

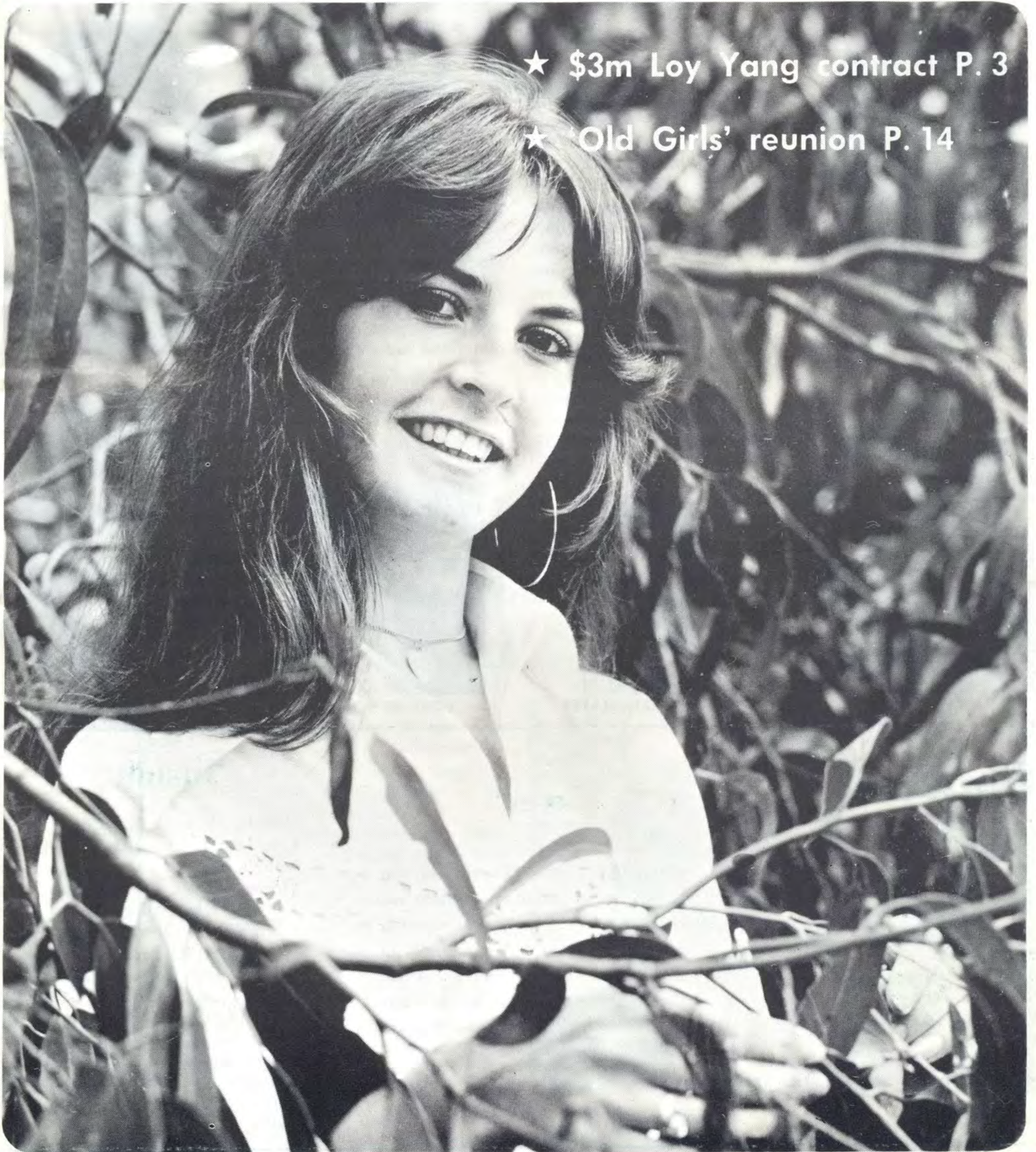
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Cricketers miss out on runs at Country Week



GRAEME MEMBREY



JOHN HARRISON



MAX YOUNG

The SEC was well represented at the 1977 Country Week cricket series in Melbourne. Nine cricketers went to Country Week, four representing the Traralgon and District Association and four from the Central Gippsland Association.

The ninth was an official scorer for C.G.C.A. matches.

Traralgon team members were Lloyd Lewis (Yallourn 'W'), Graeme Membrey (Yallourn stores), Max Young (Hazelwood power station) and Ken McQualter (Education and Training, Yallourn).

The CGCA players were Graeme Freshwater (Coal Production, Yallourn), John Harrison (Coal Production, Morwell), Fred De Bono (Timekeeping, Morwell), John Webb (Engineering Services, Morwell) and Andy Leishman (Timekeeping, Morwell).

Neither side performed well, although there were some good individual performances.

The best batting performance was by Fred De Bono, who knocked up 115 runs—in four innings, with a top score of 58 against Warragul.

CGCA captain Graeme Freshwater captured 4/17 in one innings against Mornington Peninsula.

The best all-round performance for Traralgon was by Max Young, who took 10 wickets for the week and knocked up 40 runs, while batting well down the list. His best bowling performance was 5/31 against Maryborough.

Graeme Membrey, who captained the Traralgon team, took six wickets for the week and scored 24 runs.

Both Traralgon and Central Gippsland won one game and lost three.

Traralgon was relegated from Provincial Group back to A Group, while Central Gippsland will remain in A Group.



