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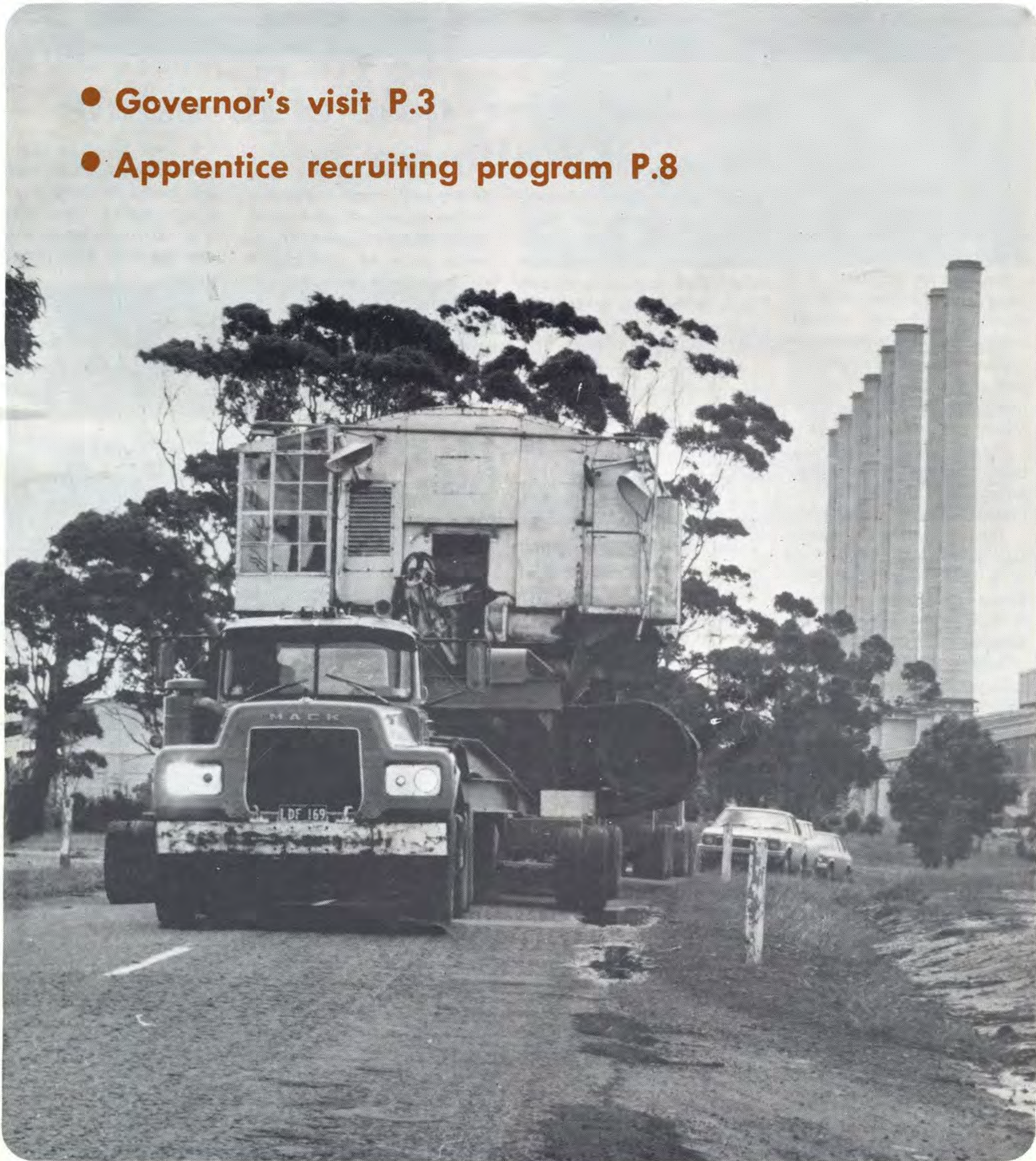


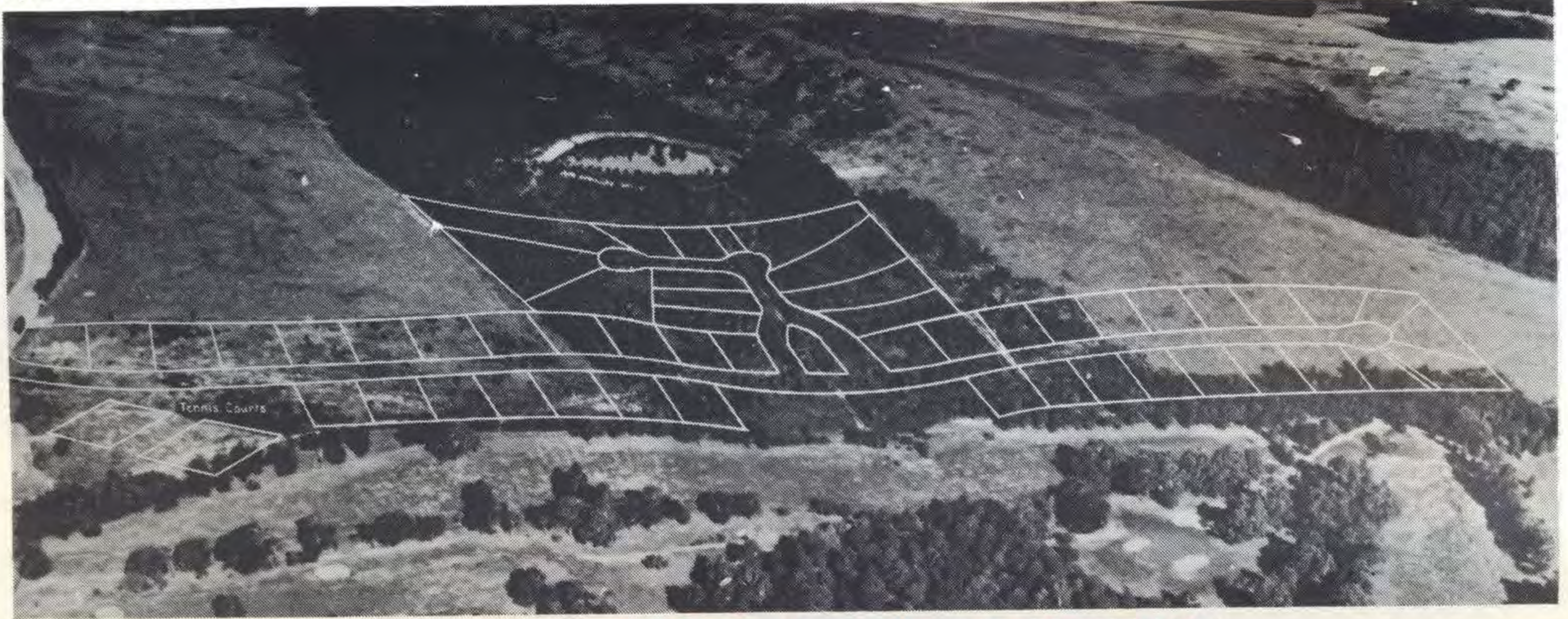
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The plan of the new Golf Club estate at Yallourn is pictured (above).

## Plans laid for new golf club estate at Yallourn

A tentative plan of subdivision for the proposed 51 — allotment Yallourn Golf Club estate has been favorably received by Narracan Shire Council.

Submission of the plan paves the way for action on planning scheme amendments and agreement on water supply and sewerage proposals required before housing and other developments can get underway.

Meanwhile, the SEC has been granted an unrestricted crown grant for the land involved.

This enables the Commission to dispose of the land if a proposed Golf Club Estate Co-operative Society is formed to develop the subdivision.

Advice on formation of a Co-operative Society has been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

When sufficient information is available and neces-

sary planning approvals given, the three-man steering committee appointed at a meeting in the Yallourn Golf Club house, will convene a meeting to consider formation of the Co-operative Society.

Steering committee members are Ian McDonald, Jim

Irving and Frank Tomlinson.

The proposed subdivision, superimposed above on an aerial map of part of the golf course, provides 51 generous allotments, the smallest of which has a 23 metre frontage and a depth of 45 metres.

The elevated site adjoins

the area in which the Yallourn Tennis Club facilities are being relocated, giving a panoramic view of the golf course, Lake Narracan and the Baw Baw Mountain range.

Any person interested in obtaining a block in the proposed subdivision should seek information by phoning 62 2393.

