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 | 33 YEARS: | |
| George Gray | | Coal Yallourn |
| Morrie Williams | | Coal Morwell |
| Steve Lovison | | Coal Yallourn |
|
 | 35 YEARS: | |
| Ron De Carli | | Civil Services, Yallourn |
| Jim Pearless | | Yallourn Workshops |
|
 | 36 YEARS: | |
| Ellis Johnson | | Electrical Services, Yallourn |
| Clyde Loble | | Morwell Workshops |
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 | 37 YEARS: | |
| Eric Lyons | | Coal Yallourn |
| Bill Somerville | | Area Administration, Morwell |
| Frank Hede | | Coal Yallourn |
|
 | 38 YEARS: | |
| Charles Strong | | Coal Morwell |
| Vic Leek | | Area Administration, Yallourn |
|
 | 39 YEARS: | |
| Karl Smith | | Yallourn Workshops |
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 | 40 YEARS: | |
| Henry Duder | | Transmission Services, Yallourn |
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 | 43 YEARS: | |
| John Jones | | Civil Services, Yallourn |



Four generations of the Wiggins family — from left, proud new father Paul, great grandfather Ron nursing new arrival Sean and grandfather Vern.

WIGGINS FAMILY TRADITION IS GOING STRONG

The Wiggins family has a long and proud history of service with the SEC, stretching over four generations.

In fact, the family has chalked up more than 280 years service since the late Ronald J. Wiggins joined the Commission as a gardener in July, 1924.

And the relationship seems certain to continue for many years to come.

The prospects of a fifth generation SEC-Wiggins combination increased last month with the arrival of Sean Paul Wiggins.

The proud parents are Paul — an electrical fitter with the electrical workshops at Yallourn — and his wife Maree Wiggins.

The day he arrived home from hospital he was greeted by his great grandfather Ron, grandfather Vern and, of course, his father Paul.

Ron is now retired after 46 years with the Commission. He began as a time-keeper at Yallourn and completed his service as the

Latrobe Valley paymaster.

Vern began with the Commission in November, 1943 as a fitter and turner and is now a mechanical supervisor at the Yallourn base workshops.

Paul began his service in January, 1968.

Another member of the family, Vic Wiggins has just retired after 51 years' service with the Commission.

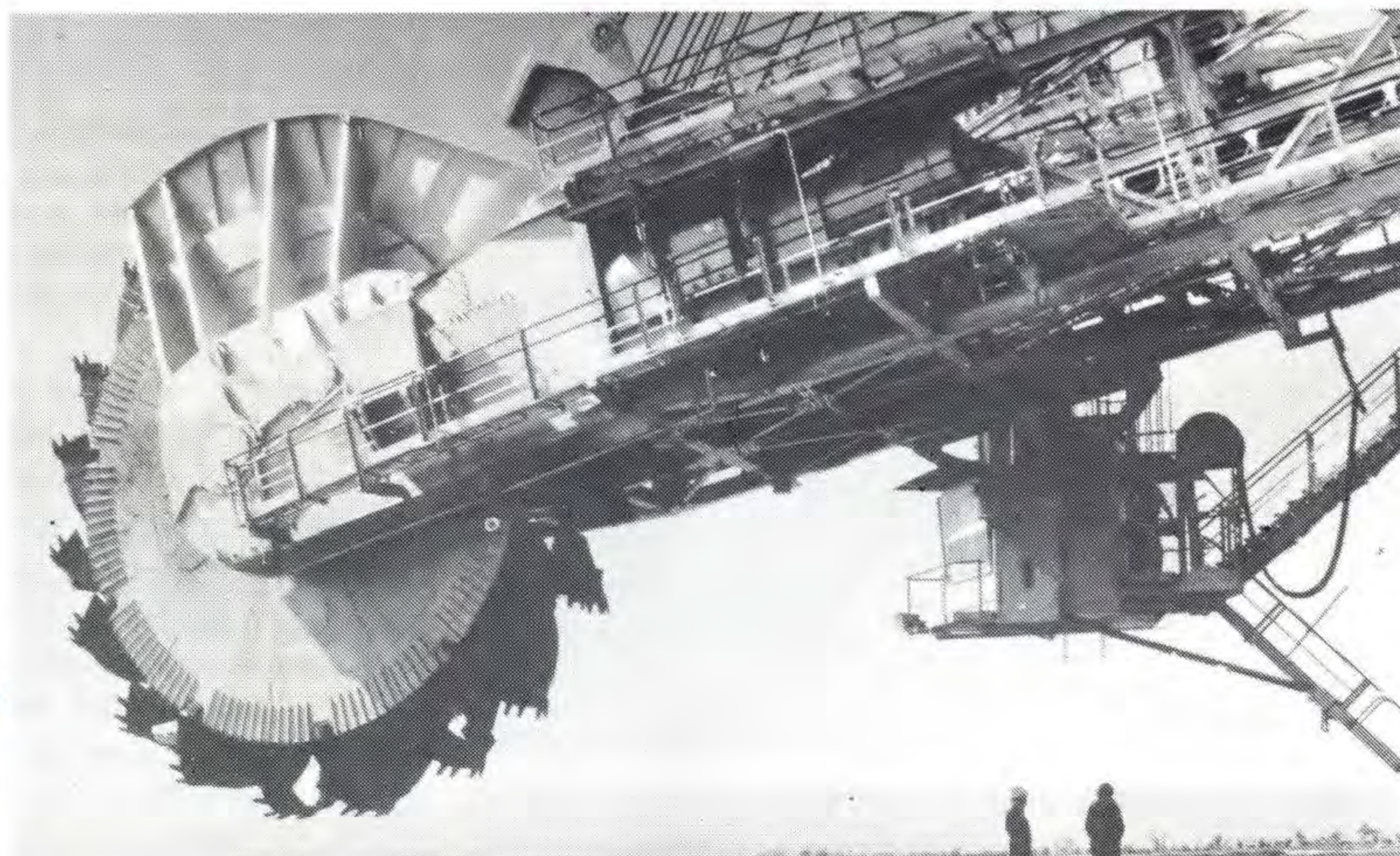
So with relatives with records like that, young Sean seems almost certainly destined for a career with the Commission.

