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CONTACT

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Mr. and Mrs. Benson, pictured above a painting of the Southway Road, Yallourn, house in which they lived for almost 48 years before moving to their granny flat in Newborough.

As the picture (below) indicates, they have settled in well into the two-roomed (plus kitchenette) flat they now call "home".

The flat has a good outlook, but the Bensons took along their large collection of potted plants to add to the outdoor scene.

Rapid Increase

To meet the rapid increase in Victoria's requirements for electricity the SEC will need to spend over \$3,000 million on new capital works in the next 10 years. About half of this amount will be spent on capital works in the Latrobe Valley.

Yallourn house, land sale offer

An SEC decision to make relocated Yallourn houses and resettlement estates land not required by Yallourn residents available for sale to SEC employees generally took effect from April 1. A special bulletin listing two houses and seven allotments offered for sale was circulated immediately after the Easter break. Applications closed with the resettlement office (62 2393)

on April 27. The Commission has decided that houses relocated for resettlement purposes but not bought by Yallourn residents within three months of first being advertised will be made available to SEC employees generally. Land in resettlement estates which is neither bought nor allocated within an appropriate period will also be offered for sale. Special bulletins will be issued periodically as houses

The Bensons are "Granny Flat Pioneers"

Sid and Elsie Benson are real pioneer stock.

They were in the thick of the SEC's Yallourn development from 1923, and they again broke new ground when they recently became the first Yallourn residents to move into 'granny flat' accommodation in this area.

Granny flats are mobile flats owned by the Housing Commission and which can be sited with an established residence on a normal residential block.

The Bensons moved into their granny flat at 30 Shanahan Parade in Newborough early this month, where they are living beside their daughter Hazel and son-in-law Jim Downey.

While both had mixed feelings about leaving the Yallourn home in which they

lived since 1929, Sid and Elsie have no regrets about the move.

It has enabled them to be close to the Downeys while at the same time maintaining their privacy and independence.

An SEC employee from 1923 to his retirement in 1959, Sid — who joined every transmission cable on the first line between Yallourn and the Bunyip River — has been a prominent behind-the-scenes sporting figure in Yallourn.

For his assistance and support over a long period, Sid was honored with life membership of the Yallourn Cricket Club, the Central Gippsland Cricket Association and the Yallourn Golf Club.

The Bensons have won a lot of friends over the years.

The involvement of their sons Les, Don and Col in sport and with the SEC has kept them deeply involved in life around them—which perhaps explains the steady stream of well-wishers to No. 7 Southway Road during the weeks before their departure from Yallourn.

● Since making their move, the Bensons have "rediscovered" some old friends, now living in the Newborough area and well within easy walking distance.

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

WHOLLY SET UP BY THE L.V. PRINTERS, TRARALGON — MOE

Cover

Initial pipe laying works at the Loy Yang project began early this month. The large pipes are being laid by Contractors Mecho Pty. Ltd. of Melbourne.

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Senior post to Ray Greenwood

The appointment of former Assistant Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations, Ray Greenwood as Deputy Manager, Engineering Services Department, gives Ray his second major new appointment since moving to the Latrobe Valley area just over two years ago.

While the new post ends a 22 year association with the State's main transmission system, it returns Ray to a field in which he is no stranger.

Before joining the SEC in 1955, he was employed by the Commonwealth Depart-



RAY GREENWOOD

ment of Works, gaining wide experience in Darwin, Canberra and Melbourne.

In Engineering Services Department, he will be directly associated with the administration of mechanical, transport and general workshop facilities within the Operations Group.

The construction and maintenance of civil engineering works and facilities common to the SEC Works Area and Yallourn township are also the responsibility of the Department.

During the next two months, Ray will work closely with Engineering Services Department manager Max Gray, who retires from Commission service on June 10.



Contractors (above) were busy at work early this month constructing a temporary bridge at Traralgon South Creek.

IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD AT LOY YANG

It's full steam ahead with works at Loy Yang at present.

Loy Yang resident engineer Ron Boyd says that works are progressing briskly — before the winter sets in.

Major works currently under way at Loy Yang are the re-construction of Mat-

tingley's Hill and Sander's Roads by the Shire of Traralgon. The works include construction of a temporary bridge over Traralgon Creek.

Works on the Barton's Lane deviation is progressing satisfactorily, the construction run off treatment pond has

been completed and works on the 3.5 kilometre pipeline for the major drainage system has begun.

Ron says the next major work to begin is construction of the large raw coal bunker 300 metres north of the Barton's Lane and Minnie-dale Road intersection.

Work is scheduled to begin in November this year.

Yallourn 'W' is back in service

The return to "active service" of Yallourn 'W' power station during the past month ended a lengthy spell of detailed inspection and repairs.

The No. 2 unit was fired up on February 25 for the first time since boiler furnace tube failure occurred in the 700 MW station on November 28 last year.

The unit came back into the system on March 7.

The No. 1 unit returned

to operation on March 30, developing full load the following day.

Following the decision to take the power station out of service on safety grounds last year, extensive testing and modification of furnace wall tubing involved in the failure was carried out.

This involved detailed laboratory and metallurgical testing of boiler tubing, individual checking of hundreds of furnace tube bends

in each boiler and a full programme of modification and restoration.

Tube bends around openings were replaced or modified as required.

In a statement released on the return to service, Power Generation Department manager Jack Robertson described the outage as "... a long and arduous job for all concerned, but well justified in the interests of safety".

John Naismith's Comment...



I really don't think they're letting the new guys spend enough time learning how to splice wires.

New Co-op offices are on schedule

Work on the new \$300,000 SEC Social League Credit Co-Operative Limited offices in Morwell is right on schedule.