## First Newark Avenue flats are filled

The twelve two-bedroomed flats occupied for the first time by long term Yallourn couples last month already have a comfortable look of "home" about them.

Built at a cost of more than \$260,000, the flats are part of overall SEC plans to provide alternative accommodation for retired couples and widows from Yallourn.

The flats, designed by the Housing Commission are an excellent way in which two

instrumentalities can work together to achieve a worthwhile community objective.

The SEC has been pleased with the excellent reaction of new tenants to their new homes.

To minimise waiting time for other elderly Yallourn residents, the Housing Commission has been asked to proceed as quickly as possible with successive stages

of the building program, which will eventually provide a total of 62 units.

The Housing Commission — at the request of the SEC — is already preparing layout plans and designs for another 10 one-bedroom flats.

On completion of the 62 flat at Newark Avenue, the SEC will have been directly involved in the provision of 86 flats for senior citizens in the Latrobe Valley.

### Contact



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### Cover

The Hazelwood power station makes an ideal backdrop as the low loader carrying the 100 tonne SEC dragline makes its way along Brodribb Road.

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# Crucifix carved from lump of Morwell brown coal

Morwell brown coal has been used for many and varied purposes but the latest is believed to be a first.

A New South Wales artist Joh W. Lawrence of Rockdale has carved a crucifix from a lump of Morwell brown coal.

(The crucifix is based on a Roman cross first carved in the 16th century by an artist in the province of Quebec, Canada).

The alter piece was prepared for the Roman Catholic chapel at the New South Wales university.

Mr. Lawrence said the

wood (Kauri pine more than 50,000 years-old) was in-credibly difficult to dry and slab (cut with a saw) but once initially shaped the figure seemed to flow from within the wood.

He carved the crucifix perhaps the only "50,000-year-old" crucifix in the world, in four days.

The completed work was presented to Father Michael Fallon at the Catholic Chaplaincy at the NSW university in late May.

Mr. Lawrence has another project in mind with the remaining wood — a mother and child.



Above: Joh Lawrence is pictured holding the carving in the backyard of his Sydney home.



## Impressed with SEC works area — Governor

The Governor Sir Henry Winneke and Lady Winneke made their first official tour of the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area on July 13.

The visit coincided with their visit to the City of Moe.

The Governor's first port of call, at the SEC, was a luncheon with senior SEC

Officers at the Latrobe Valley visitors centre, Morwell.

AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo welcomed the Governor and Lady Winneke to the SEC. Following lunch Mr. De Campo escorted the Governor on an inspection of the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, where the party was met by Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald.

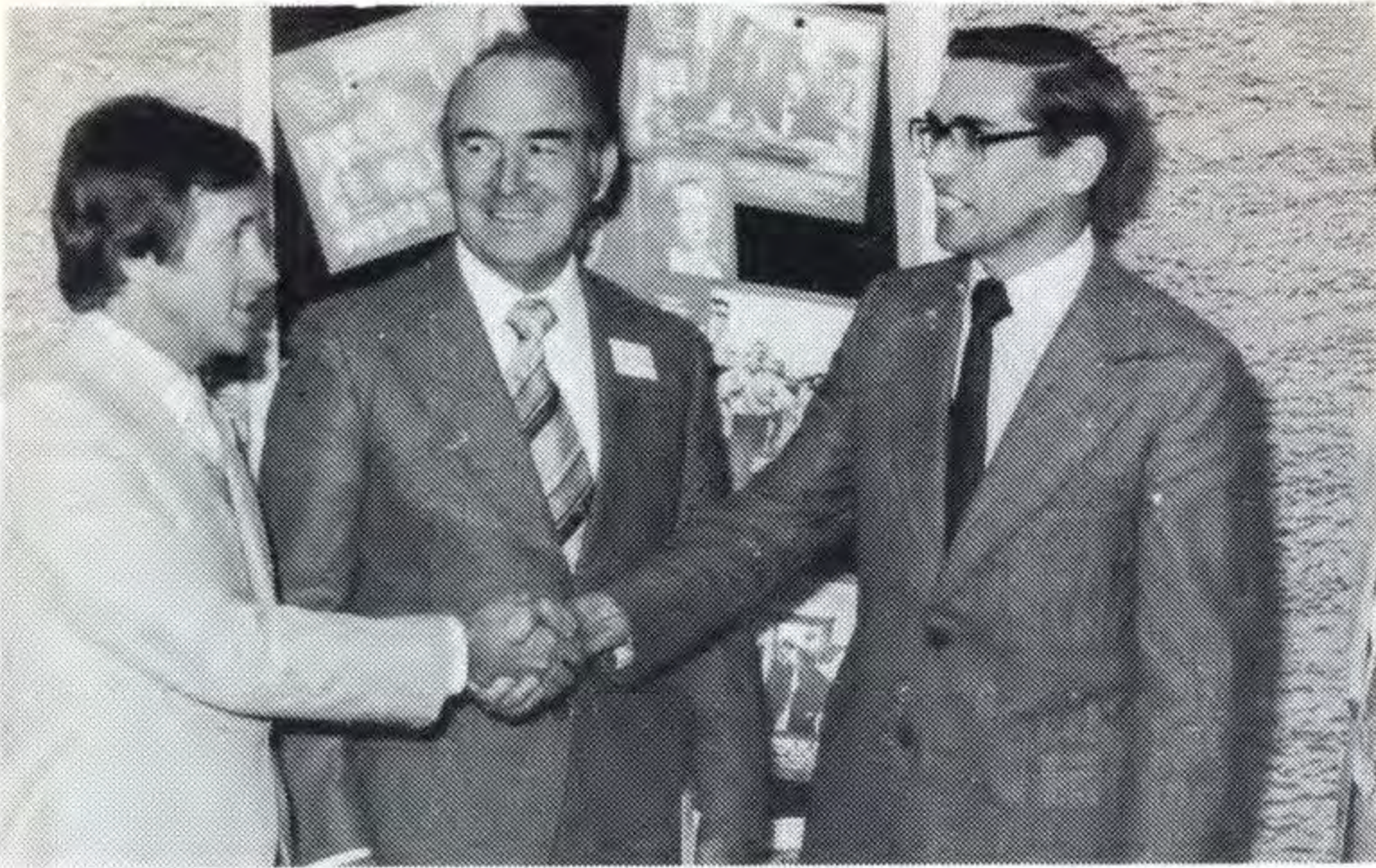
Following his visit to the LVCC the party made a brief stopover at the Morwell open cut lookout and then an inspection of the Yallourn 'W' power station.

The Governor was escorted around the station by Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson and Yallourn 'W' power station superintendent Alan Castelov.

The official SEC tour finished after the Yallourn W' inspection when the Governor returned to Moe.



During his visit to the Latrobe Valley visitors centre, Morwell the Governor took time out to sign the visitors book. Pictured looking on are (from left) The Minister for Fuel and Power Jim Balfour, AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo, Public Relations Officer Stan Aitken and Senior Public Liasion Officer Tom Grimes. Left: Yallourn 'W' power station superintendent Alan Castelov (left) is pictured talking to the Governor.



There has been an encouraging response within the SEC workforce to the Latrobe Valley Care for the Aged Program. Under the program, an appeal has been launched for the \$300,000 local contribution required toward the cost of building an \$800,000 50 bed nursing home at the Latrobe Valley Hospital. Payroll deductions forms are currently being distributed throughout the Commission's LV works areas. In our picture (above), Program chairman George Bates congratulates HSV 7 personality Bill Collins on a fine address at the successful program launching early this month. Also pictured are LV Hospital chairman Ed Keating.

## Auxiliary for deaf says thank you

The SEC has officially received a thank you letter from the Central Gippsland Auxiliary of the Victorian School for Deaf Children for the excellent contribution of \$1,408.81 made by SEC employes through the Ham Ballagh Memorial Appeal.

The 1976-77 appeal total easily surpassed the previous best of \$1,003 for the 1975-76 appeal.

The letter from the Auxiliary's secretary Mrs. Margarete Green of Traralgon is pictured below.



Victorian School for Deaf Children  
597 ST KILDA ROAD, MELBOURNE, 901

### Central Gippsland Auxiliary

Secretary Margarete Green (Mrs)

Address 12 Fernlea Street  
Traralgon 3844  
Phone 746328

4th July 1977

Mr G W Bates  
Manager, Area Administration,  
State Electricity Commission of Victoria  
Box 145,  
Morwell 3840

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the above Auxiliary I am writing to thank the State Electricity Commission Employees for the outstanding and wonderful effort they made in raising \$1408.81 and donating it to the Auxiliary.