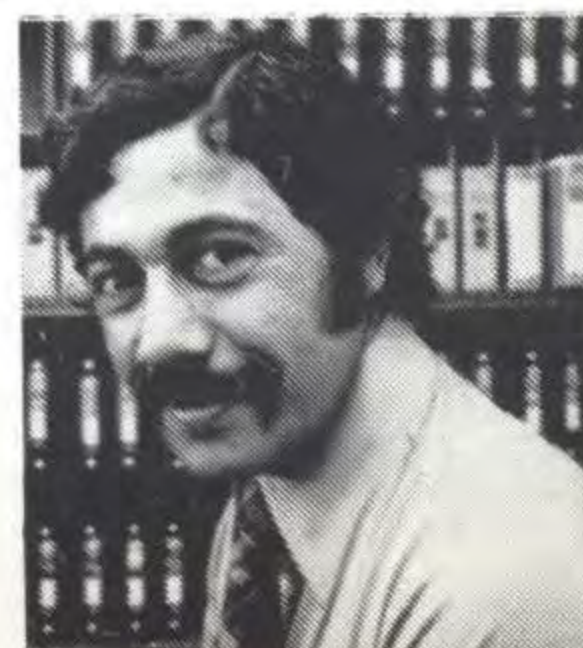
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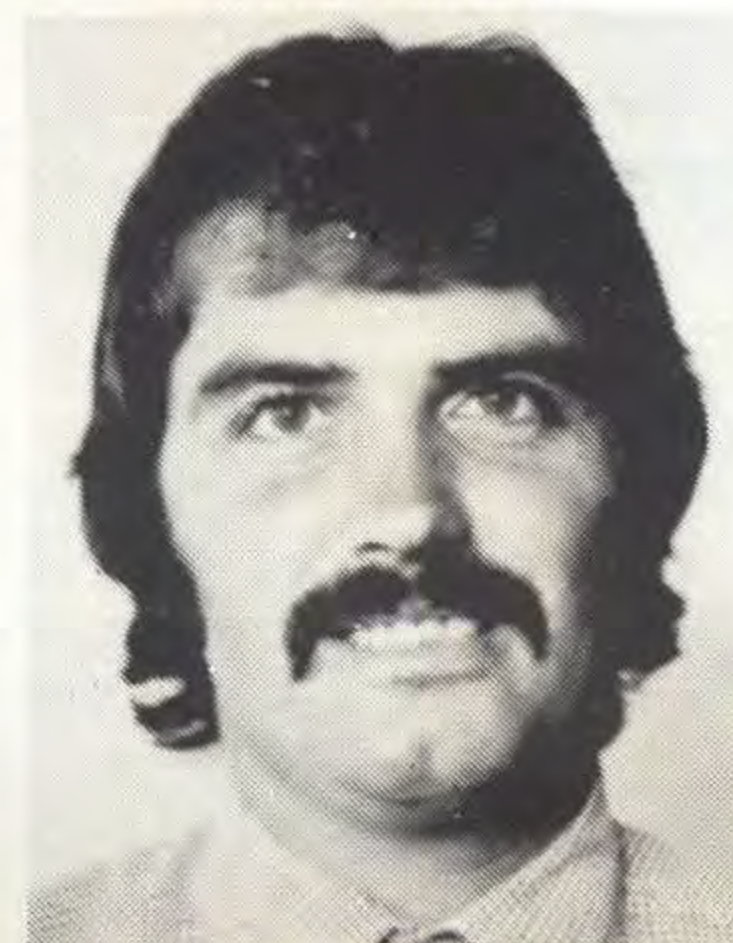
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Cover

ATTRACTIVE 22 year-old Dot Prokop, of Churchill, a drafting assistant in the Yallourn drawing office, was one of five entrants in this year's Latrobe Valley Festival Queen contest. She lists her interests as art and craft, sewing, badminton, swimming and camping.

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RON IS THE TOP SEC MAN AT LOY YANG

Initial work on the huge Loy Yang project is going ahead in leaps and bounds

Keeping an eye on works on the Barton's Lane deviation at Loy Yang is site engineer Ron Boyd.

... and the man with his finger on the Loy Yang pulse is the SEC's resident engineer Ron Boyd.

Ron, who has been involved with Loy Yang for more than 12 months, now has a site office off Barton's Lane.

He is a member of the Civil and Architectural Department and was seconded to Loy Yang from the position of engineer in of the day labor section of that department.

He is being ably assisted at Loy Yang by site engineer Rob Stewart and eight other SEC staff.

Ron and his family will be moving into the Latrobe Valley within the next couple of weeks.

Rob and his wife are already living in Traralgon.

Loy Yang works are progressing rapidly, keeping Ron and Rob — and their staff — on the job to six days a week and anything up to 10 hours a day.

Walk against want at Loy Yang

The annual Latrobe Valley 'Walk Against Want' on Sunday, April 3, will focus attention on the SEC's Loy Yang project — the route will take walkers around part of the project site.

The walk, conducted by the Traralgon and Morwell branches of Community Aid Abroad, will raise funds for overseas aid projects while bringing the needs of developing countries to Latrobe Valley community attention.

Usually about 200

people actually take part in the walk and some 2,000 people are associated with the walk through their generous sponsorship.

This year's walk day coincides with the 'Walk Against Want' in Melbourne.

In view of the considerable interest in the Loy Yang project, the

Community Aid Abroad committee thought it would appeal to walkers to have a route which would enable them to gain a first hand idea of the project before it got into full swing.

A suitable route has been arranged between the SEC and the Community Aid Abroad committee.

Further information can be obtained from either Sid Buckton (ext. 3611) or John Dargavel (34 3433 during hours).

First of many contracts awarded

Site works on the Loy Yang power station project are well under way since works began in February, about three years after the project was initially proposed.

Since February, a \$3 million contract for construction of roads, earthworks, sewerage and drainage, including initial pollution controls such as water retention ponds has been rapidly changing the complexion of the Loy Yang area.

Contractors Mecho Constructions Pty. Ltd., of Mt. Waverley are well advanced on road works; construction of run off pond; excavation work on an overburden run off ponds.

Upgrading of some roads by local councils is included

in a program of preparatory work for the project.

More than 20 men were employed by contractors on site in the early stages, a total which will rise as the work progresses.

Current construction works are concentrated on the completion of Barton's Lane deviation and preparatory work for erection of the large raw coal bunker, 500 metres north of the Barton's Lane-Minniedale Road intersection.

During the current works — and works in the future — considerable care is being taken to preserve as many native trees and plants as possible.



A large fully laden scraper was busy at work when CONTACT's photographer visited Loy Yang last week.



THE FEMALE SECS

CLIMBING to the top of the 183 metre (550 ft) Yallourn 'W' chimney is not everybody's cup-of-tea, but Michelle Cameron (typist, Yallourn 'W') successfully made the climb to the top, accompanied by Yallourn 'W' personnel recently. It took Michelle (pictured left on the gallery at the top of the chimney) 30 minutes to climb up and 30 minutes on the way down. It's believed Michelle is the first female to have completed the climb. Well done.

AFTER seven years with the Commission, Jenny De Vries called it a day on March 4, to take up a position at the Morwell police station. Jenny spent the past five years with Public Relations group as receptionist, firstly at the old Yallourn visitors centre and then the new Latrobe Valley visitors' centre at Morwell. The new receptionist is Vicki Manuel (formerly of Morwell typing pool).

'Wimpy' Armstrong retires — 46 years

Well-known Yallourn identity Bill Armstrong retired from the Commission on February 14 after 46 years service.

Bill, known to his many friends as 'Wimpy', was a member of the Yallourn Band — of which he is a life member — for 35 years. He was presented with a gold watch for excellent service to the Commission at an informal function in the old Yallourn transport workshop canteen. Services engineer (Mechanical) George Davis commended 'Wimpy' on his excellent career. George Newton, who worked with Wimpy for more than 40 years, presented

him with a crock-pot on behalf of his workmates.

'Wimpy' and his wife Doris will continue to live in Yallourn, but bowls and fishing will take him out of the area from time to time, and a holiday in Queensland during the winter is among early plans.

'Wimpy' began with the Commission in June, 1930 as a laborer at Yallourn power station and in the years to follow he worked at the Yallourn briquette factory as a laborer, cleaner, form-setter's assistant, and an electrical plant attendant. In April, 1949, he turned his hand to panel-beating in the transport workshops at Yallourn.



'Wimpy' Armstrong is pictured (above) with some of his old workmates after his retirement function.



WELCOME back: Sue Tewierik who resumed work early this month after nine months maternity leave, is currently working in the Morwell typing pool.