The modern two-storey building will occupy a prime position at the corner of Commercial Road and Chapel Street.

Co-op general manager Howard Betts expects the new air-conditioned building to be completed next month in good time for an official opening in June.

The new building will replace the existing cramped accommodation now leased in Central Arcade, off Church Street in Morwell.

The new credit society

home will have 3,830 square feet of office space available for lease on the top floor.

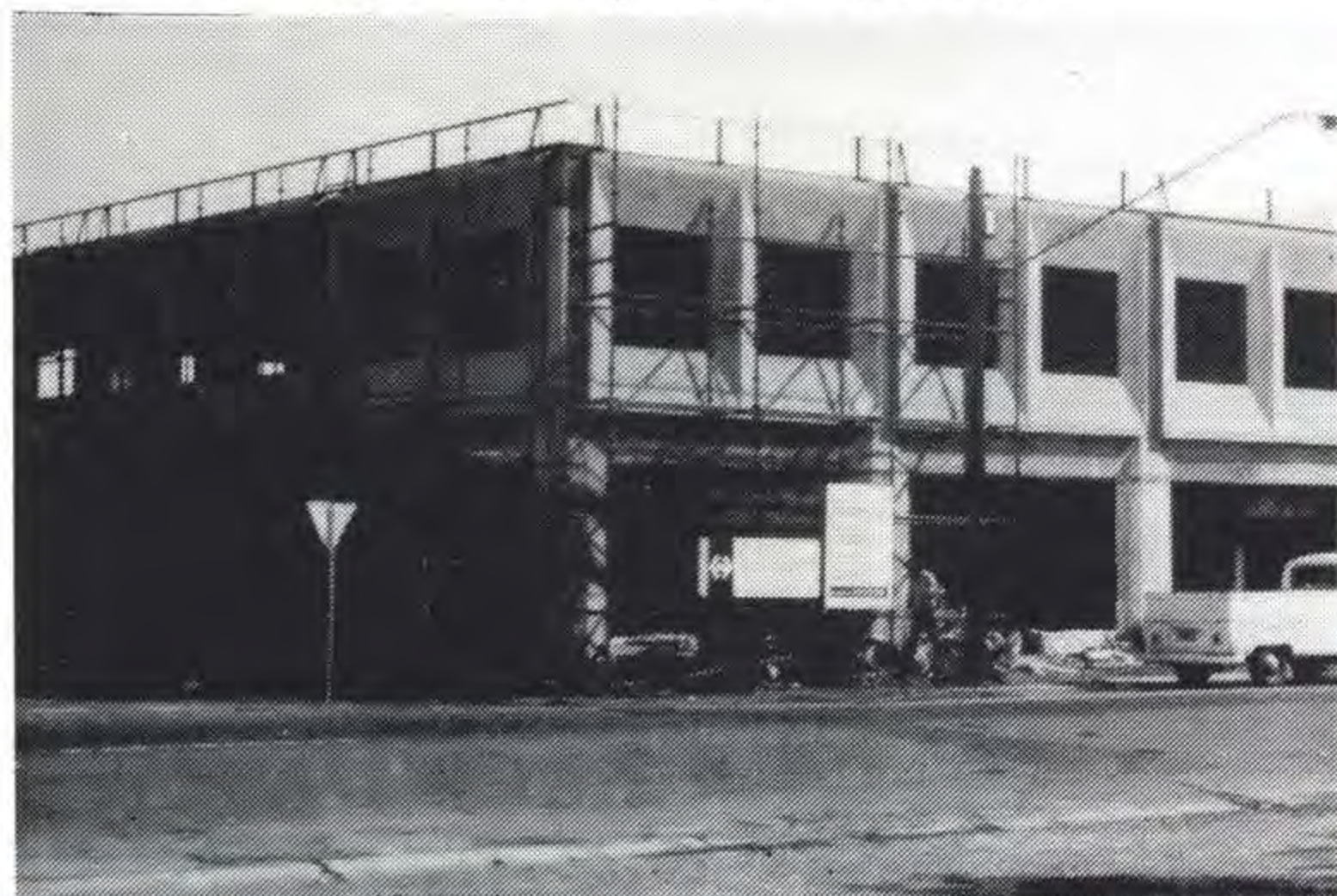
The ground floor (2,100 square feet) will contain modern new Co-op offices.

The remaining 1,000 square feet will be taken up by two shops facing Commercial Road.

A car park will be situated at the rear of the building for Co-op staff.

Mr. Betts said the need for the new building reflected the rapid growth of the Co-op and its future expansion.

Architect is Ray Barnard Brown, of Melbourne, and the builder is Noel Mealey and Associates.



Pictured (above) last week is the new double storey SEC Credit Co-op building in Morwell.

THE FEMALE SECS

MICHELE Thompson (formerly of Morwell typing pool) has been appointed receptionist-typist at the Loy Yang site office. Michele, who has been with the Commission for more than three years, is the first typist to be appointed at Loy Yang.

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ANOTHER recent appointment is that of Sally Holt to receptionist-typist in wing 4, Area Administration, Morwell. Sally, formerly with the Morwell typing pool, replaces Vicki Manuel, who is the new receptionist at the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre, in Morwell.

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TRAVELLERS overseas really have to watch their step... they don't know who they may run into. This was the case with Margaret Bronts (nee Meraric), a drafting assistant with Main Office, Yallourn. While Margaret and husband Hank were honeymooning in Singapore they were surprised to see SEC photographer Jack Hinshelwood and Mrs. Hinshelwood, who had stopped over in Singapore on their way to England and Europe. Margaret and Jack work in the same section at Yallourn.