Could you also pass on our grateful thanks to Mr Ryan for his wonderful organisation of the Appeal. I am sure Ham Ballagh would have been pleased with result.

The Auxiliary this year handed over to the School, a cheque for \$2,000, which is our best effort.

Once again, our grateful thanks to the Employees for their generosity.

I remain,  
Yours sincerely  
Margarete Green  
Secretary

## THE FEMALE SECS



THERESA 'Tess' Zarb (planning room officer) in Yallourn drawing office is currently enjoying a six month holiday touring England and Europe.



WHILE talking of overseas holiday 'Babs' Esser (Data Processing, Morwell) and her mother have just returned from an Asian holiday which took them to Singapore, Hong Kong, Bali and Bangkok.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jackie Weir (Personnel) who celebrated her 21st birthday early this month on the 7-7-77.



ON the move!! Maria Buglisi (Teleprinter Operator) who has been based at Yallourn for the past three years has been transferred to Morwell.



YALLOURN drawing office canteen lady Rene Baxter enjoyed a weeks holiday in Western Australia during the month.



MORE than 30 (21 girls and 5 boys) junior SEC intakes underwent a four day familiarisation course at Morwell during the month. The course included a tour of the Latrobe Valley works areas, and informative talks on the role of the junior commercial officer and staff development.



HAPPY sailing!! Maria Calabro (Typist) and Brenda Simpson (Office Assistant) Yallourn Education and Training centre are at present enjoying a 15 day holiday aboard the Arcadia. The cruise is taking them to Fiji, Noumea and other Fiji islands.



That's all for this month girls, but keep those stories coming by ringing either ext 3642 or 3228.

# 1977 Sauna sail creates record — 415 entries

A record 415 yachts competed in the 1977 sauna sail held on the Hazelwood Pondage.

Conducted by the Latrobe Valley Yachting Club the annual sauna sail is now known as the 'biggest' small boat regatta in Australia.

Numerous SEC employees took an active interest in the successful event.

There were boats entered in 76 different classes. More than 1,800 visitors attended the regatta over the long

weekend.

Catering wise the club was more than busy — it sold more than 2,000 cups of tea and coffee, 1,200 cups of soup, 1,200 pies, 480 pasties, 1,000 hot dogs, 1,500 hamburgers, 720 sausage rolls, 2,000 buttered rolls, 150 jumbo bread loaves, 450 litres of milk, 360 litres of flavored milk, 175 containers of orange juice, 108 containers of yoghurt and 600 assorted ice-creams.



Above: This picture shows a cross section of the hundreds of yachts that competed in the sauna sail.

## SHOWTIME 77

It may come as a surprise to you to learn that, the person working next to you, or in the adjoining office, is a well-known identity in the glamour world of live theatre.

Well, perhaps that's a bit of an exaggeration . . . but many of our local SEC personnel are closely connected with showtime, and the annual Strzelecki District "Gang Show" style revue.

Showtime '77 gets under way at the Morwell Technical School Hall on Thursday, August 11, and runs for three nights with a matinee performance on Saturday afternoon.

That's not too far away, so if workmates feel that people such as Alan Murray, Technician Operations, Yallourn (Showtime producer) or Ray Beebe

Engineer, Power Generation Headquarters (director) seem a little pre-occupied at the moment, please don't be too hard on them.

And it's no easy task marshalling around 90 scouts and guides into a compact, performing unit. Alan and Ray fortunately have a strong back-up force to keep things on schedule — Keith Taylor (musical director), Bill Conrow (treasurer) from Coal Production Department, Ray Haines (personnel manager), Ray Brenton (communications), Colin McCowan (lighting), Power Generation Department and Bruce Dunlop (properties manager), Geoff Bolwell (scenery/props), and Terry Smith (photography) Engineering Services—all get the Showtime bug at this time of the year.



Above: Alan Murray (far left), Ray Beebe and Ray Haines congratulate theatre cast members when presenting them with their Showtime scouters last year.



SEC surveyor Kevin Feltham is pictured helping his son Rowan to adjust a sail on their Sailfish yacht at the recent sauna sail.

## John's elected to committee

John Hutchinson, President of the Latrobe Valley Association of Social Clubs has been elected to the SEC Social League committee.

Only one other country delegate was elected to the committee — he was Greg Hoskin of Benalla.

They were elected at the

League's annual meeting last month at the Victoria Hotel Melbourne.

Greg Hoskin was elected Chairman and John Hutchinson vice-chairman. 101 delegates from 38 affiliated clubs attended the annual meeting and dinner.

# Service Register

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

## 25 YEARS:

Alf Fairclough	Briquette Distribution, Morwell
Sam Gault	Patrol
Arthur Thomas	Morwell Power Station
Bill McGirr	Morwell Power Station
Leonard Clark	Morwell Power Station
Ratislav Stoiljkovic	Hazelwood Power Station
Kevin Scott	Civil Works, Hazelwood

## 30 YEARS:

Frank Williams	Civil Works, Yallourn
Colin Gordon	Yallourn Power Station
Keith Cooke	Coal Production, Yallourn
Julius Tadday	Coal Production, Yallourn
Fred Blutcher	Transmission

## 31 YEARS:

Charles Spark	Coal Production, Yallourn
Leslie Wurlod	Yallourn Power Station
Jack Embleton	Morwell Power Station
Norman Maxfield	Yallourn Workshops
Ian Smith	Morwell Power Station
Andy Smith	Materials, Morwell
Colin Somers	Hazelwood Power Station

## 33 YEARS:

George Theobald	Yallourn Power Station
Ted Jones	Patrol

## 36 YEARS:

Neville Lawrence	Yallourn Power Station
Irving Baillie	Civil Works, Yallourn

## 37 YEARS:

John Arnold	Civil Works, Yallourn
John Haughton	Yallourn Workshops

## 39 YEARS:

Bill Smith	Yallourn Power Station
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## 40 YEARS:

Peter Niquet	Finance, Morwell
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## 41 YEARS:

Stan Goding	Coal Production, Morwell
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## 42 YEARS:

Frank Johnston	Yallourn Workshops
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## Work is proceeding slowly at Loy Yang due to heavy rains

The importance attached by the SEC to meet its Loy Yang environmental obligations has been a key feature of early work on the site of the large open cut/power station project south of Traralgon.

With the first major project well underway, every effort has been made to protect the local environment, both within the project area and on associated roadworks outside the Loy Yang project site. An example is the upgrading of Mattingley Hill and Sanders Roads, a \$170,000 contract which will provide improved access to the works area. The SEC is funding the work, for which Traralgon Shire is the responsible authority.

Care was taken in designing the new Sanders Road alignment to preserve an extensive belt of attractive roadside gums. The gums also provide a useful buffer and wind break for properties fronting on to the existing Sanders Road, which will remain as a service thoroughfare. The "new" Mattingley Hill Road eliminates several sharp bends and curves.

On the Loy Yang project site, work is proceeding slowly, due to heavy winter rains, on two settling ponds with great significance for the environment.

Consistent with the Commission's commitment to protecting the environment, a run-off treatment pond has already been completed by Mecho Construction Pty. Ltd., as part of the initial contract, and work has begun on two other treatment ponds. These are due for completion before work begins on the next major earthwork contracts.

Construction of a large settling pond near the intersection of Mattingley Hill and Traralgon Creek Roads is due to get underway next summer. The settling pond

will treat all liquid wastes from the Loy Yang site before they are discharged into Traralgon Creek.

Mecho Construction Pty. Ltd., of Mt. Waverley, the firm which won the \$3 million contract for construction of roads, earthwork, sewerage and drainage, is well advanced on the task of laying huge concrete pipes required for a 3.5 kilometre underground stormwater drain from the power station area to the main settling pond.

The largest of the pipes is 2.4 metres in diameter.

Considerable care is being exercised during current works to preserve as many native trees as possible in the project area generally.

Meanwhile, satisfactory progress is being made on the main earthworks involved in the initial contract, preparing for construction of the power station raw coal bunker.

## increased

Electricity production for the State system has increased by 77% in the past 10 years. It is now some 18,900 gigawatt hours a year (Victorian system requirements 1975/76 was 17,945 GWh).