FOR SALE

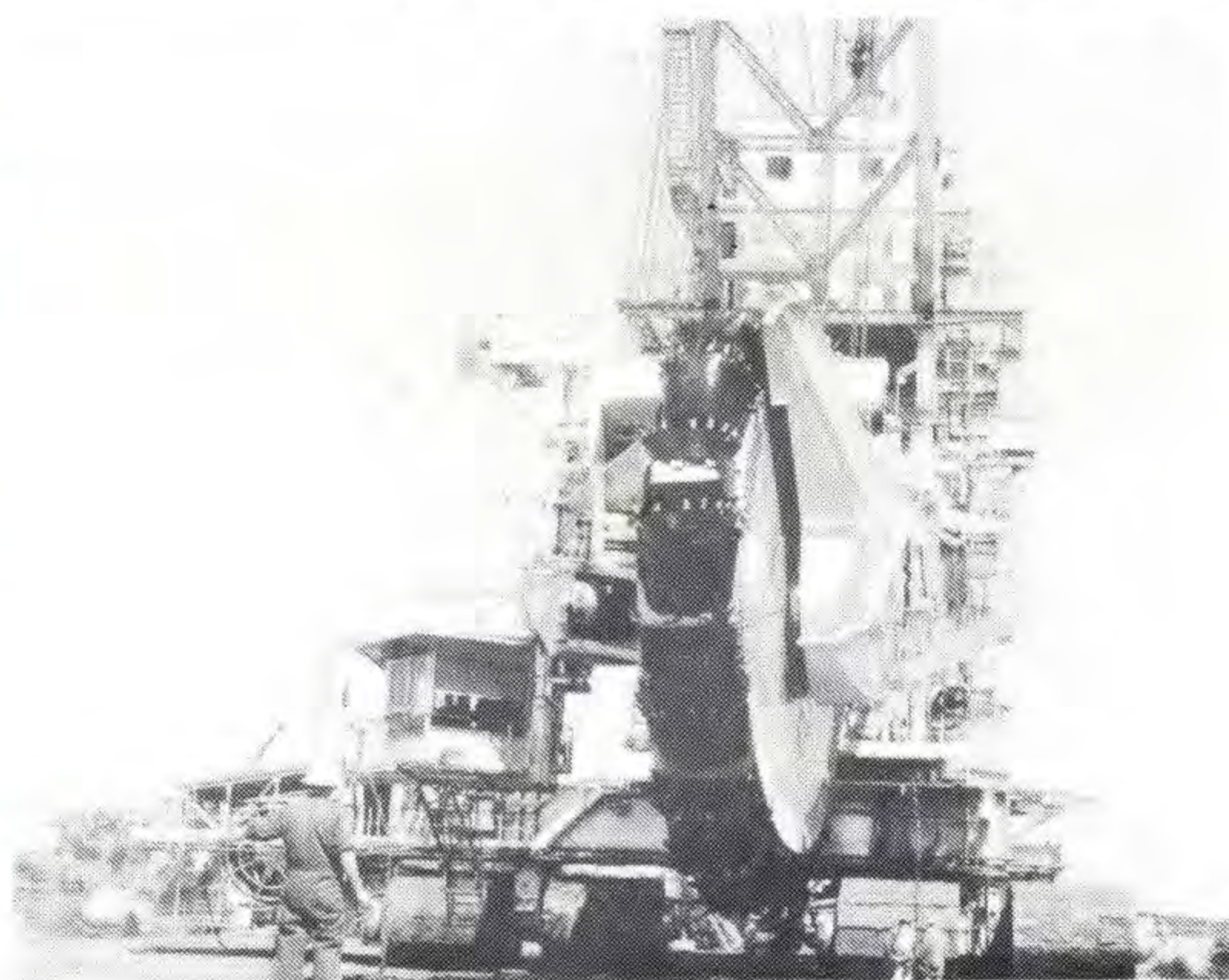
Avondale Seeker Deluxe caravan in excellent condition.

This spacious six berth caravan is 23 ft long and comes with a full length annexe.

A colour television for the caravan is also included. \$5,800 ONO. Ph. 44 2819.