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ANOTHER Yallourn drafting assistant, Dot Prokop, has completed an exciting few months as an entrant in the Latrobe Valley Festival Queen contest. She didn't take off the title but was the second highest money-raiser. All money raised went to a worthy cause — the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop. Congratulations, Dot.

★
FORMER Yallourn power station typist Jill Hopkins has been appointed relief typist with the Morwell typing pool. Good luck Jill !!

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YALLOURN drafting assistant Selena Stoilkovic spent three days early this month studying new photographic reproduction techniques with Stan Valaitis from Planning and Photographic Section, Monash House.

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



'Walk against Want' huge success — \$2000 is raised

More than \$2,000 was raised by the 1977 Latrobe Valley 'Walk against Want', held this year at Loy Yang.

An estimated 180 people enthusiastically took part in the walk around the SEC's Loy Yang project area.

The eldest person was in her 70's, while the youngest was five years old — and both completed the walk.



This youngster was well equipped for his walk against want at Loy Yang.

The walk was held in two parts — the morning walk took in Mattingley's Hill and Clark's Roads, while in the afternoon, walkers tracked along Barton's Lane and Minniedale Road.

Boths walks, of approximately 12 kilometres, began and ended at the Traralgon South Hall.

The SEC conducted a colorful display in the hall on the Loy Yang project, which attracted a deal of interest from the walkers.

The L.V. 'Walk against Want' is conducted annually by the Morwell and Traralgon branches of Community Aid Abroad to raise funds for overseas aid projects and to bring the needs of developing countries to the attention of the Valley community.

The Largest

The SEC is the largest electricity supply authority in Australia, and Australia's largest individual coal producer. Its system of power stations generates virtually all Victoria's requirements of electricity.



Pictured looking and discussing the SEC's Loy Yang display are some walkers before heading off on their walk.



Pictured receiving treatment after their walk for swollen and blistered feet were these young walkers.



The family group (above) were enjoying the walk and the pleasant scenery around the Loy Yang project.



After walking for several miles these three walkers (above) sat down for a rest and a well-earned drink.

Service Register

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

25 YEARS:

Mark Rolls	Yallourn Open Cut
Stan Abbott	Yallourn Workshops
Bill Boulton	Civil Services, Yallourn
Fred Wissmer	Yallourn Open Cut
Jim Harkins	Yallourn Open Cut
Greg Gorbai	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Roman Brychey	Yallourn Open Cut
Stan Dziedzic	Yallourn Open Cut
Carmela Mallia	Yallourn Power Station
Sribrand Gompelman	Yallourn Power Station
Herbert Beilharz	Yallourn Open Cut
Bob Thompson	Hazelwood Power Station
Joe Titulaer	Civil Services, Yallourn
Umberto Penco	Yallourn Open Cut

30 YEARS:

Ken Ellis	Civil Services, Yallourn
Col Grix	Materials & Services Yallourn
Ted Chandler	Transmission, Yallourn
Frank Potter	Yallourn Open Cut
Roly Paul	Yallourn Power Station

31 YEARS:

Roy Wiggins	Civil Services, Morwell
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32 YEARS:

Ron Solly	Hazelwood Power Station
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33 YEARS:

Stan Aitken	Public Relations, Morwell
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36 YEARS:

Jack Carter	Yallourn Open Cut
Ray Cousins	Yallourn Open Cut
Bob Gardner	Yallourn Power Station

39 YEARS:

Col Webster	Yallourn Workshops
Fred Scott	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation

41 YEARS:

Max Clayton	Yallourn Workshops
Allan Hawken	Yallourn Power Station



Members of the Latrobe Valley side and match umpires are pictured before the start of play.

Latrobe Valley down to Flinders Street

Latrobe Valley cricketers were outplayed by a strong Flinders Street team in the final of the SEC Social League's 1976-77 competition.

It has taken three years to reach a decision. In the previous two seasons the same teams were scheduled to meet in the finals, but on each occasion, the match was washed out.

This year, rain fell on the Saturday and Monday, but Sundays weather was fine and mild.

Latrobe Valley sent in to bat, were back in the pavilion just two hours later — all out for 67.

At the close of play, Flinders Street had scored 196 runs for the loss of nine wickets.

Top scorers for Latrobe Valley were Neil Meredith, 26, and John Hutchinson, 15 while for Flinders Street, Pat Hutchinson scored an unbeaten century, with Max Grimmer reaching 34 and Jeff Kong 19.

Bowling honors for Latrobe Valley were Neil Meredith (2/14) and John Hutchinson (2/26).

For Flinders Street, Trevor Hanlon took 4/25, Max Grimmer 3/11, and Don Jamieson 3/12.

Among visitors for the final was Manager, Area Administration, George Bates.

The presentation to Flinders Street captain, Jeff Kong, was made by Chairman of the Social League's executive committee, Geoff Bryce. The winning team received a pennant, and the J. F. Rigby shield.

The 1976-77 season, attracted eight teams, representing Flinders Street, Latrobe Valley, P. & I. Brooklyn, Rooney Street, Monash House, Eastern Metro and Bendigo.



Flinders Street fieldsmen (above) jump with excitement as Latrobe Valley batsman Reg Bacon is clean bowled.



POWER GENERATION

Two 250,000 hours safety awards — HPS

is believed to be the first boilermaker group in the Latrobe Valley to reach 250,000 hours without LTI. The group has worked safely since November, 1972, reaching the 100,000 manhour mark in March, 1974.

The Technical Services groups 12 and 29 combined their efforts and are working as a complete section.

The section, the fifth group in the station to achieve the 100,000 hour target in 1972, reached 100,000 hours twice and has gone beyond 253,000 hours without LTI.