Generating capacity available to the Victorian electricity supply system from all sources exceeds 4,700 megawatts. Generating capacity 20 years ago was only 975 megawatts.

Total available generating capacity includes Victoria's entitlement to almost one-third of the output of the Snowy hydro-electric scheme. This entitlement is now 1,059 megawatts.

Hazelwood, Yallourn, Yallourn W (partly completed) and Morwell power stations, in the Latrobe Valley, about 150 km east of Melbourne, burning brown coal from the nearby open cuts, generate 90% of the Victorian system requirement.



## Human factors in PS control rooms

A recent two day SEC seminar, at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education, on 'Human factors in power station control rooms' was highly successful.

Organiser, Acting Assistant Power Station Superintendent Headquarters Alf Obersby said the aim of the seminar was to enable a free exchange of ideas in relation to human factors in power stations control rooms and to assist Power

Generation department in developing ideas and philosophies that can influence the arrangement of the unit control room proposed for Loy Yang.

More specific objectives were to:—

- Provide Power Department personnel the opportunity to expose their current philosophies to experienced operating personnel.
- Be made aware of current thinking, trends and philosophies as

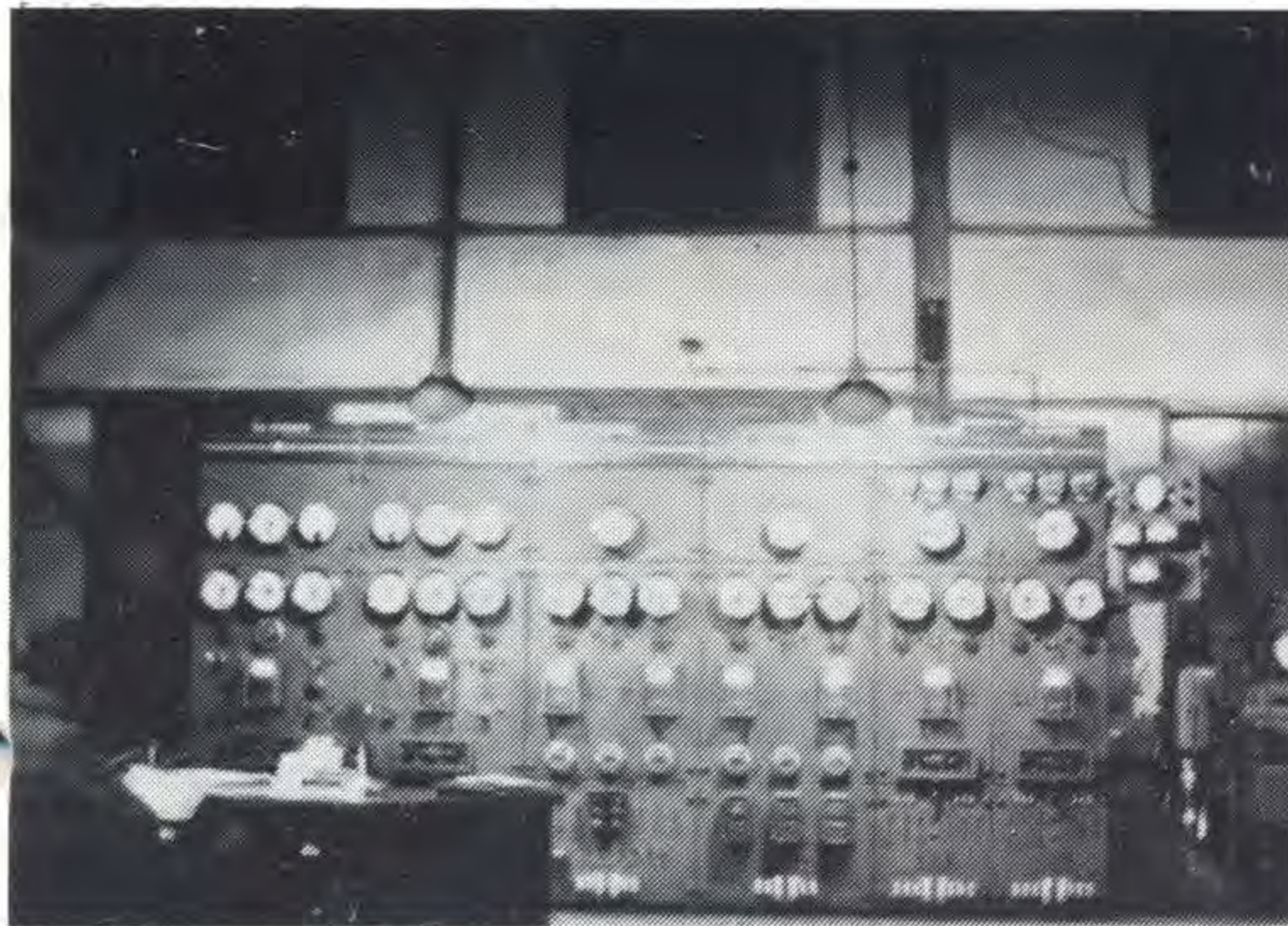
seen by other Departments.

- Provide a practical input from Power Generation people based on their past experience.
- Reinforce an awareness of practical operating difficulties.
- Enable Power Generation Department to develop control room philosophies which will be subsequently forwarded to Power Department to assist in the development of the Control Rooms for the

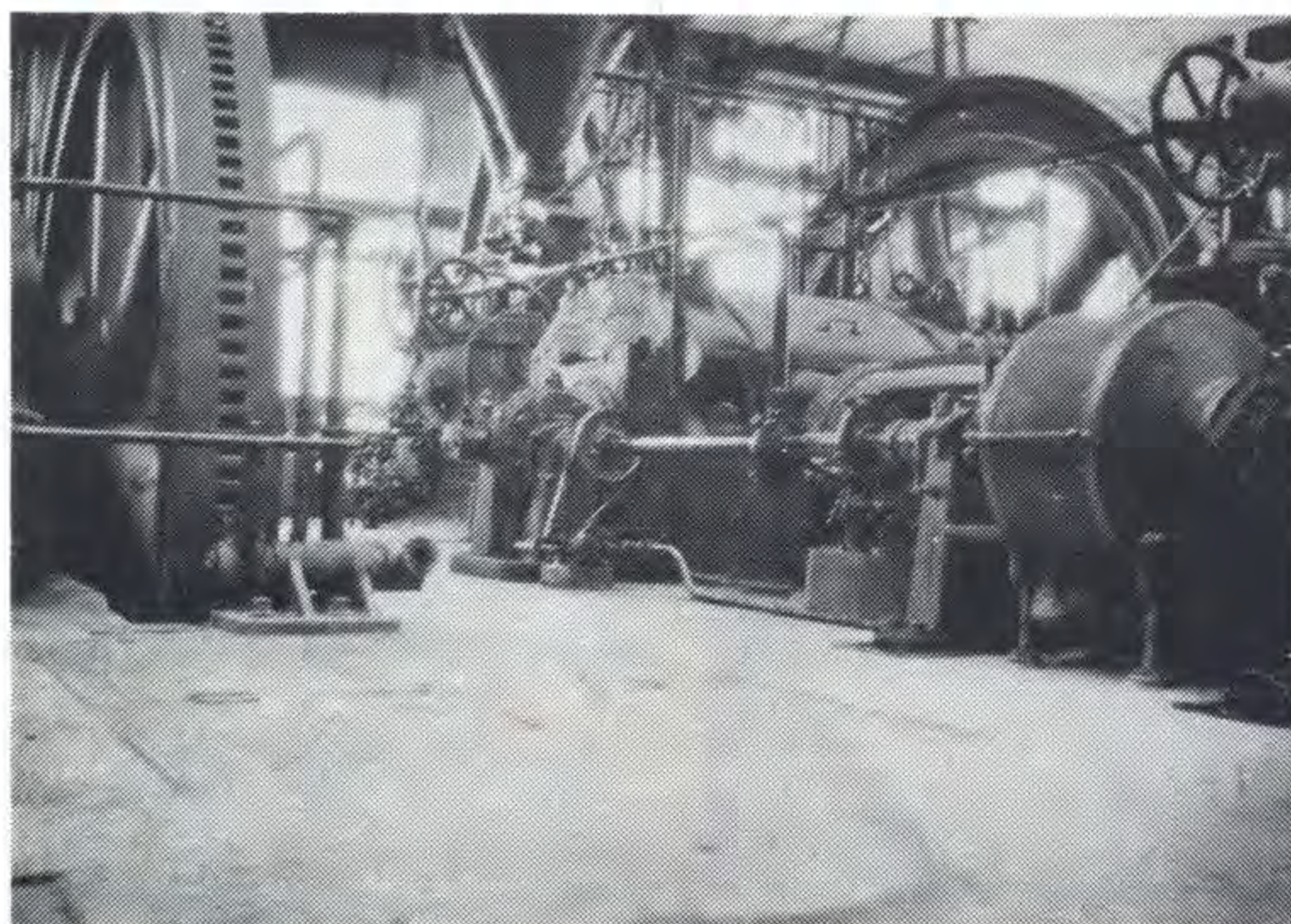
Loy Yang Power Stations.