LYNDA Bertoli (nee Young) private secretary to Manager Engineering Services, Max Gray, returned to work on March 15, following her marriage on February 15 and a two-week honeymoon in New Zealand. Lynda married Ross Bertoli (Fitter, Yallourn). Welcome back Lynda. While Lynda was away Sharon Scott (typist, Personnel) was acting secretary to Mr. Gray.



RIDING a bike to work is good for the mind and body—just ask Gay Wilson (clerk, Hazelwood power station). Gay has been riding her bike to work, from her Morwell home (5 kilometres), for some weeks now and enjoying it. Keep pedalling Gay.



PRIVATE secretary to Manager Coal Production, Maria Rosato, is currently enjoying two weeks holiday in Canberra. Acting secretary to MCP is Joan De Fontaine (assistant typing supervisor, Morwell).



LINA Celima (formerly of Yallourn Stores) is now working in Coal Production, Morwell. Lina filled the position left vacant by the resignation of Lynne Stillburn. Valma Rye from Morwell typing pool has taken Lina's position at Stores.

THAT'S all for this month, but more stories are needed for next month's column. If you have any, contact ext. 3357 or 3642.



Pictured filling a section of the diversion project are three large pieces of Roche Bros. machinery.



This spectacular picture of pipes being laid was taken from inside one of the 13 tonne pipes.

River diversion project nearing completion

The Morwell River Diversion Project is 77.5 per cent completed and running on schedule.

Projects engineer Ian McBain says the \$5.5 million project is progressing satisfactorily.

Most of the pipe laying; Stage 1 of the Eel Hole Creek diversion; the main channel excavation, and the bulk of grassing and top soiling are all nearing completion.

The huge project involves the diversion of almost four kilometres of the Morwell River two kilometres west of Morwell.

The project, which is expected to be completed by April, 1978, includes the construction of a 3 kilometre long tunnel (actually the tunnel is made up of more than 900 individual pipes weighing 13 tonnes each) to carry the base flow of the river, and a 3.7 kilometre diversion channel able to carry floodwaters.

The project is required to safeguard the Morwell open cut, which eventually will extend through much of the present flood plain.

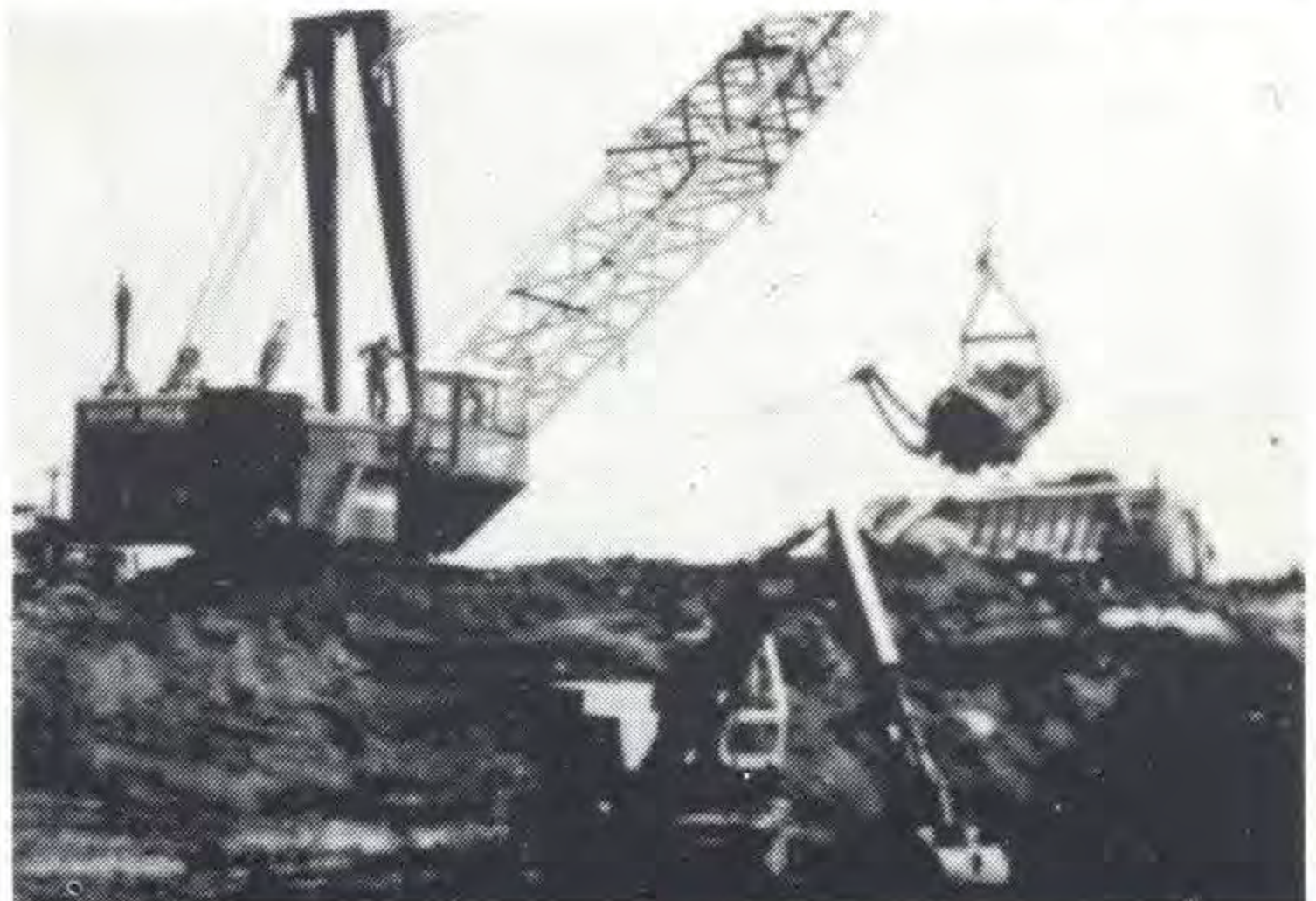
Roche Bros. Pty. Ltd., are contractors for the project.



Laying the 13 tonne pipes at the diversion is a major job, this picture gives an excellent overall view of the procedure.



Pictured above dumping a load of fill is one of the many large Euclid trucks used by Roche Bros.



Busily excavating dirt from a section of the river diversion were these items of plant.



COAL PRODUCTION



Above: After receiving their pennant and certificate, these members of the 'D' roster operations gang were happy to pose for a photograph.

TOP EFFORT BY THREE COAL GANGS

February 8, 1977, was a day to remember for three Morwell Coal Production gangs.

It was the day on which they each received awards for outstanding safety performances.

The gangs were the 'D' roster operations, day gang coal operations and the mobile plant gang, auxiliary operations.

Awards were presented

by manager Coal Production Jack Vines in the Morwell workshops training centre.

The 'D' roster operations safety award was for 100,000 hours without disabling injury, achieved from August 30, 1973 to June 17, 1976. The 34 man gang's most recent disabling injury was on August 3, 1973 — more than 190,000 "safe" manhours ago.