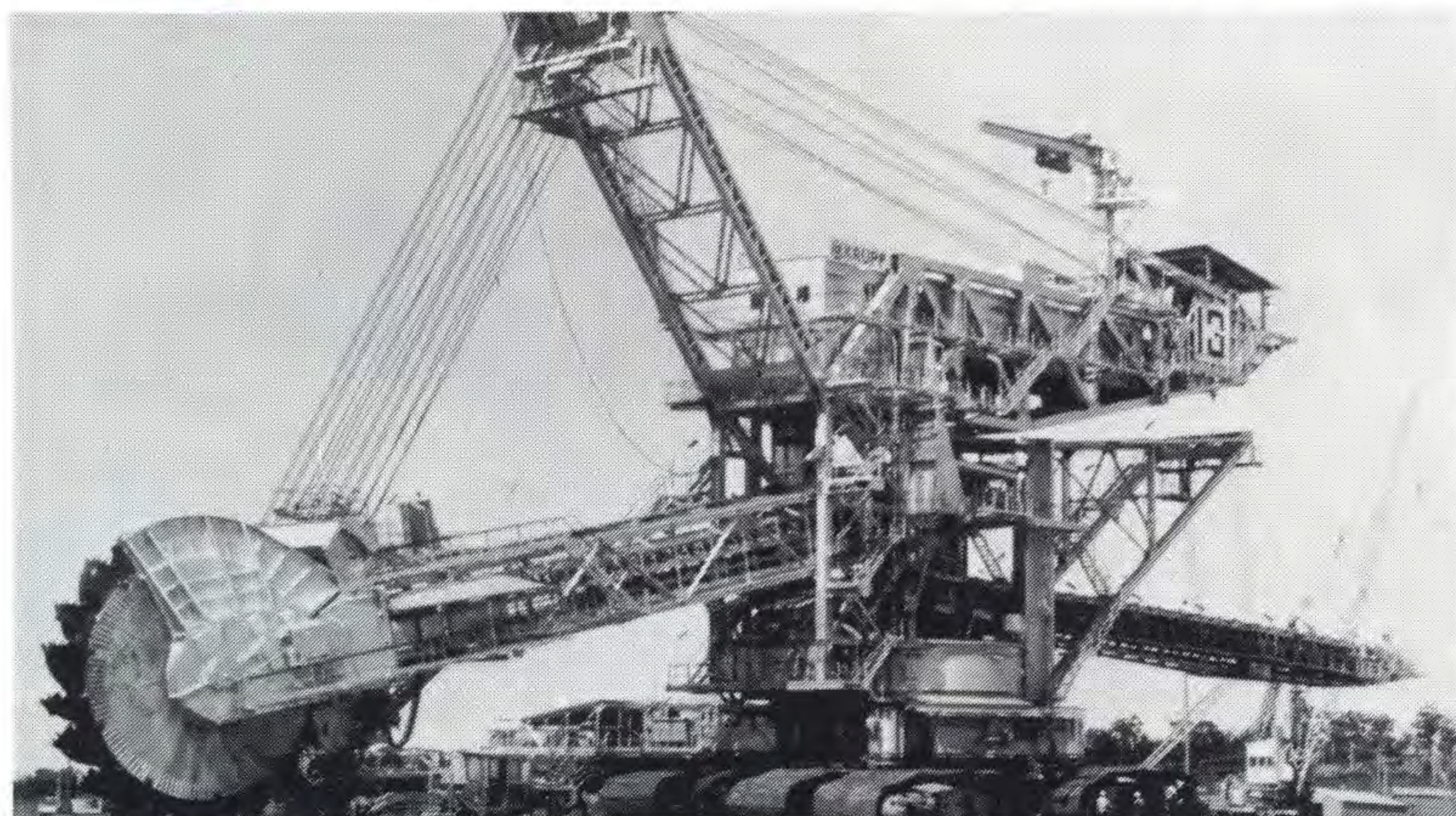


Above: The huge bucket wheel of No. 13 dredger makes the two SEC employes, standing near it, look like dwarfs.



Right: No. 13 dredger is pictured after leaving the Hernes Oak erection site.

Below: A large 'G' series grader looks extremely small next to the 34 metre high dredger.



Dredger makes a new home

The SEC's new \$6.5 million No. 13 dredger began digging overburden early this month. The huge 1900 tonne dredger moved from its Hernes Oak erection site into the Yallourn open cut, a distance of two kilometres, on Thursday, October 27.

The 34 metre high dredger will work in conjunction with No. 7 overburden dredger.

No. 13 dredger is capable of winning 1500 cubic metres of overburden or 1800 cubic metres of coal an hour. It is the second largest dredger in the Latrobe Valley — No. 8 at Yallourn is the biggest.

The dredger entered the open cut down a specially constructed earth ramp the move took more than four hours.

Construction of the dredger began in November, 1975.

The mechanical erection was carried out by Simon Engineering (Aust.) of Morwell.

Overall erection responsibility was by Krupp (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. a subsidiary of the giant European company Friedrich Krupp of Germany.

Negotiations with Krupp and administration of the contract were carried out by the SEC's Fuel Department in Melbourne.

On site supervision was by SEC's Latrobe Valley Coal Production and Transmission Operations departments.