- Define any problems that need further investigation.

Speakers included SEC's Principal Design Engineer Dick Wilson, Principal Projects Engineer Norm Dalton, Chief Architect Tilak Chhibber, Medical Officers Dr. Jim McCusker, Dr. Henry Brigden and the GIAE's Dean of Engineering and Applied Science Dr. Brenton Groves.



The switchboard for the A and B factories is pictured (above).



The briquette factory presses were busy at work when this picture (above) was taken in 1938.

## Old pictures bring back many memories

Early this month CONTACT received a letter from a retired SEC worker, who now lives in Benalla.

The letter was from Mr. Gilbert R. Turner who worked with the Commission for 42 years.

Enclosed with the letter were some old photos of the Yallourn briquette factory, which was demolished in 1975.

His letter and photos are published below:

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are six photos of early installations at Yallourn briquette factory, now defunct. These may interest any of the old lads still in the area.

I commenced on factory construction in June, 1923, then on to boiler feed pumps — gas pilots plants — steam pressure — turbine driver for about 12 years. I was appointed Instrument Fitter and care of all factory recorders etc., under Olaf Lindgren, chemist.

I developed the first electronic moisture recorders for the dried coal.

Transferred to North-East Branch in 1945 as Meter Tester and retired as Metering Officer for the branch in August, 1965.

I receive a copy of "CONTACT" regularly and am very interested in the new developments in the LV region.

Trusting this may be of interest in your publication.

Sincerely,

G. R. Turner



The 328ft concrete stack at the Yallourn Briquette factory had a 40 ft. diameter base.

# How the SEC recruits technical trainees and apprentices

By Boyd Thompson the SEC's Technical Training Officer

The Latrobe Valley based Departments and Transmission Divisions, Latrobe Valley employ large numbers of skilled technicians and apprentices. The main method of obtaining such personnel is to recruit and train them through Technical Training schemes and Apprenticeships.

In determining the annual technical intake several factors are taken into consideration.

The need for tradesmen in the future, the capacity to provide sound training, the tradesmen — apprentice ratios (set by the Industrial Training Commission of Victoria) and the social responsibility to provide training for as many of Gippsland's young people as practicable.

Line management establishes the number of trainees, including apprentices, required for the future manning of the Latrobe Valley undertakings. In the case of electrical and mechanical trades the number of apprentices required is determined by the respective Apprentice Training Review Committee.

The Training and Development people collate the requirements of local employers, within the Commission, and submit a recommendation to Head Office for approval.

Once the numbers are approved, recruiting material is prepared and the annual recruiting campaign begins. Each year the Commission produces a booklet 'Career Opportunities in the SEC' which covers the Technical Traineeships and Apprenticeships available throughout the Commission for the coming intake.

This booklet summarises both training schemes and also provides a thumbnail sketch of the type of work involved in each occupation.

During July each year the vacancies for the ensuing year are advertised. Posters and Application Forms are prepared and distributed to all secondary schools in Gippsland as well as Electricity Supply Region Offices and offices of the Commonwealth Employment Service.

Prior to and concurrently with the period of advertisement

## Method of application

ing a representative of Training and Development (usually the Technical Training Officer) conducts recruiting talks to all secondary schools in Gippsland east of Pakenham.

The purpose of these talks is to inform students in forms 4, 5, and 6 of the type of employment available and the nature of the training schemes. The engineering activities of Commission in the Latrobe Valley are also outlined to the students.

Career talks and attendance of Career Days and Nights are provided upon request throughout the year. The Training and Development personnel offer a vocational guidance service and



Boyd Thompson is pictured (above) giving a lecture to a group of students at St. Paul's College, Traralgon this month.

interviews can be arranged with the appropriate officers as required.

It is strongly suggested that a thorough investigation of the available employment be made by applicants or prospective applicants.

The application forms used by the Latrobe Valley organisations allows applicants to apply for the position of their first preference, followed by, in order of preference, any other positions which appeal to them. It should be noted that two different forms are in use.

## Apprentice ability tests

One is for Technical Traineeships, the other for Apprenticeships. Those

people wishing to be considered for both training schemes must complete both application forms.

ferent schools. To make a meaningful comparison between the ability of applicants from different schools each applicant is given an ability test shortly after the close of applications.

The majority of applicants are currently students, therefore application forms should be submitted through their school. If this is not possible then a report book must accompany the application form.

The test is administered by a qualified officer of the Commission. The test, or rather, series of tests, are designed to evaluate the applicants' technical comprehension, understanding of mathematical concepts and recognition of patterns and shapes.

Today, there is often a considerable variation in the academic standards of different schools.

These tests are constantly being validated and reviewed.

### PRE-SELECTION

As it is not possible to interview all the applicants a screening or pre-selection is required to reduce the



CONTACT'S photographer also took this picture (above) of Boyd lecturing.

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## Householders given helpful hints by the millions

The SEC commenced delivering more than one million leaflets containing energy use hints for householders early this month.

SEC assistant general manager (marketing and distribution) Mr. Bob Chapman, said today that the leaflet, entitled "How to Use Energy Wisely at Home", will be delivered to every household in Victoria.

"The brochure is part of a continuing SEC emphasis on advising people on how to use energy wisely," Mr.

Chapman said. "It is the latest in a family of such publications.

"It tells people how to get better energy value for heating, cooking, hot water and lighting.

"We are also using the brochure to encourage more people to adequately insulate their homes. Already the SEC has persuaded more than 41,000 householders to install

insulation.

"The SEC stopped all promotional advertising almost two years ago because of a general increase in community awareness of the need to use our energy resources properly. However, we have continued our advisory services to counsel people on the best use of energy.

"We will be following distribution of the brochure with other

material designed to help people get good value in their energy use.

"SEC staff will also continue to provide advisory services on the selection of the correct appliances and on the proper and economical use of energy.

"Victoria's vast brown coal deposits make electricity the most potentially abundant fuel that we possess — but that is no excuse to squander energy through unwise use," Mr. Chapman said.

## NEW \$100,000 DRILLING RIG

A new \$100,000 SEC rotary drilling rig has begun work in Yallourn. Imported from America and assembled in Sydney, the Gardner-Denver rig will take over work from a 30 year old drilling rig.

The new outfit has a larger capacity, is mounted on a chassis, has two front axles and tandem drive at the rear to give better load

distribution.

Coal Production Department is using the rig in helping to seek further specific information to determine the precise location for batters around the future open cut extension.

The 13 metre high rig began drilling early this month and is expected to be finished work within two weeks.



The new drilling rig (above) was pictured earlier this month working in Yallourn.

## How the SEC recruits technical trainees and apprentices

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number of people to be interviewed to a manageable number. The factors taken into consideration at this stage are school results, school report and ability test results. There is no discrimination between schools.

In fact each applicant is considered individually against the pre-selection criteria and against other applicants for the same positions. Selected applicants are then notified by mail that they are to present themselves for interview for a specific type of position, not always the applicants first preference.

### THE INTERVIEW

Every effort is made to make the applicants being

interviewed feel at ease as natural presentation and communication is required to assist in making valid and fair judgements.

The interview board usually comprises two people from Training and Development and a co-opted member who represents the employing Department. After each interview the selection board make an individual assessment by completing a prepared interview rating form.

These assessments are then collated together with all the other data on each interviewee and a comparison is made using a matrix which lists all the interviewees for specific positions against all the selection criteria.

Selected applicants have to have the Commission Medical Examination, which is carried out by one of the Commission Medical Officers. While it is desirable, for the convenience of all parties concerned, to conduct the medical examination in conjunction with the interviews this is not always possible. Therefore, sometimes interviewees are requested to present themselves for a medical examination at a time and date after the interview.