The 28 man day gang also received a 100,000 manhours pennant and certificate. Their last DI was on January 31, 1973 and they actually have put together 225,000 manhours without a DI.

The mobile plant gang auxiliary operations (21 men) has the best record of the three gangs.

It received a 250,000 manhour award and pennant. Since recording a DI on February 4, 1966, they have notched 428,000 manhours without a DI.

Congratulating the men concerned on achieving the awards, Mr. Vines said he hoped they could continue their excellent records.



Above: Showing off their pennant and certificate are the day gang coal operations team after the presentation in the Morwell workshops training centre.

Right: Looking as pleased as 'Punch' are some members of the plant gang, auxiliary operations, after the presentation.





100,000 hour safety award

The Latrobe Valley electrical workshops section of Transmission Operations proudly received its 100,000 manhour safety award early this month.

It was the first time the combined workshops section has achieved a safety award.

The section is made up of 70 men at the Yallourn electrical workshops and 18 at Morwell.

Yallourn workshops most recent disabling injury was in April, 1974, while the Morwell workshops has had only two DI's in 10 years.

Their combined safety record to early this month was more than 125,000 man-hours without a DI.

The presentation of the National Safety Council of Australia's certificate and pennant was made by the Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ray Greenwood in the old Yallourn visitors' centre.

AGM (Ops) opens golf club

The picturesque Morwell Golf Club course was officially opened by the SEC's AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo on Saturday, March 5.

The new golf club was formed in 1971, leading to construction of a course which could well become one of the prettiest courses in Gippsland.

The club has gone ahead in leaps and bounds — at present it boasts 300 members, 220 associates and more than 100 junior members.



Proudly displaying their safety pennant and certificate are the members of the electrical workshops.

'STEWIE' CALLS IT A DAY

One of the more colorful members of the Transmission Operations group, Stewart 'Stewie' Evans, called it a day on March 2 after 27 years with the Commission.

Ill health forced 'Stewie' to retire early.

He and his wife Frances are going to enjoy retirement together and take things "from day to day". His hobbies of fishing and enjoying life will take up the majority of his time.

'Stewie' began with the Commission in 1946 as a motor mechanic assistant at

Kiewa.

He transferred to Hazelwood power station control centre from Geelong in 1964. He was reclassified a technical services officer due to ill health in 1974, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the canteen of the Latrobe Valley Control Centre at Morwell, Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ray Greenwood presented 'Stewie' with a fishing rod and reel and a set of glasses on behalf of his workmates.

'Stewie' was the first person to retire from the new LVCC.



'STEWIE' EVANS



Pictured after the official opening are (from left) Morwell Golf Club captain Matt English, AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo, club secretary Bill Warren and club president Ian McDonald.

20 and over club proving to be highly successful

The formation last year of a Latrobe Valley Stores '20 and Over Club' has proved to be one of the better ideas of 1976.

Social functions arranged by the Club, which is for stores personnel (including retirees) with an SEC service record spanning at last 20 years, have been highly successful.

Significantly, attendance has increased on each occasion a function has been arranged.

For instance, the pre-Christmas get-together attracted 17 members (six of whom are retired) and their wives out of a membership of 33.

The only similar club in the SEC, from Central Stores,

was represented at the pre-Christmas function by visitors Jack Hocking and Max Prescott and their wives.

The most ambitious activity on the planning boards—no firm date has been set—is a picnic get-together to which all members of the Latrobe Valley and Central Stores clubs will be invited.

A suggested venue is Coal Creek Historical Park at Korumburra.

• The club's membership book is far from closed.

President Alan Scarce (2553 or 3458) and secretary Jack Wilkinson (2182) have tried to contact all potential members, but would welcome inquiries from anyone eligible to join.



Receiving some sound advice are four of the new apprentices (from left), Peter Middleton, Brian Rees, Ross Smith, all from Traralgon, and Rodney Leitch, from Lang Lang.

128 APPRENTICES INDUCTED TO SEC

An introduction to the wider picture of SEC operations in the Latrobe Valley was one of the early phases in the induction of 128 apprentices who began their trade training with the SEC this year.

Since most apprentices begin in mid-January — the last batch of nine signed on in late January — considerable

effort has gone into ensuring that they get away to a good start.

The induction program included a tour of SEC works areas, including a session at the recently opened Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre in Morwell, talks on trade and safety requirements, and an

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Pine tree has a birds eye view

It's not every day you can see a pine tree on top of an SEC dredger. But this is currently the case at Hernes Oak, where the SEC's newest dredger, No. 13, is being constructed.

SEC's Coal Production Department Manager, Jack Vines said today, 'The pine tree was hoisted to the top of the 34 metre high dredger on February 15 and "planted" to signify the dredger has reached its maximum height.

Overall erection responsibility for No. 13 Dredger rests with Krupp (Aust.) Pty Ltd., a subsidiary of the giant European company, Krupp of Germany", he said.

Mr. Vines added, "The \$5.5 million bucket wheel dredger is about

90-95 per cent completed. Construction of the dredger, which began in October 1975, is expected to be completed in April/May this year.

Erection of the dredger is under the direct control of Krupp's site representative, Heinrich Haferkamp.

He said "On site construction supervision, under Site Engineer Roy Mawby, is by the SEC's Latrobe Valley Coal Production Department, while contract administration is in the hands of Fuel Department. Mechanical erection is being carried out by the Morwell based Latrobe Valley branch of Simon Engineering (Aust.), while electrical work is by Oliver J. Nilsen of Morwell."



CONTACT photographer Jack Hinshelwood took this picture of the Valley's "tallest tree" — with a little help from No. 13 dredger.



The Yallourn rinks were a hive of activity during the day as the picture above indicates.

Annual bowls day was huge success

More than 60 members of the Melbourne SEC bowls club competed against Latrobe Valley bowlers last month in their annual match at Yallourn.

The Latrobe Valley team was made up of bowlers from Morwell, Morwell Club, Moe, Newborough and Yallourn.

The Melbourne team was led by Club president Ian McDonald, secretary Roy Tabley and team manager Gordon Payne.

They were welcomed by Yallourn bowling club senior vice-president Don Casey. Two games of 12 ends each were played.

The winning Melbourne

bowls club team of Gordon Nunn, Herb Martin, Win Chadwick and Keith Chapman was presented with trophies (donated by the Latrobe Valley Association of Social Clubs) by Rod Doig — secretary Latrobe Valley Association of Social Clubs, and the winning Latrobe Valley team of Jack and Dot Thorpe, Jack Mitchell and Lorna Carlisle received trophies from Ian McDonald.

Local organiser Neil Harwood says the day was highly successful and enjoyed by both teams. The generosity and participation of the Latrobe Valley Association of Social Clubs was appreciated, he said.



The winning Latrobe Valley team is (from left), Jack Thorpe (Captain), Dot Thorpe, Lorna Carlisle and Jack Mitchell.



Pictured with their trophies are the members of the winning Melbourne team (from left) Kath Chapman, Win Chadwick, Herb Martin and Gordon Nunn (Captain).