Group 12 has achieved 204,000 hours and group 29, 125,000. The most recent LTI in the section was in March, 1975.

Acting Manager Power Generation Don Clark presented National Safety Council of Australia certificates and awards in the Hazelwood power station lecture room on April 4 to group representatives Noel Kingsley (Group 8) and Fred Degura (Technical Services).

Reaching a total of 250,000 hours without a Lost Time Injury is no mean feat . . . but two Hazelwood Power Station groups have achieved the record — and are still going strong.

The groups are Mechanical Maintenance boilermakers (group 8) and Technical Services groups 12 and 29.

Group 8, which reached 260,000 "safe" manhours,



Above: All smiles after the presentation of awards are the members of the Technical services groups.



Pictured right: Showing off their pennant and certificate are the members of the Mechanical Maintenance group 8.

Chimney looks as good as new

Spending 10 days painting the 100 metre high No. 4 chimney at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation is not everybody's piece of cake . . . but to a group of nine SEC painters, it's all in a day's work.

The painters — Frank Collins, Don Grant, George Ellul, Kevin Scott, Ron Burns, Gerry Ramselaar, Alf Pauluck, Geoff Courson and Jim Tickle — used more than 90 gallons of paint on the chimney — 30 gallons of

primer and more than 60 gallons of grey protective paint.

Painting the chimney wasn't all smooth sailing.

The painters had to contend with strong winds and rain on some of the days, and working 100 metres about the ground, on a small suspended stage is no joy ride.

The chimneys are painted every four years, with the next chimney facelift due in March, 1978.



Busy at work painting the the briquette factory chimney are six of the painters.

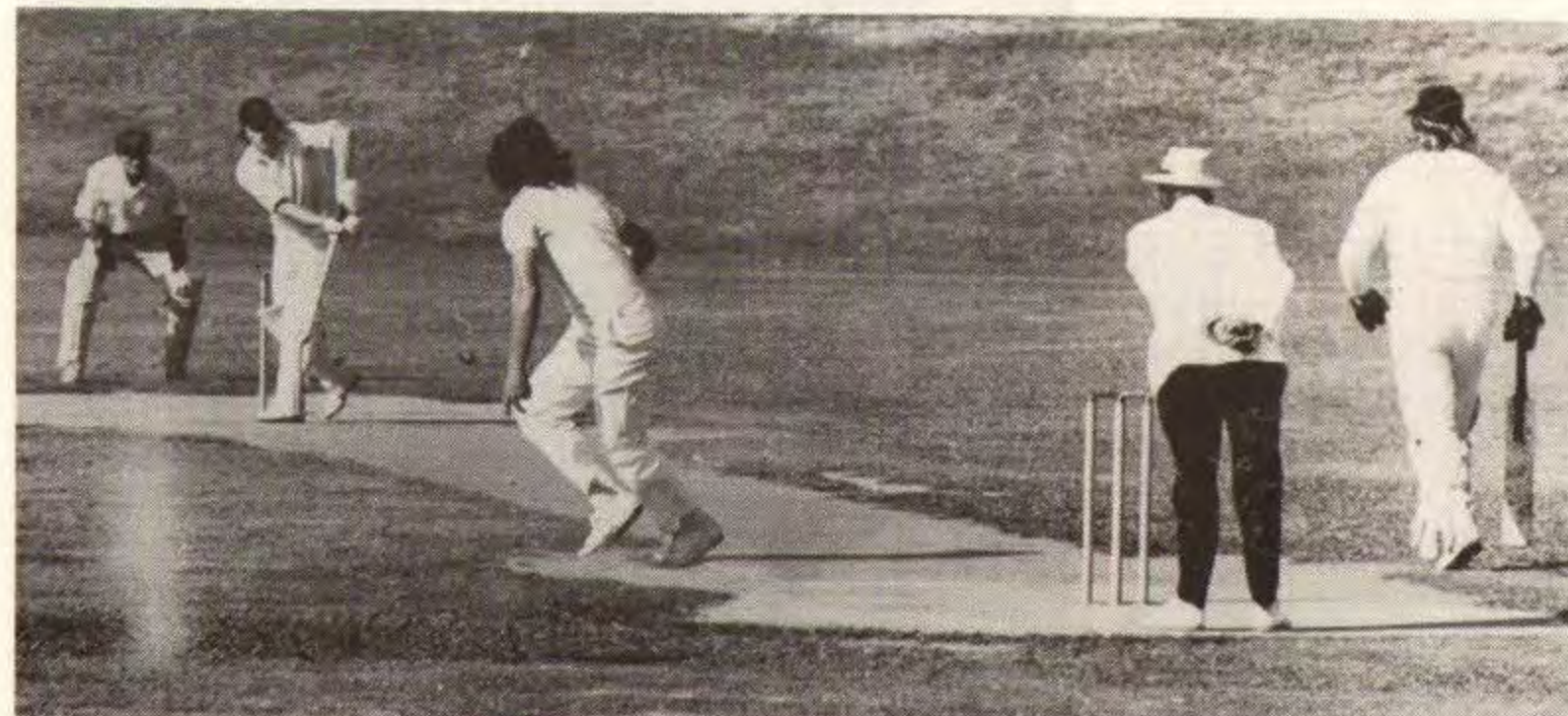


The victorious Hazelwood Blacks team is pictured above. There (from left back row: Joe Deguara, Ken Muir, Ted Lambourne, Ken Jean (Capt.), Roy James, Neil Marwick, Noel Fox. Front row: Stan Beer, Jim Martin, Denis McAuley, Ian Brown, George Whitelaw and Andy Cairns.