### APPOINTMENT

Appointment letters are sent out to the successful applicants indicating:

- the position which is being offered;
- conditions of appointment such as satisfactory final

school results and or report, satisfactory medical and in the case of apprenticeships:

- satisfactory completion of three months probation after the commencement of training;
- on completion of training employment may be offered depending upon labour requirements and satisfactory progress as an apprentice.

Concurrently there are 470 apprentices undergoing training in the Commission's Latrobe Valley organisations.

Technical Traineeships and Apprenticeships are the first step in a worthwhile career and for those interested in taking up the challenge the opportunity of a rewarding future presents itself.



*Jim Willis (centre) is pictured running with fellow athletes Henry Verberne (left) and Allan Ashmore near the Hazelwood power station early this month.*

## JIM'S OFF TO SWEDEN FOR WORLD TITLES

There are not too many 45 year old men who run more than 150 kilometres (90 miles) a week . . . and enjoy it.

Well SEC's Records Officer Jim Willis of Yarragon has been doing this for the past three months in preparation for the World Masters Track and Field Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden early next month.

The championships are held every two years for

athletes over 40 years. They were held in Toronto, Canada in 1975.

Jim, a member of the 85 strong Australia Veteran Athlete Association team, will be competing in the marathon. Jim is no stranger to marathons . . . he's been competing in them for more than 20 years.

A well-known Gippsland long distance runner, Jim has won numerous Veteran marathons throughout Gippsland and Victoria.

His best recorded time for the 42.195 kilometres (26 miles, 385 yards) is 2 hours 54 minutes.

A member of the Yallourn Athletic Club for 23 years, he trains at every opportunity . . . that even includes during his lunchtime. He, Allan Ashmore (Hazelwood power station), one of Gippslands top distance runners and Henry Verberne (Transmission) run from Morwell to HPS and return (7 kilometres) each lunch time.

When Jim arrives home he jogs off for another 16-20 kilometre run.

While he is overseas Jim plans to visit Norway, Holland, Denmark, West Germany and Singapore before returning to Australia.



*Pictured discussing work with Jim (far right) are Lee-anne Abery and Doug Sherry.*

## FOR SALE

- A 14 ft. Rapidcraft one seater kayak.
  - A 27 inch, 10 speed Rep-co racing bike.
  - A 5' 8" Island surfboard.
- All items for sale are as new. Phone 34 1294.
- An excellent building block in William Crescent, Yinnar. 56' x 120'. Phone ext. 3725.

## Domestic users

Industrial and domestic users of briquettes buy 800 (782 in 1975/76) kilotonnes a year and the SEC uses over 160 kilotonnes for power generation.

## C.B. Radio operators be warned

Gippsland and Latrobe Valley CB radio operators were warned this week about the dangers of antennas touching high voltage power lines.

The warning came from The SEC's Chief Electrical Inspector Len Francis.

An operator recently had a lucky escape when he moved his vehicle to a high area outside Melbourne to try to get the best possible location for his unit.

However, his antenna hit a 22,000 volt overhead line and caused interruption to

supply.

SEC repairmen found the antenna welded to a conductor. They removed the antenna and restored supply.

Mr. Francis says in these circumstances, people could be exposed to severe injury or possible death.

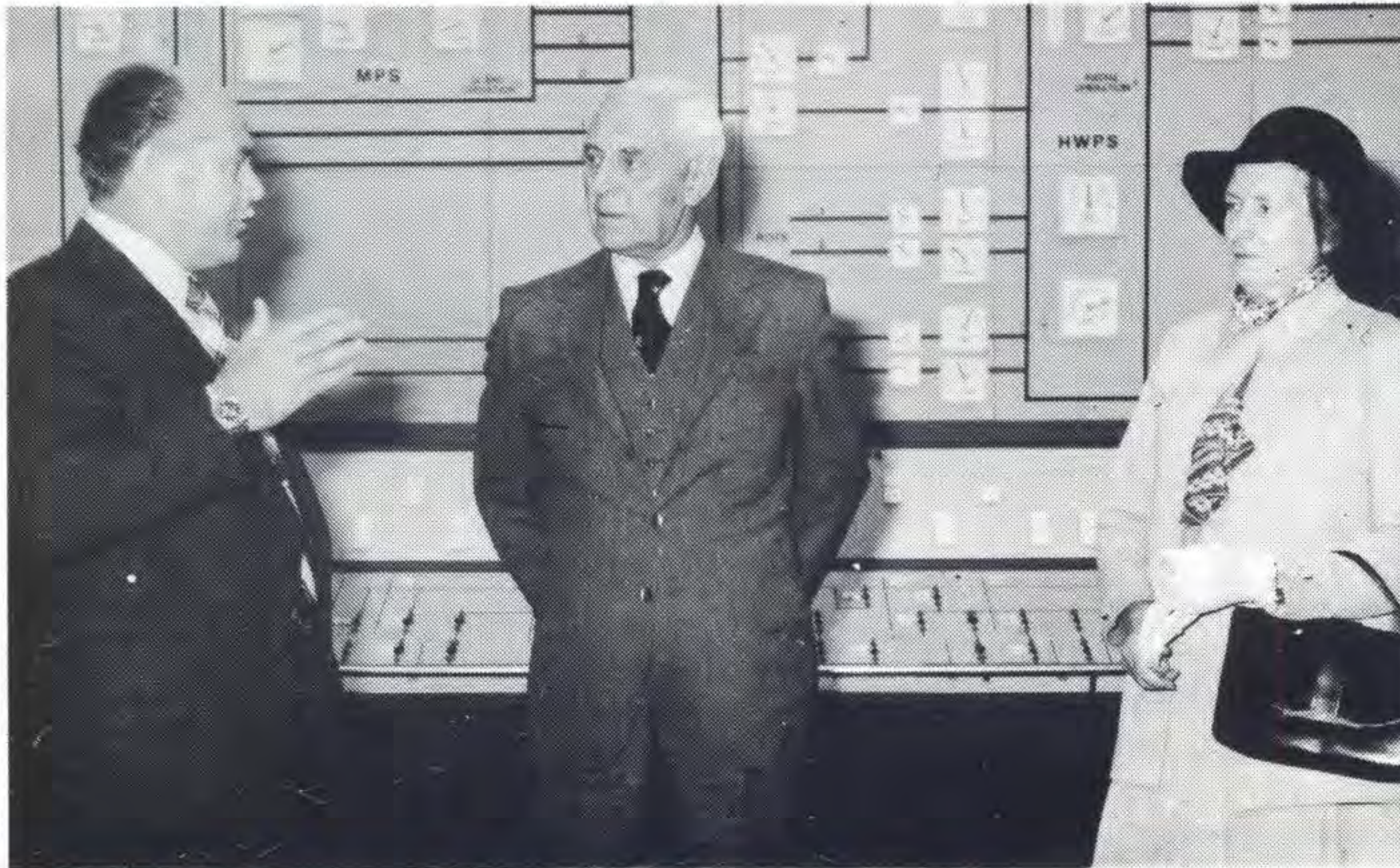
## We're growing

The SEC network comprises 108,000 km of power lines. Each average working day 6.5 km of lines are built, a power pole goes up about every eight minutes, and a new transformer is installed every hour.

Throughout Victoria about 130 additional customers are connected to the State supply system every working day—an average of about one every four minutes.



## TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS



Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald (far left) explains the working of the LVCC to the Governor and Lady Winneke.

## Governor visits LVCC

THE Governor Sir Henry Winneke and Lady Winneke made a whirlwind visit (20 minutes) of the Latrobe Valley Control Centre at Morwell during his one day visit to the SEC earlier this month.

They were met by Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald, who escorted the official party to the LVCC control room, where Mr. McDonald gave the Governor a brief run-down on the function of the control centre.

The Governor showed a keen interest in the operation of the control room and chatted briefly to Bill Trent (Regional Controller) and 'Nobby' Winter (Assistant Regional Controller) before heading off to his next port of call on his tight schedule.

## The dangers of kite flying — SEC

The SEC has reminded parents and teachers to warn children of the dangers of flying kites near power lines.

It is an offence against the SEC's regulations to fly kites within 45 metres of any power line.

Chief Electrical Inspector Len Francis says that people

flying kites near electric power lines risk serious injury or death if any part of the kite or its control line touches the power lines or supporting structures.

"Because of the recent increase in the number of people flying kites, the SEC

is very concerned for the safety of people, particularly children," Mr. Francis said.