CONTACT's photographer caught these two players concentrating on their game during the afternoons proceedings.



Fire lookout is not everybody's cup of tea

Standing in a small lookout cubicle more than 25 metres off the ground — often in temperatures above 35 degrees celsius up to eight hours a day — may not be your choice.

But to members of the Fire Services group its all in a day's work.

Fire Services supervisor Alec 'Darby' Bremner points

out that the SEC has three fire lookouts — one at Morwell, Yallourn and Coalville — and his men man two out of the three lookouts (Coalville tower is looked after by APM) when there is sufficient fire risk.

If smoke is sighted, they pinpoint its location with a radius drafter on a map situated in the lookout cubicle.

Other responsibilities of the group are:

- testing and maintaining all types of firefighting equipment at Morwell, Yallourn, Hazelwood and Loy Yang,
- training auxiliary personnel from all power stations, central workshops, and civil works,
- assisting Coal Production services when required,
- carrying out fire prevention work — including construction of fire breaks around the perimeter of the works area and mowing of grass — and,
- assisting local fire brigades when required.

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Checking a siting from the lookout is Fireman Allen McEwan. The Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation is in the background.

Pictured right is a fireman's view from the top of the Morwell lookout tower.



Rehabilitation work completed

A large program of rehabilitation work on the Eel Hole creek deviation (a part of the Morwell River diversion) was completed on March 11.

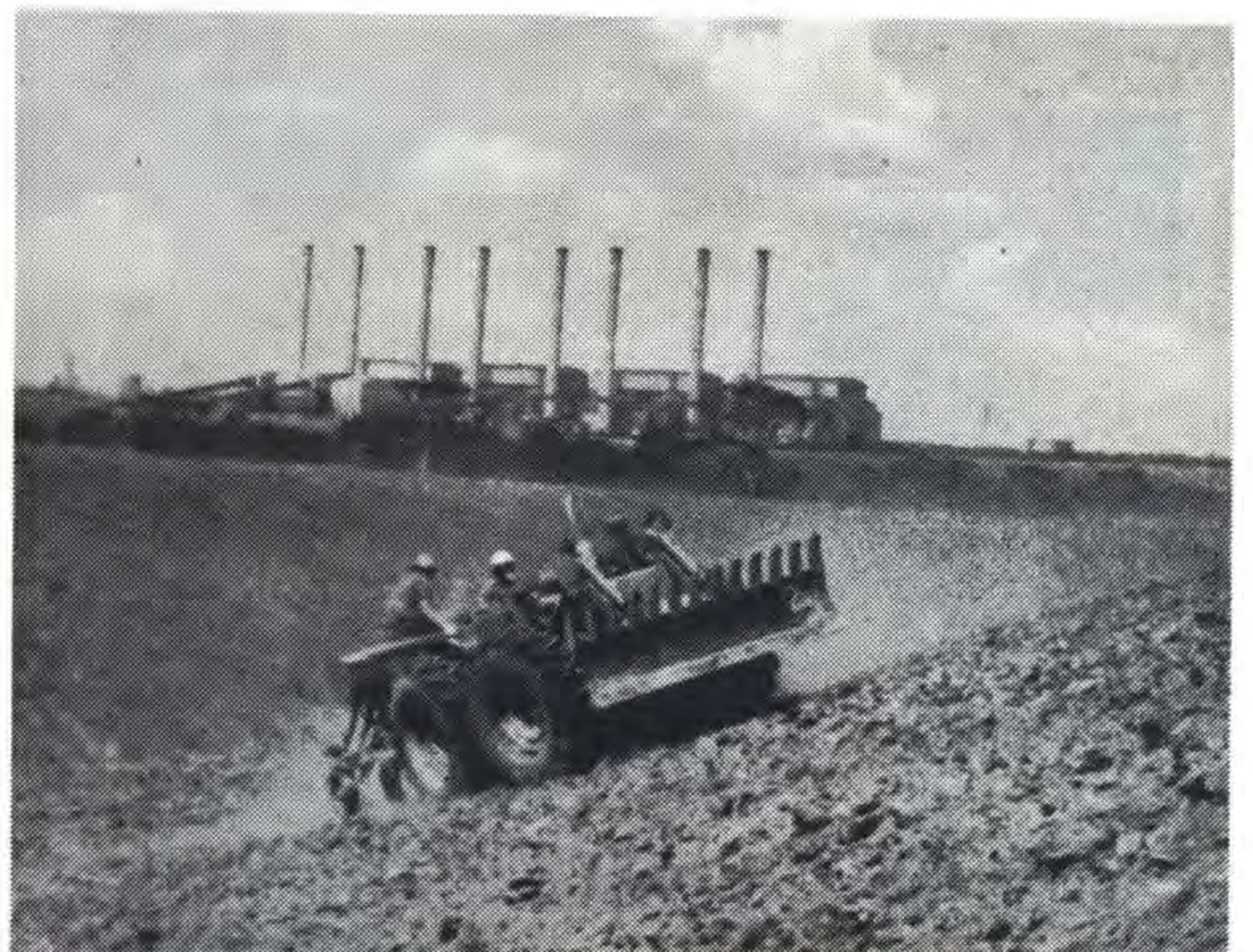
The work involved chisel ploughing creek embankments and pattern ploughing and sowing seed.

It is the first time this rehabilitation method has been planned as a major part of a large engineering project.

In all, local sub-contractor, Dick Chester ploughed and sowed down 13 hectares of embankments over a two week period early in March.

A grass and clover mixture was used along with a complete fertiliser.

More than 100 hectares of similar rehabilitation work is yet to be carried out on the main diversion floodway channel at Morwell River.



Contractors were busy sowing the embankments of Eel Hole Creek when CONTACT's photographer took this picture early this month.



Pictured during the induction week training in the Morwell workshops training centre, are members of the new intake with typing services supervisor Lyn Leitch. The girls are (from left), Ruth Boulton, Carmen Umbrasas, Margaret Ljubinkovic, Pauline Maggs, Wendy Haustorfer, Robyn Luke, Pina Massaro, Dagmar Gruss.

THE CLASS OF 77 MOVES IN

A number of attractive new faces have recently appeared around the Morwell area administration building.

The faces are those of nine girls in the 1977 typing intake.

The girls began their career with the Commission in January and have been busy at work ever since, firstly with induction week—which included a tour of the Latrobe Valley works area—and then learning SEC typing

procedures.

In the new intake are Ruth Boulton, Carmen Umbrasas, Margaret Ljubinkovic, Pauline Maggs, Wendy Haustorfer, Robyn Luke, Pina Massaro, Dagmar Gruss and Mary Iskric (formerly of records).

After three months of training in the typing pool, the girls will take up relieving duties around the works area at various locations to gain experience.

ROD AND BRIAN MEET THE DUKE IN PERSON

It's not every day you get to meet the Duke of Edinburgh, but two young SEC employes were fortunate enough on March 17.

They were Brian Wilson (Stores, Morwell) and Rod Geurtz (apprentice electrician, Yallourn).