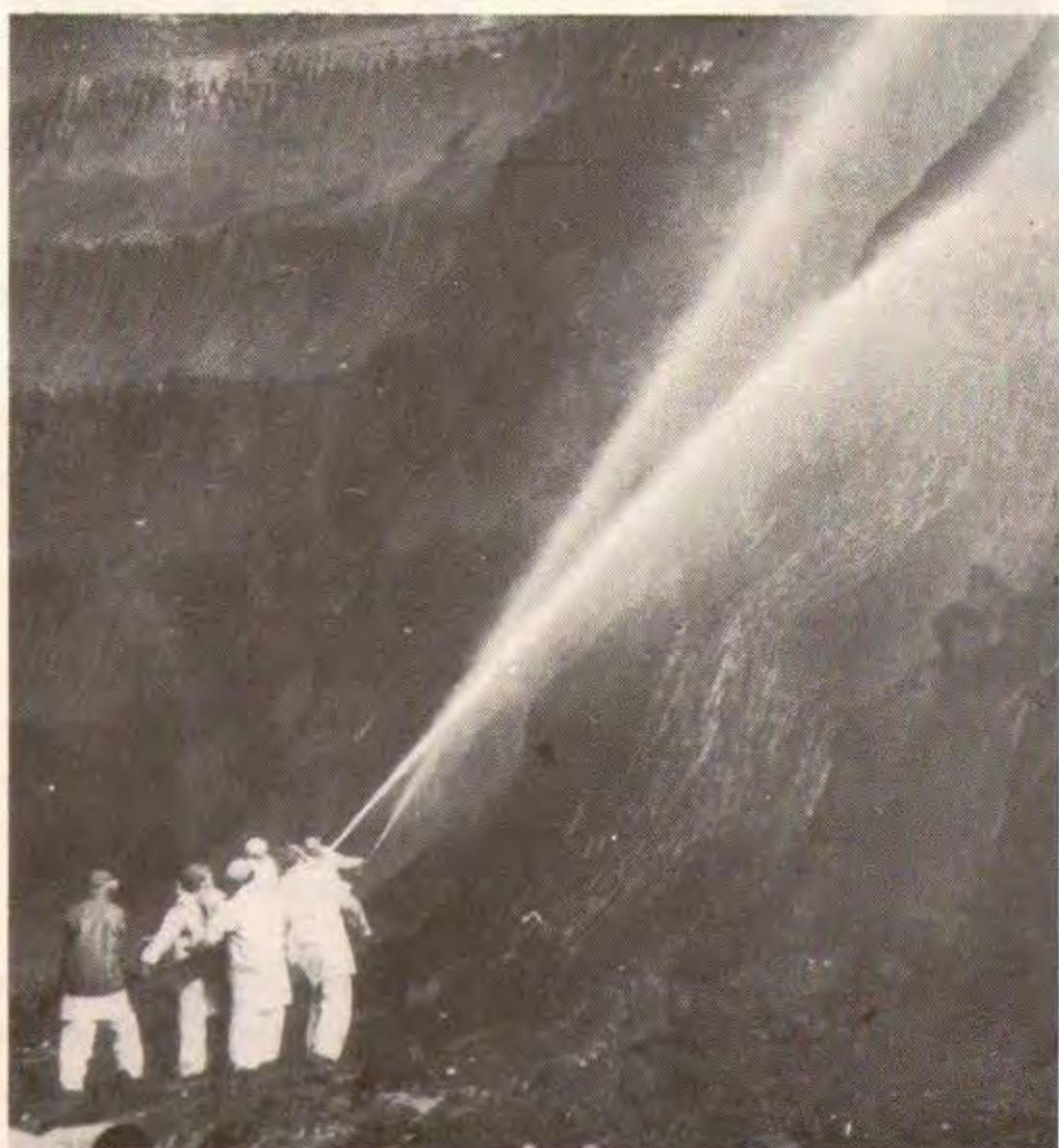
Above: Smoke blows back into the north-west face of the open cut after a wind change gave fire fighters a chance to bring the fire under control.



Left: Coal Production Manager Jack Vines (left), CFA assistant fire officer Ron Symons and Morwell open cut Superintendent Ian Runge consider their next move.

Below Left: Firemen play water on the glowing coal face.

Below: Smoke and flames surrounded No. 19 dredger at the height of the fire.



The day the open cut burned — great team effort wins battle

Morwell open cut operations are back to normal after a fire early this month caused damage estimated at about \$200,000.

It was the most serious fire in the history of Morwell open cut.

Cause of the fire has been investigated by a committee of inquiry, comprising Manager Coal Production Jack Vines (chairman), Manager Engineering Services Ray Greig and Manager Supplies and General Services Harvey Norris.

The committee's findings had not been released when this issue of CONTACT went to press.

The initial fire outbreak at about midday on Friday, November 4 was in the north-west corner of the cut on No. 3 level. A fire control team and support tankers were quickly on the scene but a sharp wind change spread ignited coal particles over several levels to create an extremely difficult situation.