The risk of injury or death was accentuated by the use of Kites with light tubular frames or tails made from metallicised plastic materials and control lines made from plastic-covered metallic thread.

## Are you interested in game fishing?

"The racing of your pulse when the big fish bites and transmits his battle signal along the line, rod and arm, and to your very soul" — this feeling has prompted

### 28 Megatonnes

Brown coal production in the SEC's open cuts at Yallourn, Morwell and Yallourn North is about 28 megatonnes a year.

The whole output is used for electricity generation and briquette manufacture — except Yallourn North's yearly production (242 kilotonnes in 1975/76), which is sold to nearby industries.

five members of Transmission Operations to join the South Gippsland Game fishing Club; Gavan Edmonston (ext. 3774), Rudolf Beilharz (ext. 3523), Alon Smith (ext. 3007), Alf Clarke (ext. 3344) and David Heath (ext. 3777).

Meetings are held at Leongatha on a monthly basis — President is Roy Fisher SEC, Leongatha (056-62 2176). The club is a fast growing young club being, one year old this month. However it has acquitted itself well with numerous Victorian records, two Aust-

ralian records, and one world record awaiting ratification.

Six organised outings were held during the year including a tournament against the Victorian Game-Fishing Club. This year it is hoped the club will be host the South Eastern Game Fishing Tournament which will include clubs from southern NSW to Western Victoria.

Safety is stressed in the club and hourly checks are carried out around the boats during outings — the checks are made by radio and/or visual sightings. All club

boats are advised to carry at least an excess of 50 per cent of fuel, over and above the amount required for the proposed trip.

Ownership of a boat is not a pre-requisite of the club. Members are drawn from surf fishermen, estuary fishermen and in fact anyone who has the desire to fish. Most club members with boats require crews, as do visiting club boats, so do not be shy — join us on the water.

Hopefully your nomination might enable to establish a local club in the Latrobe Valley?



## Selected in LVFL squad

WHEN it comes to football, 26 year old Yallourn draftsman, Kevin 'Pedro' Neille is one of the best in the Latrobe Valley Football League.

This was endorsed last month when he was selected in the LVFL's squad to play the Bendigo Football League at Bendigo.

He played on the half back flank and was named among the

LVFL's best players.

Kevin moved to Yallourn to live in 1971—since then he has played more than 60 games with Yallourn and has been assistant coach for the last two years.

Kevin was runner-up in the Club's best and fairest in 1974 and going on this year's form, he would be one of the early favorites to take off this year's best and fairest award.

## Safety award to heavy plate section — 250,000 hours

The heavy plate section in the Yallourn centre workshops has achieved 250,000 man hours without a lost time injury . . . in fact before an accident ended the section's excellent record it had notched up 268,600 man hours.

The award represents more than two years of injury free work — from May, 1974 to January, 1977.

Former Manager Engineering Services Max Gray (now retired) presented the National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and

certificate, at an informal ceremony in the Yallourn wess mess, to Kevin Robbins (foreman) and Ted Cowley (leading hand). Mr. Gray commended the sections efforts and encouraged the section to continue on with its safety conscious work.

Work carried out by the section has included hearth work on various units at the Hazelwood Power Station, Coal Production dredger buckets and pulleys and Yallourn 'C' Power Station duct work.

## Suggestion award is worth \$150

A suggestion put forward by Morwell workshop machinist Ernie Pollard has made him \$150 richer.

Ernie's suggestion of hobbing of worm wheels was looked upon favorably by the suggestion scheme panel.

Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis presented the suggestion cheque to Ernie in the workshops last month.

The suggestion was that pre-ground high speed steel cutters, brazed to a suitable arbor, be accurately drilled for correct position, to resemble the worm which is to mesh with worm wheel being made.

This arbor is then set in a milling machine and used with the hobbing attachment. From the blank to a completed tooth work wheel takes approximately 10 minutes when set up.



Members of the heavy plate section are pictured (above) showing off their pennant and certificate after the presentation in the Wess Mess at Yallourn.

Left: Ernie Pollard (far left) receives the suggestion cheque from Services Engineer (Mechanical) George Davis (far right).



## COAL PRODUCTION



*The large low loader carrying the dragline is pictured (above) about to enter the old Midland Highway.*

## NEW HOME FOR 29 YEAR-OLD SEC DRAGLINE

A huge 100 tonne dragline was transported, with the aid of a police escort, from the Yallourn North Extension to the Morwell Open Cut on Wednesday morning (29 June).

The 30 kilometre journey, which began in heavy rain at 8.30 a.m., took more than four hours.

Transported on a large low-loader, the Bucyrus Arie electrically-driven dragline will be put to work in the Morwell Open Cut excavating clay holes and digging overburden.

The extension boom and other accessories removed from the dragline before its lengthy trip will be replaced at Morwell.

The 29 year old dragline has worked at the Yallourn North Extension for more than 15 years.

The co-ordinating activities were mainly carried out by Ian Moon of Mechanical Maintenance, Morwell, and Ron Hudson of Transport, Head Office. Ian organised the stripping of the machine ready for travel, building of ramps to allow the machine to get onto the float, the

surveillance of overhead lines. He will also supervise the reconstruction of the machine.

Ron organised the contractor to cart the machine, the crossing of the Victorian Railways line in Tramway Road, the police escort, the Country Roads Board permits and the upgrading of certain sections of the route.

The people involved were Mechanical Maintenance, Auxiliary Operations, Electrical Maintenance, Yallourn Open Cut, Operations, Yallourn North Extension, Mechanical Maintenance, Electrical Maintenance, Auxiliary Operations, Morwell Open Cut, Fleet Xpress, Victoria Police, Gippsland ESB, Morwell, PMG, CRB, Victorian Railways, Transport, Survey, and the Shire of Morwell.

Auxiliary Operations took special interest in the project as they were the recipients of the dragline, all its employees worked willingly and well on the upgrading works required at Bonds Lane, Old Midland Highway, Applegates Road perimeter road and down on No. 1 Level.



*Above: It was all hands on deck when the dragline crossed the railway crossing on Tramway Road.*

## Boiler house fitters win safety award

Yallourn power station's boilerhouse fitters and shift maintenance group received its first safety award in June.

The 100,000 man hour award without a lost time injury was achieved over a period of 204 days.

The group consists of 90 men including day maintenance fitters, shift fitters and trades assistants.

Since the last lost time injury in July, 1976, the group has actually notched 148,797 manhours without

a LTI . . . and they're still going strong.

The National Safety Council of Australia pennant and certificate were presented by Acting Manager Power Generation Don Clark to Dick Sullivan and Tom McAlister.

● IN last month's CONTACT the award was credited to the YPS boilermakers and shift maintenance group — a mistake brought to CONTACT attention by YPS Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Col Harvey.

# retirements

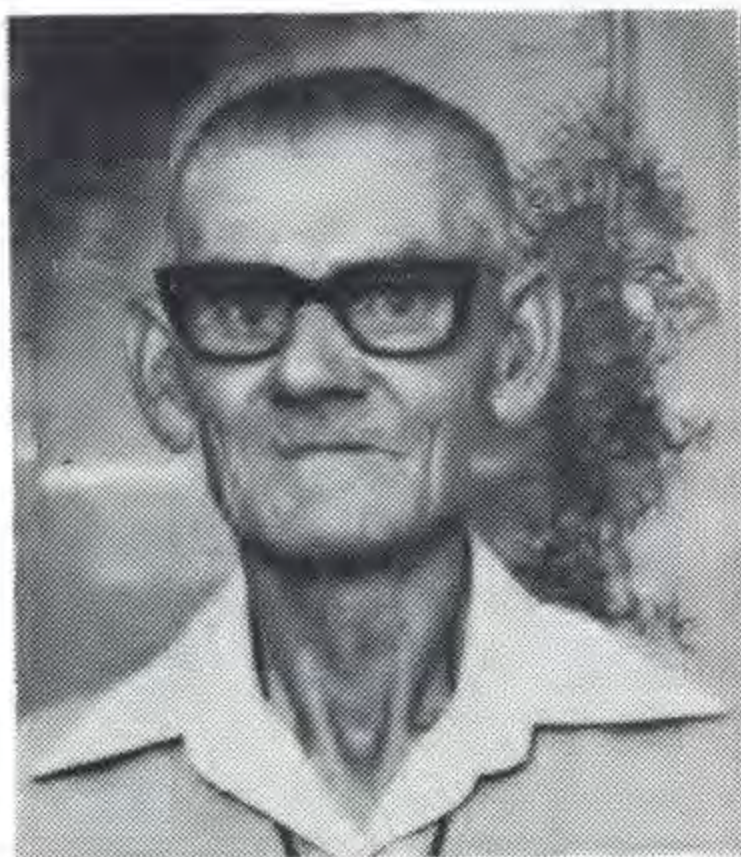


**MICK NORTON**

Frankston will be the future home of 'Mick' Norton and his wife Jean in retirement. Mick retired from the Commission on June 6 after 27 years service. He began with the Commission as a rigger with Civil Construction in Yallourn in November, 1950. He was promoted to staff in January, 1955 as a foreman with civil construction at Morwell, he transferred to power generation department, Morwell in 1959. He was promoted to an overseer in 1963 and then to a supervisor in January, 1969.