Both were officially presented with their 'gold' Duke of Edinburgh awards —

which they actually won in 1975—by the Royal visitor.

Presentations were made aboard the Royal Yacht, Britannia, at Station Pier in Melbourne.

Brian and Rod, special guests at a formal ceremony for similar award winners, later enjoyed afternoon tea on the Royal Yacht.

Both won their awards in 1975 after 12 months of dedicated work.

FOR SALE

An immaculate 3 bed-roomed brick clad home. Attractive and well situated in Yallourn North, the house features a number of improvements.

Extras include carport, concrete paths, curbs and lawn edging, well established trees and shrubs, venetian blinds, floor coverings, sun room, electric HWS, electric range stove, TV tower and antenna, gas heating, wallpaper throughout, new roof and guttering.

Attractive views.

For further details, contact Rick Crookes, ext. 3697.

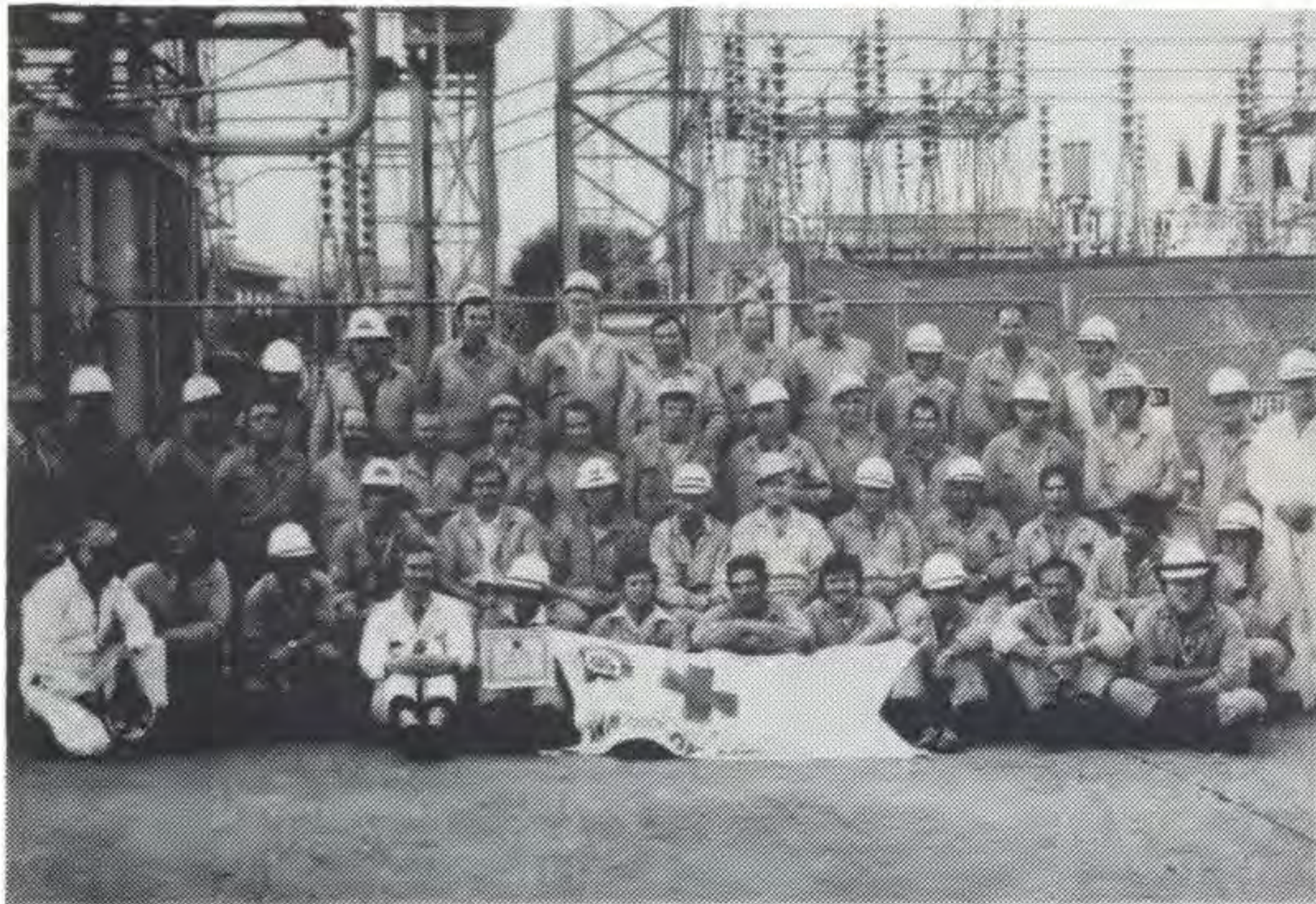


Above: Showing off his invitation to the Duke of Edinburgh award presentation is Brian Wilson.



Rod Geurtz (pictured left) was busy at work when CONTACT's photographer called on him last week.

 **POWER GENERATION**



Pictured above is the Cleaners and boiler cleaners after their safety award presentation.

Looking pleased with their effort is the Turbine room maintenance group (right).

Study tour

Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson, will leave early next month on an eight week overseas study tour.

He'll be visiting South Africa, England, Scotland, West Germany and Japan.

Mr. Robertson, during visits to major electricity supply authorities in various countries, will study man-



JACK ROBERTSON

agement, operation, maintenance techniques, training methods and manning levels of large thermal power stations and groups of power stations.

He will also visit major contractors to study the manufacture and maintenance of major power station plant and equipment.

Mr. Robertson will leave Australia on April 2, returning early in June.

MAINTENANCE GROUP — FIRST SAFETY AWARD

The Yallourn power station turbine maintenance group made history on March 8 when they were presented with their first safety award.

The award was for 100,000 manhours without a lost time injury between October 7, 1975 and November 24, 1976 (414 days —13.8 months).

So far, the 43 man group has notched 510 days (122,077 manhours) without a lost time injury.

The group was presented with its National Safety Council of Australia pennant and certificate by Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson at an informal presentation in the power station lecture room.

Mr. Robertson also presented the cleaners and boiler cleaners group with a 100,000 manhour safety award.

It was the group's second 100,000 hour award.

Their previous award was in 1971, when Group No. 13 from the cleaning section reached 141,895 manhours without a DI.

The 72 man group includes shift cleaners, boiler cleaners and general cleaners.

It reached the 100,000 target in eight months, from March 23, 1976 to November 22 (244 days). They have now reached 350 days (142,635 manhours) without a lost time injury.



Attending to a casualty are (from left) Sister Margaret Greig, Jack Whiteley and Bob Hardaker.

Accident

Oneman had cut his hand off, wit han electric saw, another had been electricuted and a third had a badly lacerated hand and was suffering from shock.

This was the situation which confronted the Yallourn power station's first aid and rescue team when called to a 'mock' accident in the YPS carpenters' shop early this month.

YPS safety officer Herb Wandmaker says similar mock accidents are held every month to keep the team in practice should a serious accident occur in the station.

Service Register

COMMISSION wages and staff employees who reached significant service milestones during March are included in this month's register.