Hazelwood Blacks comfortably win 1976-77 Mid-Week Premiership

Pictured (above) before the start of the final are umpires Bert Hill and Elmo Orchard (right).

Pictured right: The three bowling stars of the final are pictured together congratulating each other after the match. They are (from left) Richard Rowland (G.I.A.E.) and Hazelwood's Ted Lambourne and Andrew Cairns.



Playing a defensive stroke is G.I.A.E. opener Ian Gibson. The bowler is Blacks' Andrew Cairns, who took 2/37 and scored 27 n.o.

The strong SEC Hazelwood Blacks side won the 1976-77 Latrobe Valley Mid-week Cricket Association Premiership, defeating a determined Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education team by six wickets and four runs.

The final, played in ideal cricket conditions, reached a very high standard, with both sides performing extremely well in the field.

Hazelwood Blacks captain Ken Jean sent G.I.A.E. in to bat, a move which proved to be a match-winner.

G.I.A.E. were all out for 69, largely because of an excellent spell of bowling from Ted Lambourne, 6/26 off 9.5 overs, and Andrew Cairns, 2/37 off 10 overs. Their fine bowling efforts were supported by excellent fielding — including several 'unbelievable' catches — by Blacks' fieldsmen.

The two G.I.A.E. batsmen to reach double figures were, Ian Gibson (23) and Bruce Rohde (12).

Hazelwood Blacks began badly when opener Stan Beer went for a duck, but Blacks' batsmen knuckled down to the task of scoring the necessary runs.

Andrew Cairns (27 n.o.) and Blacks captain Ken Jean (11 n.o.) guided Blacks to a comfortable victory.

Wicket takers for G.I.A.E. were Richard Rowlands 3/23 and Mick Farmer 1/19.

The win capped a fine season for Blacks — they won their last 10 games to reach third place on the ladder, before going on to win the final.

As usual Elmo Orchard (Patrol) and Bert Hill umpired soundly.

G.I.A.E. (Churchill) — 1st Innings

TOTAL: 69

Hazelwood Blacks — 1st Innings:

S. Beer, caught Baleisa, bowled Rowlands
G. Whitelaw, L.B.W., bowled Rowlands
N. Fox, caught Garner, bowled Rowlands
A. Cairns, Not out
K. Muir, caught Gibson, bowled Farmer
K. Jeans, not out

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TOTAL: 4/73
SUNDRIES: 6

Fall: 0, 23, 23, 44

Bowling (O-M-W-R): Rowlands 9-1-3-23; Farmer 7-0-1-19; Baleisa 2-0-0-11; Durrant 2-0-0-8; Hibbert 1-0-0-10.



Above: All eyes are on the coin as Hazelwood Blacks captain Ken Jean (left) tosses the coin before the final with G.I.A.E. captain Chris Hobson.



Left: Presenting the premiership shield to Hazelwood Blacks captain Ken Jean (centre) is Mid-week Association representative Jim Richards (right). G.I.A.E. captain Chris Hobson (far left) congratulates Ken Jean on the win.



Pictured before commencement of the grand final are members of the G.I.A.E. team.

COAL
PRODUCTION

Safety award to electrical maintenance



The 68 members of the Morwell open cut electrical maintenance section were all smiles on February 14; the day on which the section was presented with a well-earned safety award for working 100,000 manhours without lost time injury.

So far, the group has totalled more than 158,946 manhours without a LTI since the last recorded injury in June, 1976.

Manager Coal Production

Jack Vines presented the National Safety Council of Australia Certificate and award to the section in the Morwell workshops training centre.

Mr. Vines, who commended the section on its achievement, referred to some of the difficulties faced by the men in their jobs, which cover maintenance of all electrical equipment in and around Morwell open cut.

The section's previous best award was 213,330 man-hours without a LTI in October, 1974.

New travelling stacker nearing completion

Commissioning tests on the new \$3.5 million travelling stacker (TS3) in the Yallourn open cut will begin in the next couple of months.

The purpose of the huge stacker will be to dispose of the overburden dug up by No. 13 dredger, when it

comes into service later this year.

The overburden will be carried from No. 13 dredger to the travelling stacker by a newly constructed conveyor system.

Testing of the conveyor

system is currently being carried out.

Construction work began on the TS3 last year; works are expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

The TS3 was constructed by Weserhutte of Germany.



CONTACT's photographer took this picture of the new travelling stacker this week while finishing touches were being made to it.

Dredger ramp finished

Construction of No. 13 dredger is nearing the final stage at the dredger construction site on Haunted Hills roadside at Hernes Oak.

It is intended to travel the dredger, which is almost ready to undergo extensive testing, via ramp prepared by Auxiliary Ops Plant Gang through the overburden to the digging location on top of Yallourn open cut coal.

The ramp, 500 metres in length and 32 metres wide, involved the shifting of 25,000 cubic metres of material in a giant cut and fill operation.

Excavation was carried out by D8 bulldozers and three scrapers operated by Auxiliary plant gang during the first three months of this year.

The 500 metre access route from erection site to the ramp is almost complete.



Two new faces in Public Relations

The Public Relations group in the Latrobe Valley has two new faces in its ranks.

They are Vicki Manuel and Bob Souter.

Vicki, who has been with the Commission for three years, has been appointed receptionist at the SEC's new Latrobe Valley visitors' centre at Morwell. Before her appointment

Vicki was with the Morwell typing pool.

Bob, a well-known figure, has been a patrolman during his 11 years with the SEC.

He was appointed to the position of a guide at Morwell last month.

Pictured in the new Latrobe Valley visitors centre are (from left) 'Bub' Whitbourne, Vicki Manuel (seated), Bob Souter, and Jack Garside.