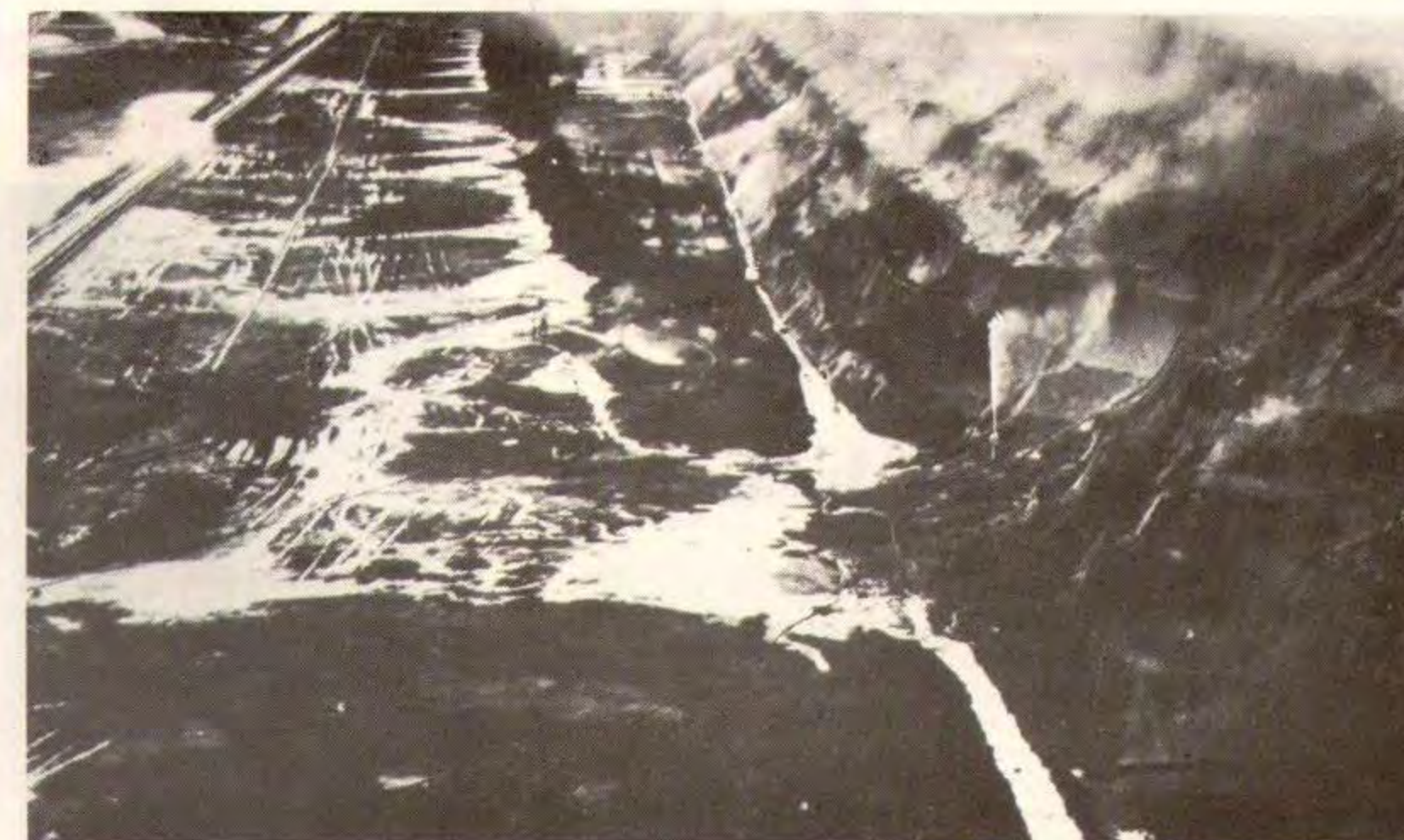
During the operation which followed, SEC personnel — many of whom had left work but returned to play their part in fighting the fire — CFA and other fire units, members of the RAAF, emergency organisations and individuals combined magnificently.

The fire fighters received excellent back-up support from various SEC departments in a team effort which brought high praise from the Commission's top management, and leaders of the outside organisations involved.

In particular, Transport, Catering and First Aid personnel all put in marathon efforts in providing vital support to the men fighting the fire, and there were many others.

Preliminary assessments indicate that equipment damage and direct cost associated with fire fighting total about \$300,000.

Some equipment was destroyed and other machinery damaged beyond repair, but in most cases damage was minor and equipment involved will continue to operate.