25 YEARS:

E. Lesiw	Workshop, Yallourn
V. C. Rainbow	Area Administration
J. P. Todd	Mechanical Services
J. Storey	Yallourn Power Station
J. Mellups	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
L. E. Allison	Yallourn Power Station
B. J. Clayton	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
J. Nutt	Yallourn Power Station
J. C. Watt	Civil Services
L. C. Williams	Yallourn Open Cut.
B. Sutcliffe	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
M. Whitmore	Yallourn Open Cut
D. J. Darby	Mechanical Services
S. Brymner	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
R. M. Croot	Yallourn Power Station
J. R. Carswell	Secretarial Division
J. Mularczyk	Transmission Services

30 YEARS:

B. Hutchinson	Personnel Division
F. A. Badenhope	Coal Production Headquarters
R. H. Whitford	Yallourn Power Station
K. H. Cooper	Finance Division
N. A. Lelievre	Finance Division
F. W. Hiscock	Materials & Services Division

34 YEARS:

D. K. McAlister	Yallourn Power Station
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35 YEARS:

B. W. Taig	Yallourn Open Cut
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36 YEARS:

M. C. Rodda	Mechanical Services
J. F. Hill	Yallourn Open Cut
J. C. Ryan	Yallourn Open Cut
F. Sanders	Coal, Morwell

37 YEARS:

K. E. R. Woff	Secretarial Division
J. Shaw	Civil Services

38 YEARS:

W. A. Lofts	Coal Production Headquarters
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39 YEARS:

E. G. Parry	Yallourn Power Station
R. R. Ralston	Yallourn Open Cut
G. L. Taylor	Yallourn Power Station

42 YEARS:

J. McDonald	Mechanical Services
K. F. Parker	Yallourn 'W' Power Station

46 YEARS:

M. J. O'Neill	Civil Services
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Rodger and Marilyn Godfrey check out a plan of their "new" home.

Hard labor has paid off for Roger Godfrey

Rodger Godfrey, a Technical Services Officer at Central Workshops in Yallourn and Yallourn resident for 22 years, sentenced himself in May last year to a couple of years' hard labor.

That was when he moved the attic house in which he had lived at 28 Church Street for 11 years to a new location at Tyers.

However, neither Rodger nor his wife Marilyn are complaining about the hard labor — their dream of owning an imaginative home in a picturesque country setting is coming true.

It would take an experienced eye to identify the 21 square Godfrey home as a Yallourn house, and it will be even more difficult when the couple complete the task of establishing the first home they can call their own.

Apart from spreading out somewhat since its Yallourn days — and there's more to come — the house now boasts colorbond roofing, hardiplank exterior, generous aluminium windows and remodelled, replastered interior.

And thanks to the ideas

of Rodger and Marilyn; the technical skill of Hazelwood Assistant Unit Controller Juris Gulbis — who was engaged in architectural training before joining the SEC — plus plenty of hard work, it all adds up to a highly satisfying project for the Godfreys.

The going has not all been smooth since the couple became the first Yallourn residents to buy the house they lived in back in June, 1975, but the Godfreys have taken the inevitable setbacks in their stride.

The effort — "and this is only the first stage", Rodger says — has obviously been well worthwhile.

FOR SALE

A yellow Wood's Framed Continental tent in excellent condition. Size 9' x 9'.

CONTACT: Ext 3295 or 34 1229.

A three bedroomed weather-board Traralgon home, on a large block and close to shops.

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Chatting over a drink were (from left) Judy Singer (Lake-man), Lois Miller (Stephenson), Myra Collins and Peggy Bardebés (Steffan).



This group of old girls' were enjoying themselves, they are (from left), Back row: Betty Vinall (Pearce), June Pearce (Wells), Greta Lloyd (Chancellor), Phil Mackie (Pennington), Vi McColl (Ebsworth), Peggy Murray (Wells), Lorna Armstrong (Ebsworth), Margaret Schonberger (Parkhill) Eunice Marshall (Parkhill); Front row: Deidre Lepel (Tranior), Daphne Jackson (Silby Hele), Dawn Couley (Yeomans) and Marj Spencer (Manners).



Pictured above: enjoying themselves is a cross section of the 140 'Old Girls' that attended the reunion.

“Old girls” reunion was huge success

The clock was turned back a few years on Saturday, March 5, in Morwell, when the Yallourn Old Girls' Association held its second annual reunion.

More than 140 'old girls' returned for the successful function, coming from as far as Geelong, Melbourne, Bairnsdale and Kiewa.

Guest of honor this year was Mrs. Nell Wynd of Geelong (nee Hewitt) who was a very popular teacher at the high school for a number of years. Her talk on the old days with her former students was the highlight

of the evening.

The Old Girls' Association was formed at the request of those 'old girls' who attended the Yallourn High school reunion last year during the 'Back to Yallourn' celebrations.

One hundred and sixty women from as far away as New Zealand and from all states in Australia attended the first reunion, following which the function became an annual event.

The reunion this year was open to all who attended the high school between 1930-60.



Pictured during the evening are (from left), Back row: Tess Gray (nee Whitehouse), Neta Billingsley (Spittall), Gloria Stewart (Thorpe), Dorothy Meredith (Whitehouse), Mildred Neal (Crowe); Front row: Hilary Slade (Spittall), Nell Wynd (Hewitt) Teacher, Lucy Bathurst (Crowe) and Val Embry (Kerr).



Pictured gathering some food are (from left) Barbara O'Neill (Murphy), Maida Smith (Hughes), Dorothy McGuinness (Summerton), and Marj Dickson (Ebsworth).

RETIREMENTS



ARIE SNEL

Arie Snel plans a busy retirement in Morwell. Already in the process of building a new home for himself and his wife Margje, Arie says that putting the finishing touches to the house will keep him more than busy — and then preparing the gardens will receive his attention. Sailing and working on a wood lathe will fill in the remainder of his spare time.

He is also planning a holiday to Queensland.

Arie, who began with the Commission 17 years ago as a fitter in the Yallourn workshops, was farewelled at an informal function in Bay 4 of Yallourn workshops following his retirement as a fitter on February 27.

Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis presented Arie with an iron, a pair of binoculars, a first aid kit, a wallet and key holder on behalf of the Workshops Welfare Committee.



CHARLIE WALKER

Charlie Walker and his wife Mary will make their future home in Newborough, where Charlie intends to spend considerable time getting the garden into shape. Once settled in their new home, the Walkers plan an overseas holiday. After 35 years with the Commission, Charlie called it a day on February 5. He began in January, 1941 as a laborer at Coal, Yallourn, transferring to the position of coal conveyor attendant in December, 1945 and on to transport operator in 1946. He received promotion to leading hand plant attendant in October, 1954, a position he worked at for three years until he transferred to a ditch loader driver in June, 1957. Charlie retired as an operator at Yallourn 'W' Power Station.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn coal junction house, Yallourn 'W' station operations engineer Noel Shears presented Charlie with a digital clock.