SEC employees meet royalty

Brian is pictured (left) being presented with his award by the Duke of Edinburgh.

SEC patrolman Ed Keating and his wife Eileen (pictured below) won't forget their meeting with Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth, and HRH, Prince Phillip, for a long time.

They now include the meeting, in the Arts Centre during the Royal couple's visit to Melbourne last month, among their more memorable experiences.

The Keatings were among a group of several hundred Victorians whose community service was recognised by an invitation to attend the function.

Supporters of most com-

munity activities in their home town of Yallolrn North, the Keatings have also involved themselves in wider Latrobe Valley activity.

Ed Keating is a Narracan Shire councillor who has twice served terms as Shire President. He is currently president of the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital at Moe.

Two other SEC employees had the pleasure of meeting the royalty last month, they were Brian Wilson (Stores, Morwell) and Rod Geurtz (Electrical apprentice, Yallolrn). Both were presented with their Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards by the Duke himself on board the Royal Yacht, Britannia.



Two Latrobe Valley students win awards

Two Latrobe Valley students were among 36 students who will receive awards from the SEC Social League scholarship fund for the 1976 school year.

They were Patrick McDonald (Marist-Sion College, Warragul) and Janet Morris (Yallolrn High School).

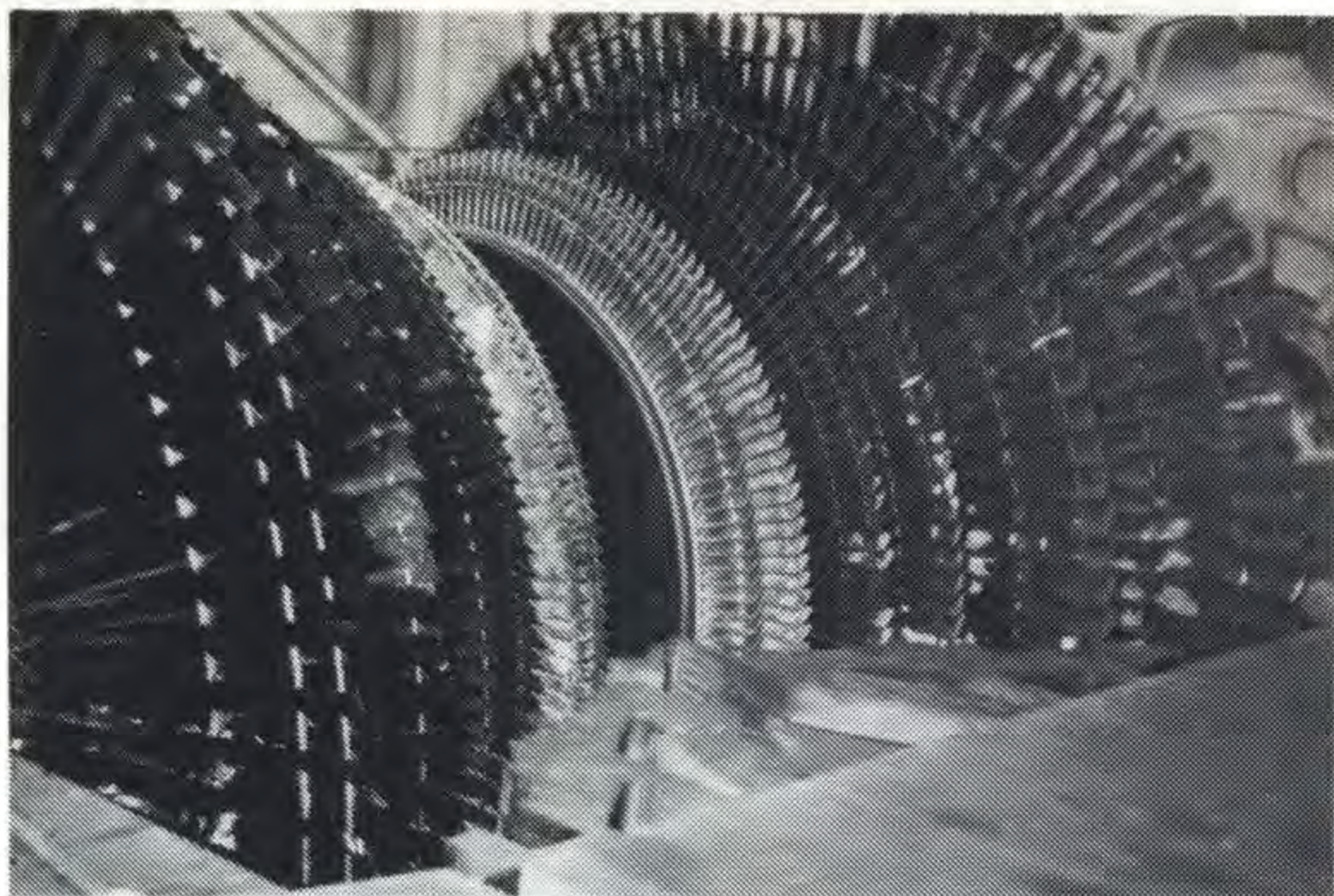
The Fund attracted 187 applications, including 73 at Higher School Certificate or

equivalent level, and 114 at the first year secondary level.

At the HSC or equivalent level, 16 students each received \$95 awards, while at the first year secondary educational level, 20 students each received a \$75 award.

The recipients were decided by ballot at the Social League's recent executive committee meeting.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES

MAJOR WORKS A SUCCESS DUE TO CO-OPERATION

Co-operation was the key word during major works on Unit 8 at the Hazelwood power station during the past few months.

In mid-January, the low pressure rotor in Unit 8

suffered damage during operation, requiring urgent replacement.