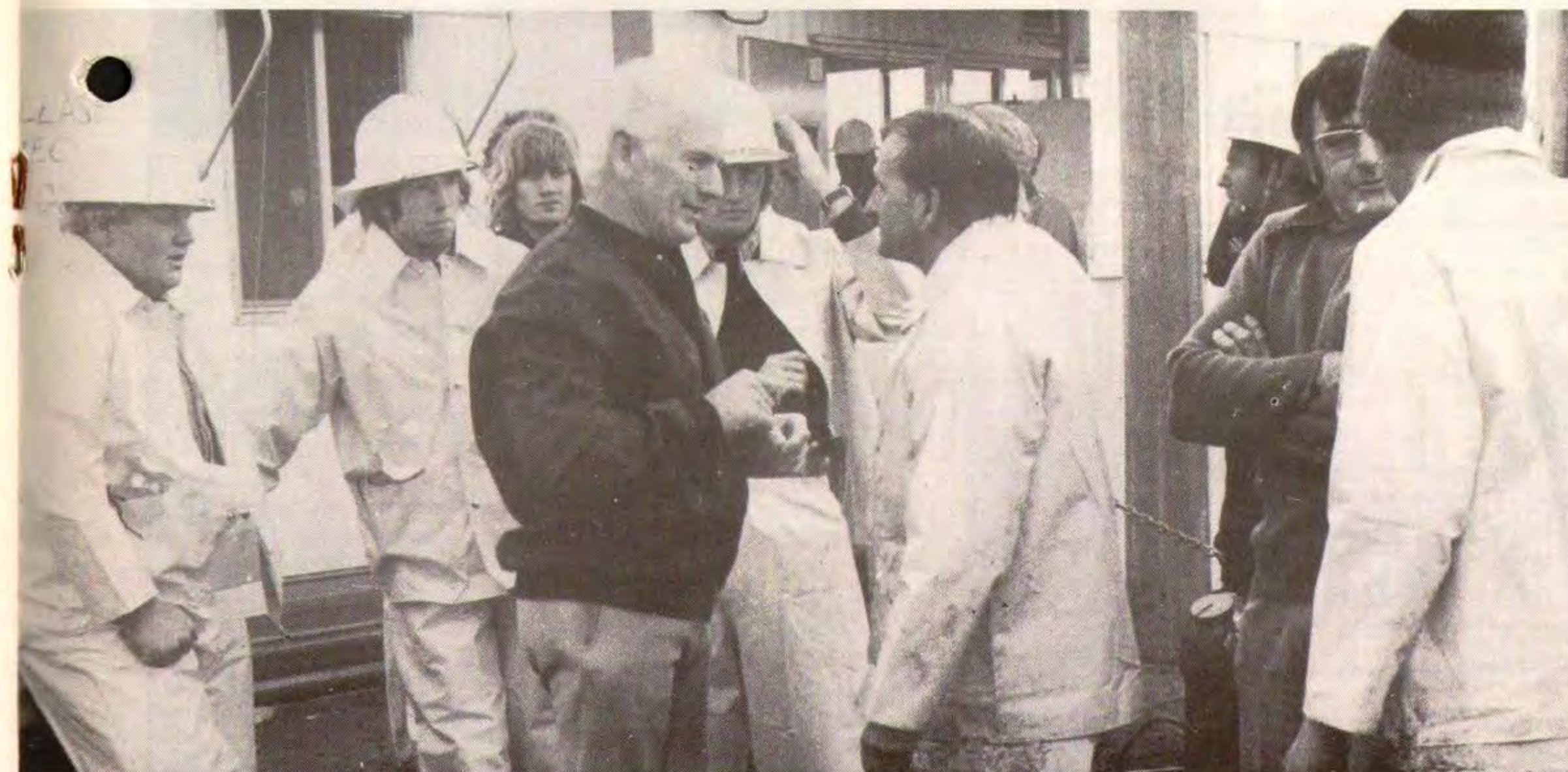


Above: Fire fighters drench the open cut face after the fire had been brought under control.



Left: Workmen inspect a damaged conveyor in the open cut.

Below: Co-ordination Engineer (Coal Production) Greg Stuart discusses the fire fighting operation with members of Newry CFA unit.





POWER GENERATION

Rex has achieved the ultimate

Workers at Hazelwood power station have played a major role in the training of a new Australian champion.

Overstolz Rex Wedekind, a six-year-old German Shepherd, has qualified as an Australian Obedience Trial Champion.

Rex — as he is affectionately known by his master, Hazelwood unit controller Eddie Wienand — is one of only four Victorian dogs to qualify for the Australian title in the past three years.

In the 18 years to 1974 no Victorian dogs achieved the standard necessary to earn the title Australian Obedience Trial Champion.

Eddie said his success with Rex would not have been possible without the help of many of his workmates and members of the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club.

Eddie said the last certificate Rex needed to qualify involved about 250 hours training over two years.

Eddie said he had always been a German Shepherd lover and in 1969 bought a bitch, which he named Bonnie.

He trained her privately but never took obedience

training seriously until Bonnie had a litter of pups in 1971.

"I realised that big dogs needed to be trained, otherwise they would be dangerous," he said.

Eddie joined the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club in October, 1971 and immediately started work with Rex.

By May, 1972, Rex, who was now the ripe old age of 15 months, had passed his Companion Dog certificate, the first of five certificates required to achieve the rank of Australian Obedience Trial Champion.

More advanced certificates followed at regular intervals.

Rex was awarded the Companion Dog Excellent certificate in April, 1973; Utility Dog certificate in May, 1974; and Tracking Dog certificate in October, 1975.

Then came the real test the Tracking Dog Excellent certificate trial in August this year.

And Rex came through with flying colors — earning himself a place in the Kennel Control Council of Victoria record books.



Eddie Wienand (left) proudly displays his German Shepherd dog 'Rex' at the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club open day.



'Rex' is pictured with the hundreds of sashes and trophies which he has won over the past few years.

Performed well

Three industrial fire fighting teams from Hazelwood Power Station 'D' Shift performed creditably in the Victorian Industrial Fire Squad annual competition at Springvale football oval on Thursday, October 27.

They finished 4th, 5th and 7th out of 19 teams, an excellent effort considering it was the first time the teams had competed in the titles.

The best performance

was by No. 3 team (Bernie Doran, Peter Rennie, Bill Gilders) who recorded a time of 51.03 which included a two second penalty. No. 2 team (Joe Gatt, Ron Hart, Keith Peters) recorded 59.63 and No. 1 team (Geoff Webster, Malcolm Taylor, Alan Westhorpe) finished with a time of 62.13.

The winning team Dulux No. 1, recorded 49.67.



Above: Pictured competing in their section is the Hazelwood power station's No. 2 team of (from left) Joe Gatt, Keith Peters and Ron Hart.



Warning to people installing CB radio antennas to homes

The SEC this week issued a warning to people planning to install CB radio antennas at their home.

The Chief Electrical Inspector for Victoria, Mr. Len Francis, said that while most CB radios were being installed in vehicles, many were being operated in residences as base stations.

"These installations involve high antennas which must be kept well clear of overhead power lines," Mr. Francis said.

"In the US in 1976, one insurance company received reports of 26 accidents in which do-it-yourself installers handling metal CB radio or television antennas touched overhead power lines.

"Fifteen of these accidents were fatal and, in the other cases, most survivors suffered severe burns."

Mr. Francis said that accidents with CB antennas had been most prevalent with lightweight vertical omnidirectional antennas mounted on top of long metal masts.

"It is important that CB radio enthusiasts be aware that most overhead power lines are not insulated and that contact of the lines with home-installed antennas may be fatal," he said.

"It is recommended that all antennas be kept as far away from power lines as possible and a clearance of at least five metres should be observed.