'JOCK' WATT

John 'Jock' Watt intends to take retirement from day to day and enjoy his hobby of bowls. A member of the

Yallourn Bowling Club, Jock would like to travel around Victoria playing bowls when and where he liked. He will continue to live in Yallourn. At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn power station's paint shop, civil works engineer Tom Stillman presented Jock with a wallet and notes on behalf of workmates. Jock, who began with the Commission in March, 1952 as a painter at civil services at Yallourn, retired from the position after 24 years service.



BILL STEVENS

Bill's hobbies — he's a handyman and keen bowler — will be taking up a deal of his time in retirement. who retired from the Commission after 13 years on February 24.

Bill, who will continue to

live in Traralgon, began with the Commission as a trades assistant at Yallourn Central Workshops in January, 1964. In May, 1964, he became a rigger in the workshops, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the workshops, he was presented with a grinder, a vice, a plane and a tie bar by workshops superintendent Charlie Prust.

A touring holiday to Perth and Geraldton in Western Australia is among the retirement plans of Bill Stevens,

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128 APPRENTICES INDUCTED TO

inspection of workshops at Yallourn.

Mr. Bill Fotheringham, of the Industrial Training Commission office at Traralgon, discussed legal aspects of trade training with the new apprentices, each of whom is

beginning a four year period of training.

The 1977 apprentice intake for Latrobe Valley-based SEC departments was 10 above the total for the previous year, bringing the number of apprentices train-

ing in the Latrobe Valley to 404.

Fitting and Turning will absorb 49 of the new apprentices; 24 will train as electrical mechanics and 15 have their sights set on careers in boilermaking.

Other trade areas for which apprentices have signed on include motor mechanics, painting, instrument making and repair, carpentry, plumbing, bricklaying, gardening, linesman and refrigeration mechanic.

Valley Visitors

Former minister takes in a two day tour



Discussing the Loy Yang project are Angus Dawes from London and the SEC's Keith Froebel.

One of the more interesting visitors to the SEC's works areas during the month was Mr. Pat Kennelly, a former minister for Public Works and Electrical Undertakings.

Mr. Kennelly, who held the post in the Labor Government from 1945-47 during his very colorful political history, worked at the old Yallourn briquette factory for

a short period.

He and his wife took in a two day tour of the Latrobe Valley works area.

Many other visitors came from overseas and interstate, including Angus Cleaver, from Bain Dawes, Insurance brokers of London. He was accompanied by SEC chief claims officer Keith Froebel.

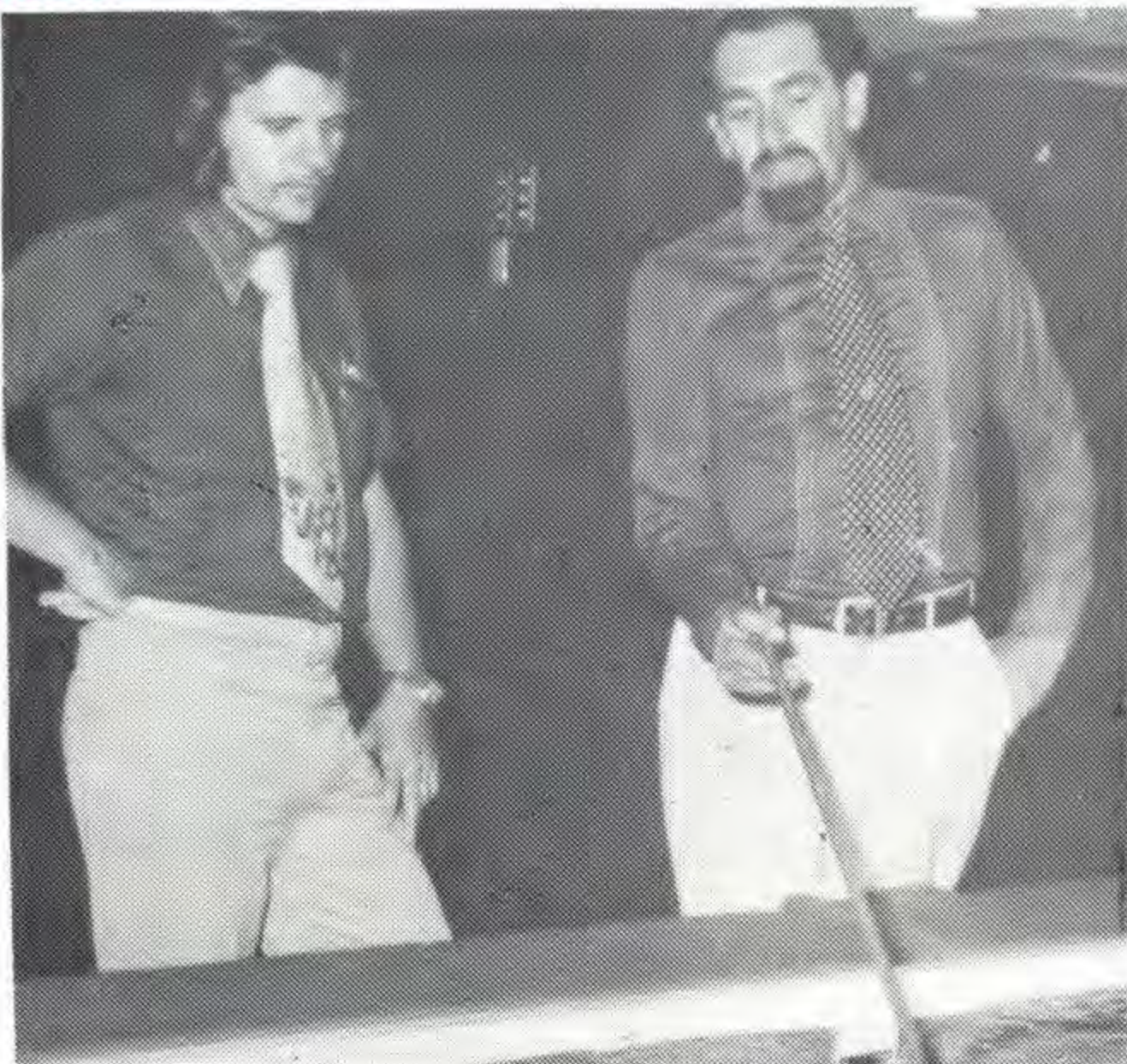
A party of seven senior personnel from the Snowy Mountains Council, led by electrical plant engineer Keith Montague, arrived by plane at the Latrobe Valley airport in early March, then proceeded to visit the Commission's works areas.

Members of the party also held discussions with senior SEC management personnel.

The BHP apprentice of the year, Michael Smallcombe of Newcastle, visited the Yallourn workshops and the apprentice workshops during a one day stay in the area.



Pictured after they stepped off their plane at the Latrobe Valley Airport are the members of the Snowy Mountains Council.



Public Liaison Officer Alec Wood (right) points out a feature on one of the area models in the LV Visitors' centre to BHP apprentice Michael Smallcombe.



Yallourn North Overseer Ernie Mitchell (far left) points out a feature of the Yallourn North Extension to Mr. and Mrs. Kennelly.