A new mono-bloc rotor scheduled for fitting into Unit 8 in March this year, was ready in England at the premises of turbine manufacturers C. A. Parsons and Co. Pty. Ltd.

Pictured (left) is the turbine with the new rows of blades fitted.

The SEC arranged to have the rotor sea-freighted to Australia as soon as possible, but in the meantime, two rows of blades for the rotor were found to be unsatisfactory . . . so it was arranged for two new rows of blades to be made by Parsons and sent out by air.

They arrived within a week of the rotor landing in Australia, which will help the unit return to service as quickly as possible.

The good co-operation between the SEC and Parsons has enabled the Commission to plan on having No. 8 Unit back in service by the end of next month, ready for winter generation.

State title

Len and Wally Staff have been active members of the Moe Fire Brigade for several years, completing with some success at several State championships in that time.

But the 1977 State Demonstration at Traralgon last month proved to be an even bigger success story for Len (Fire Services, Yallourn) and Wally (Workshops, Yallourn), who were members of the Moe team which won the State champion fours title in fine style.

The other team members were John Keighran and Brian Fox, of Moe. The team won the title in the record time of 16.32 seconds.



Pictured after winning the final is the Moe team (from left) Brian Fox, Wally Staff, Len Staff and John Keighran.



SHOOTING IS ALEC'S FORTE

When it comes to shooting there are few better than Alec 'Darby' Bremner (Fire services supervisor Latrobe Valley).

Alec, who has been one of Australia's top clay target shooters for many years, is handy with most types of guns. Next month, Alec heads north to compete in the Australian Clay Target Shooting Association's National championships in Brisbane, and from all reports, he has a good chance of

taking off the title. He has held Commonwealth and State titles in previous years.

Current holder of the South Australian double rice championship, Alec has been competing in National titles — off and on — since the 1930's. He's competed in every state of Australia and even overseas in New Zealand and Noumea.

A life member of the Morwell Gun Club, Alec is a referee examiner for the Australian Clay Target Association.



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

NEW BIKES PROVE TO BE POPULAR

There are many and varied types of vehicles in the SEC's works areas, but the latest acquisitions are providing to be extremely popular.

They are six push bikes bought for the field tests section, for use at Yallourn, Morwell and Hazelwood.

The bikes are being used by field tests staff to commute between nearby jobs and their offices.

Eric Rendell (Engineering Support Group), says the new bikes cut down travelling time to and from jobs, as well as providing easier access to certain areas.

Five members of the field tests staff who usually ride to work each day from Moe and Newborough were more than happy about the acquisition.

Eric, who also rides to work from Moe, says that although riding to work is more economical and more enjoyable than driving a car, it does have its moments.

He says motorists in general don't give any consideration to cyclists; and he can cite recent incidents in which cyclists have been knocked from their bikes by cars.

Eric hopes that in future motorists will have more respect for cyclists, both on off the SEC works area.

(Above) Pictured riding the new bikes is an energetic group of Electrical Laboratory personnel.

(Below) CONTACT'S photographer snapped this picture of the cyclists and their new bikes last week.



Insulation popular with Victorian householders

The SEC has persuaded at least 41,000 Victorian householders to insulate their premises over the past six years.

AGM (M. & D.), Bob Chapman, said that all customers installing space heaters or air conditioners were strongly urged to put in adequate insulation.

"We know that we have directly influenced 41,000 people to do this through

sales of appliances," he said.

"And it is very likely that thousands of others who have not gone ahead with a purchase have accepted our advice on insulation.

"While we have found that people today are pretty well aware of the desirability of insulating their homes, many are surprised

when told of the savings it can achieve on energy costs."

Mr. Chapman said that the SEC not only encouraged people to insulate but arranged its installation in conjunction with the sale of major appliances.

"It is our policy to provide insulation not a very small margin above cost to en-

courage people to keep their fuel bills down and to conserve energy," he said.

"The sizing of all our storage space heating recommendations is based on the assumption that the building is insulated.

Mr. Chapman said that since the 1960's, when the SEC was selling briquette heaters, prospective purchasers had always been made aware of the benefit of insulation and the savings on their fuel bills.



Showing their dogs off are SEC employees who are members of the Obedience Dog Club.



Mr. Balfour (right is pictured (above) talking to Eddie Wienand and his German Shepard, Rex.



Pictured (above) unveiling the plaque to officially open the new clubhouse is the Minister for Fuel and Power Mr. Jim Balfour.

CLUB PATRON OPENS NEW CLUBROOMS

April 2 was a proud day for the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club . . . and for its 225 members, of which more than 40 are SEC employees.

On April 2, Club patron, the Minister for Fuel and Power, Mr. Jim Balfour, officially opened new clubrooms and grounds in Toners Lane, Morwell.

The function was conducted in ideal weather conditions before a crowd of more than 70 people.

Club president Eddie Wienand (Unit Controller, Hazelwood Power Station)

said many past and present members attended the opening.

An impressive display by handlers and their dogs was given after the opening.

Three Melbourne obedience dog clubs — Northern, Southern and Knox — were represented at the opening.

The Kennel Control Council of Victoria was also represented.

The club, established in 1969, has shown sound development, and according to Eddie, has a promising future.



Displaying their winning dog, 'Fritz' are Clyde and Barbara Jobley.

RETIREMENTS



RAY THORBURN

Ray Thorburn plans to take his retirement from day to day, but his hobbies of shooting and restoring old cars will ensure that retirement is active. But first of all, Ray and his wife Dorrie plan to spend a well earned holiday at Townsville in Queensland. Before returning to settle down at Boolarra, where the Thorburns have lived for some years, they plan to travel around Australia. Ray retired on March 23, after 11 years with the Commission. He began with the SEC in August, 1966, as a trades assistant at Hazelwood Power Station, a position he held until receiving promotion to patrolman in February, 1967.