"If an existing antenna needs to be moved and there is the possibility of it touch-

ing power lines, call the electricity supply authority for advice beforehand.

"Don't take chances — no amount of time or money saved is worth the risk of your life," he added.

Mr. Francis said that the SEC had already warned of the danger of CB antennas on vehicles contacting overhead power lines and urged people to also take care with this equipment.



Taking a message from his CB radio is Rod Cordell of the Yallourn drawing office.

Ball, chain and shackle for Mary

Attractive Mary Vella, a typist with Electrical Laboratory Section Yallourn, was married on Saturday, November 5, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Yallourn to Allan Smith, an Engineer with Yallourn 'W'.

However on Thursday, November 3 — two days prior to her marriage — Mary's workmates had other ideas for her.

They tied Mary up with a ball and chain, then threw the key away. But they were thoughtful workmates, because the ball and chain were plastic and the shackle around her right ankle was padded with cotton.

Mary took the practical joke like a real sport.

After freeing herself from the chain, an official farewell presentation of a vacuum cleaner was made to her from her workmates. The presentation to Mary, who has been with the Electrical Laboratory Section for more than three years, was made by Electrical Laboratory Engineer Brian Clark.

Following a honeymoon in Sydney, Mary and Allan will make their future home in Churchill.



Above: Mary Vella is pictured with the ball and chain, shackled to her right leg.



Early Christmas present for Jack

Morwell workshops foreman fitter Jack Upton received an early Christmas present on Tuesday, November 8.

He was presented with a \$1,000 suggestion award cheque from Service Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis in the Morwell workshops.

The award was the largest made to an employe for more than two years.

Jack's successful suggestion took many hours of thought and practical work.

He designed an ex-

traction tool for withdrawal of condenser tubes.

The tool and method has been successfully used for condenser tube removal at Hazelwood power station on four units over the past three years.

Altogether 6,845 tubes were removed requiring an average of 0.27 manhours each.

The previous method required about 1.07 manhours per tube and repairs to tube plate damage which only occurred with the old method.



Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis (left) presented the \$1,000 suggestion cheque to Jack Upton.

SEC shooters win perpetual shield

The SEC won the second annual "Noel Lappin" perpetual shield clay bird shoot between the SEC and APM on November 1.

The shield donated by the APM was keenly sought by two teams of eight shooters with SEC winning 125 to 108 points — APM won the inaugural event held last year.

The Commission team was Alec Bremner, Robert Bremner, Bob Dinsdale, Noel Kingsley, George Botton, John Matthews, John Legg

and Rex Baxter.

APM's Resident District Manager Mr. Don McFarlane presented the "Noel Lappin" Shield to SEC's Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Jack Huxtable.

Windy conditions made shooting difficult, however the SEC team shot consistently to win comfortably with Bob Dinsdale being the best shooter on the day.

More than 40 shooters took part in the social day conducted in conjunction with the shoot at the Morwell Gun Club.

The womens event went to APM's Val Corbett.



Above: CONTACT's photographer snapped this picture of Clive soon after he had been tied up.

"Clipper" had no where to go!

Hazelwood mechanical maintenance fitter Clive "Clipper" Martin joined a select group two days before his marriage to Janet Wilson on November 5.

Clive suffered an uncomfortable couple of hours locked in the specially pre-

pared stocks — a pre-marriage fate suffered by several of his workmates before him.

His captors were fair — they armed him with half a hack-saw blade to help him pass the time as he sat stranded in the stocks and weighted down with all

sorts of unmovables.

Happily, they relented and Clive was freed and he made it to the church on time with plenty to spare.

Clive and Janet, both from Traralgon, will live in their home town.

FOR SALE

1 Tan-cream steelcraft Elizabethan pusher pram with parcel rack, stormcover and shopping basket. Converts to bassinet. Four months old. Used only twice. 12 months guarantee supplied. \$130 — phone ext. 2552.



Morwell workshops fieldsmen jump for joy as another Morwell Briquette batsmen is given out.

Morwell workshops No 1 team win LV cricket final



Morwell Workshops No. 1 team — premiers — are (from left back row): Robert Knights, Brian Higgins, Barry Smith, Tony Griffiths, Neil Brennan, Cyril Beechey (front row): John Webb, Frank Pasquali, Harry Smith, Rick Rode and Neil Meredith.

Morwell Central Workshops No. 1 team scored a convincing win in the fourth annual Latrobe Valley Association of Social Clubs lightning cricket premiership at Yallourn on November 13.

Fourteen teams, comprising about 200 players, competed in the action-packed day of cricket, which organisers described as the most successful yet.

Games were played at the Yallourn ovals, Newborough and Yallourn Technical College.

Each team played three games, with six points awarded for a win plus batting and bowling bonus points.

At the end of the three rounds Morwell Briquette and Power headed the ladder with 21 points, followed by Morwell CWS (1) and Hazelwood Instrument Workshops both on 19.

Workshops' better percentage won it a place in the final.

Batting first, CWS (1) knocked up a brisk 76 from the compulsory nine overs. In reply Briquette and Power could manage only 52.

Top scorer in the final was Neil Meredith of CWS (1)

with 26.

The lightning premier-ship competition was packed with highlights — Rod Fleming of Yallourn Power Station included a "hat-trick" in his 4/8 against the Hazelwood Power Station shift team; George Card of Briquette and Power topped the batting aggregate with 111 runs in three knocks, closely followed by Lloyd Lewis of Yallourn 'W' with 99; Bob Tate of Hazelwood Instrument Workshops won the bowling aggregate with seven wickets; and Dick Rodda of Morwell Stores won the fielding award.

In addition, the large crowds at all games were treated to a feast of enormous sixes and run outs.

Manager Area Administration George Bates presented the winner's trophy to CWS (1) captain Harry Smith.

FOR SALE

A 1974 Mazda 1600 manual sedan, only 12 months old. Extras include mag wheels, with radial tyres and numerous accessories. \$3,800 ONO. Phone ext. 3674.



Manager Area Administration George Bates presents the premiership cup to Morwell Workshops No. 1 team captain Harry Smith. L.V. Association of Social Clubs president John Hutchinson (centre) looks on.

retirements



WALLY LOFTS

One of the Latrobe Valley's Coal Production personalities Wally Lofts retired from the Commission after 38 years service on October 20.

A popular person with all employes Wally began with the Commission in March, 1939 as a junior draftsman in coal supply branch at Yallourn. He was promoted to C B grade draftsman in 1941, to assistant engineer in 1947 and then to an engineer in 1950.

After holding several posts in the Headquarters group at Yallourn he transferred to maintenance section at Morwell open cut in January, 1959. After serving in an acting capacity for some time Wally was appointed Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent, Morwell open cut in August, 1970.

In October, 1973 he transferred to Mechanical Plant Engineer in Headquarters group, the position he retired from.

In retirement Wally and his wife Leslie will live in Newborough.

Next year they plan to travel overseas to Canada, America and Europe on an extended holiday. In the meantime Wally plans to enjoy his hobbies of fishing, gardening and his grandchildren.

At an informal farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors centre at Morwell, Manager Coal Production Jack Vines presented Wally with a gas lamp, a soda fountain, a record of Beethoven's 6th symphony and a set of bookends, made from the teeth of a dredger bucket wheel.



COL WEBSTER

After 39 years service with the Commission Col "Webby" Webster called it a day on November 12.

Col, one of Yallourn's all time personalities, intends retiring with his wife Sheila, to Newborough, where he

intends to enjoy his hobbies of gardening and dancing. In the short term Col and Sheila intend to take a holiday to Lakes Entrance and then to Tasmania.

Col began with the Commission in April, 1938 as a laborer with Yallourn construction, then to Yallourn Briquette Factory where he held various jobs, including a fitters assistant, cleaner, greaser, fireman and a machinist. He was transferred to Yallourn workshops in 1972 as a machinist, the position he retired from.



DICK SULLIVAN

Yallourn power station Maintenance Supervisor Dick Sullivan has joined the select group of SEC employes who have retired with more than 50 years service to their credit.

Dick, who retired on November 5, began work with the Commission as an office boy at Yallourn on January 26, 1927.

He began a fitting and turning apprenticeship in January, 1928, completing it in February, 1933.

After his appointment as Maintenance Foreman in the boilerhouse, in August, 1946, Dick progressed through various grades of Overseer until in August, 1971 he was promoted to Acting Supervisor.

In February, 1975 Dick was appointed Supervisor, the position he retired from.

Dick intends making the most of his increased spare time to concentrate on his hobbies — mainly bowls.

Dick's other interests include gardening and completing crossword puzzles.

He and his wife Ivy are keen members of Yallourn Bowling Club. They are planning a trip for early next year.

At an informal farewell in the Yallourn power station lecture room Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented Dick with a gold watch, digital clock and a toaster from his workmates.

Mrs. Sullivan received a sheaf of flowers.

Close friends and workmates had attended a dinner in Dick's honor the previous night at the Yallourn Hotel.

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approved an eventual output of 4000 MW for the Loy Yang project. Loy Yang B station also of 4 x 500 MW units, will be under construction until 1992.

International Combustion, which is already working for the SEC on several projects, including the Newport power station, will achieve 84 per cent Australian content in the boiler contract.

This was the highest Australian content of-

ferred by any of the four tenders received by the SEC.

Siemens Industries Limited will supply three 500 MW turbo-generators including design, manufacture and commissioning for their \$48 million contract.

This company also has prior experience with the SEC and is currently supplying gas turbine equipment for the Jeeralang power station.



Family days a success

More than 3,500 men, women and children attended SEC open days on November 12-13.

The open days were for Commission employees and the men and families of the 30 CFA brigades, RAAF, Volunteer Emergency Reserve, State Emergency Service, Forest Commission, APM and other organisations which helped fight the Morwell open cut fire.

Visitors came from as far away as Briagalong, Mirboo North, Sale and Warragul.

A barbecue lunch and refreshments were provided each day by the SEC for the visitors, who were also shown over the Morwell open cut, where hundreds of men had worked tirelessly for many hours to control the serious open cut fire.

They also toured Hazelwood power station.

The open days were organised by the SEC as a "thank-you" gesture to SEC personnel and volunteers who combined in an impressive example of community co-operation during fighting of the fire.



Taking a well earned rest at the family day are (from left) Joanne Daley, Bradley Taws and Darren Daley.



Enjoying their barbecue lunch are the Quick family of Morwell. They are (from left) Kevin (Patrolman), Kerry, Robyn, Steven and Lee.

Pictured at the open day are Neil Clutterbuck of Boolarra and his daughter Julie.



CONTACT'S photographer Jack Hinshelwood took this picture (above) from an Elevated Platform Vehicle or more commonly known at a "Cherry-picker" of the large crowd which attended the open day and barbecue.