At an informal farewell function in the patrol office at No. 1 gate, Morwell, Phil Parrott presented Ray with a set of spanners and a wallet of notes.

A holiday in Port Moresby, New Guinea is one of the first items on the retirement list of Jack 'Buster' Nesbit, now that he's called it a day after 34 years with the SEC. While in Port Moresby, Jack intends to spend some time with his brother Lloyd — and after returning from New Guinea, Jack will travel around Australia for a spot of fishing. After his trip, Jack says he will continue to live in Yallourn North, where he will concentrate on his other hobby — gardening.

Jack began with the Commission in August, 1934 as a linesman with electrical services at Yallourn, a position he held for 12 years until he received promotion



JACK NESBIT

to a leading hand linesman — the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell in the Eastern Road lines depot canteen, Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ray Greenwood presented Jack with a travelling case, a rug and an automatic toaster.



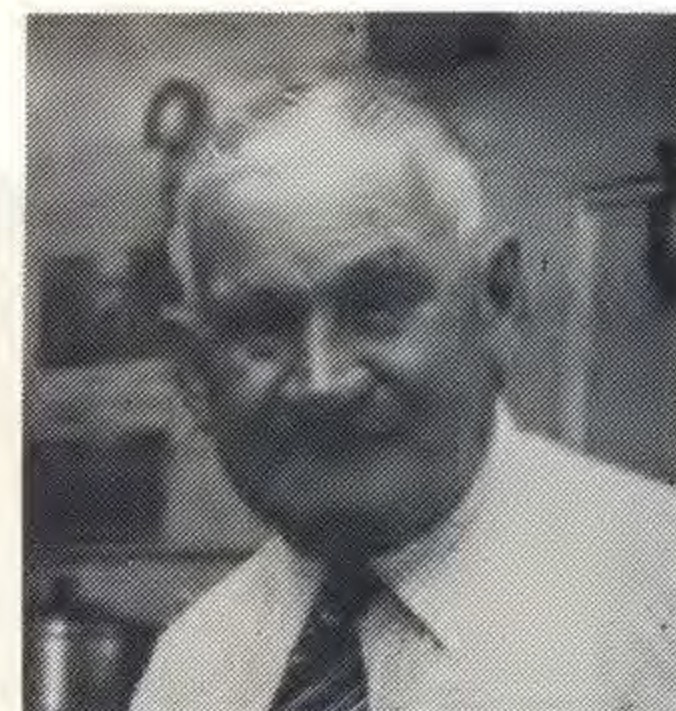
JOE WELFORD

Joe Welford will continue to live in East Newborough following his retirement from the Commission on March 11, after 23 years service. The Welfords are planning a caravanning holiday to Northern Queensland and then to Western Australia. Later, Joe says he will enjoy his hobby of gardening — and would like to join the local Pony Club. He used to be actively interested in horses and he'd like to renew a keen interest in them now that he has more time on his hands.

Joe began with the Commission in December, 1954, as a fitter at Yallourn Workshops, receiving promotion to leading hand in 1959.

At an informal farewell in Yallourn Central Workshops, Joe was presented with an electric shaver, a wallet of notes, a set of cuff links, and pen set. He was also presented by the Workshops Welfare Committee with a brooch and a silver server for his wife Jean.

After 43 years service with the Commission, Bill Tuohy called it a day on March 10. A very popular figure, he and his wife Lil are planning a very restful retirement which will involve both in plenty of bowls and fishing. Among early plans is a holiday at Merimbula. The Touhys will continue to live in Newborough. Bill, who began with the Commission in December, 1934, as a linesman's assistant, spent a short spell in the Yallourn plant nursery, but soon returned to lines work as his chosen career. In the years to follow Bill worked his way up through the ranks to retire as a foreman, a position he has held since



BILL TUOHY

1966. At an informal farewell in the Eastern Road lines depot canteen at Yallourn, Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ray Greenwood presented Bill with a food blender, an electric knife, a digital clock-radio and a car rug on behalf of workmates.

VALLEY VISITORS



Making sure their names go into the visitors book at Morwell are Mr. Show (centre), Mr. Jean (left), Mr. Tung (right).

Visitors from Japan, China and Brazil

Among the thousands of visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works areas during the past month were international visitors from Brazil, Japan and China.

Perhaps the most interesting were two Chinese

archaeologists from Peking — Mr. Tung and Mr. Jen, who toured the area with interpreter, Mr. Chow.

The two archaeologists were responsible for bringing the priceless Chinese exhibition to Australia. The well publicised exhibition staged in the National Gallery in Melbourne, was an overwhelming success.

Other Valley visitors included a party of 21 Japanese students on a Rotary exchange programme and four representatives from Nippon Steel — Mr. Kazuo Ishizak, Mr. Yutaka Abe, Mr. Tom Imai and Mr. Takeshi Kojima.

Mr. Henrique Berenhauer, a Brazilian newspaper photographer, and Mrs. Berenhauer took a close look at SEC operations.



Above: Showing a keen interest in one of the visitors centre models are some of the Rotary exchange students who looked us over last month.



Pictured above) in front of Yallourn 'W' stage two construction are four members of the Monash House library staff. They are (from left), Monica Baltutis, Anita Emmanouilides, Christine Russell and Jean Brown.



Pictured (above) signing the visitors book is Mr. Henrique Berenhauer (far right). Looking on are Mrs. Berenhauer and SEC guide Jack Garside.