Mick and Jean plan to holiday extensively overseas travelling throughout Europe, England, Scotland, America and Canada. His main interests are gardening, Citizen Military Forces and assembling models of sailing ships.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn 'W' canteen, Yallourn 'W' Construction Engineer Don Bromilow presented Mick with a digital clock-radio, a gold watch and a miniature clock, for Mrs. Norton, from his workmates.



**JIM FORRESTER**

An extended holiday to England and Europe is one of the early retirement plans of Jim Forrester and his wife Margaret.

Jim who retired from the

Commission after 26½ years service on March 23, plans to enjoy his hobbies of gardening and fishing in retirement. An active member of the Moe RSL Jim will continue to live in Moe on his return from overseas. His Commission service began in November, 1951 as a rigger at Coal, Yallourn, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn Coal Production Mechanical Maintenance depot canteen, Yallourn Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson presented Jim with a set of suit cases from his workmates.



**CHARLIE SCHELLAARS**

In two years time Charlie Schellaars and his wife Joe plan to return to Holland for a holiday . . . however in the meantime they intend a caravanning holiday to Queensland.

Charlie's hobbies of gardening, camping, fishing and politics will keep him busy in retirement. His career with the Commission began in February, 1956 as a camp orderly at the Eastern Road Hostel Yallourn, he received promotion in 1958 to a trades assistant at Yallourn power station then to a builders laborer at YPS. He was transferred to Municipal at Yallourn in January, 1959. His final promotion came in January, 1961 to a painter with municipal, Yallourn, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn property services town depot, Civil Services Engineer Tom Stillman presented Charlie with an electric planner from his workmates.



**DAVID DE VINK**

A holiday to Queensland's Barrier Reef is among the early retirement plans of David De Vink and his wife Dorothy. David, reputed to be the best Lassky dumper driver in Yallourn, retired from the Commission after 13 years service on May 30.

He began in May, 1964 as a boxer at Municipal, Yallourn, then promoted to a jointer, then to a driver in January, 1965. He moved on to be a roller driver in February, 1966 and then a Mechanical plant driver, the position he retired from.

David, who will continue to live in Warragul, intends to enjoy retirement by relaxing, golfing, gardening and fishing.

Civil works engineer Tom Stillman presented David with a surf rod, two fishing reels and a barometer, from his workmates, at an informal farewell function in the Civil works canteen at Yallourn.

# retirements



**MARTIN DIJKSTRA**

Martin Dijkstra plans to take retirement from day to day. Martin, who retired from the Commission on June 17 after more than 20 years service, has planned a caravanning holiday to New South Wales and Queensland with his wife Lamkje. While in Queensland they intend to travel around the state enjoying each day as it comes.

Martin began with the Commission in September, 1955 as a motor driver with Municipal at Yallourn, he transferred as a motor driver to Property Services, Yallourn in July, 1964 the position he retired from.

In retirement Martin intends to take it easy enjoying his hobby of gardening at his Moe home.

At an informal farewell function, Civil Services Engineer Tom Stillman presented Martin with a portable television set and a box of cigars from his workmates.



**JACK ARMISTEAD**

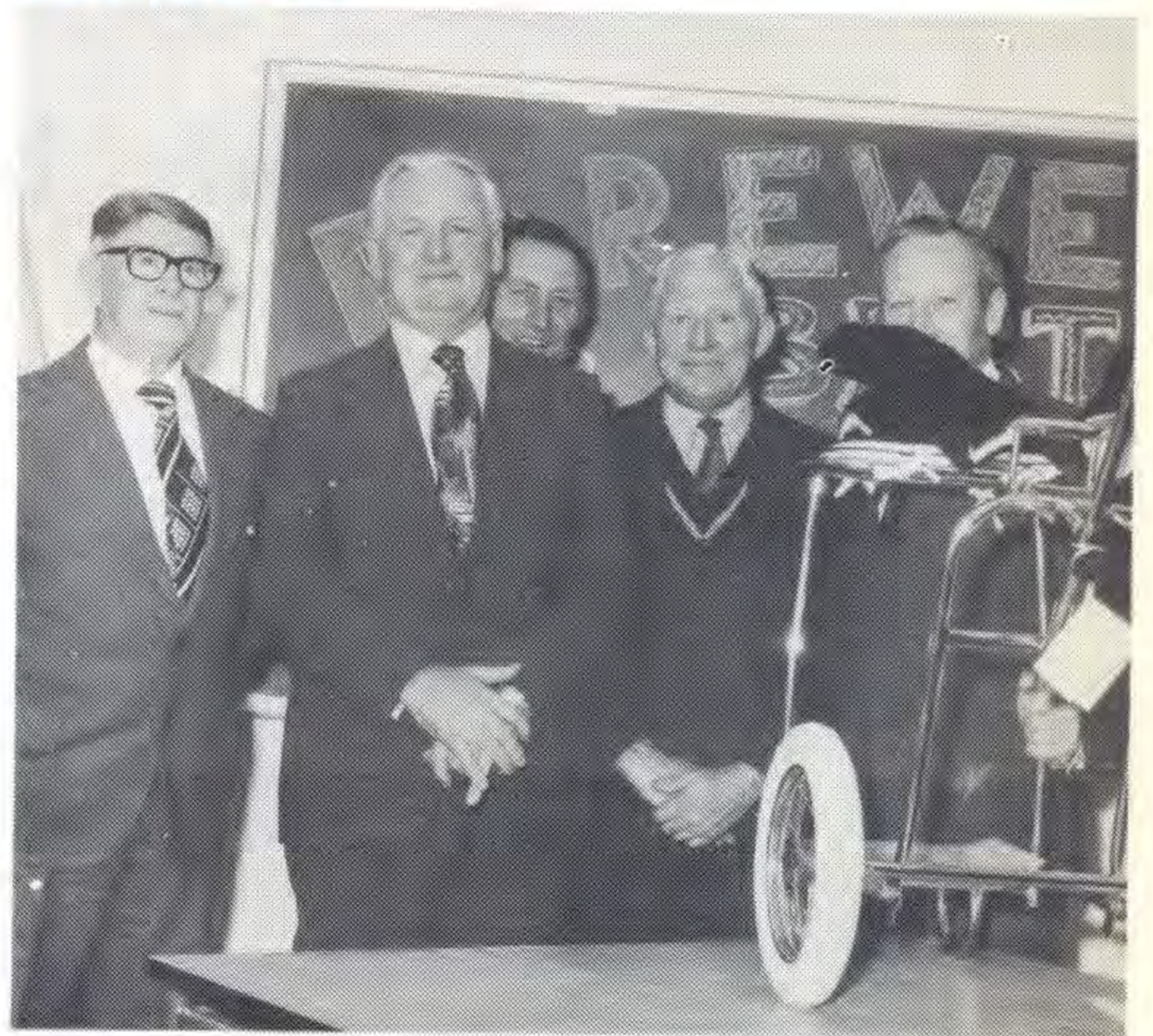
Jack Armistead plans to take retirement from day to day and enjoy his hobbies of bowls, gardening and fishing.

Jack and his wife Eileen

intend to enjoy a holiday in Narooma, New South in the near future, where Jack plans to do his share of fishing. The Armisteads plan to enjoy each day as it comes.

Jack began with the Commission in December, 1973 as a trades assistant with Coal Electrical, Morwell, the position he retired from on July 10.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell training centre, Morwell. Coal Production Superintendent Ian Runge presented Jack with a bowls bag, a pipe and tobacco — gifts from his mates.



**JIM TULLIS**

A well-known and popular Commission employe Jim Tullis called it a day after 27 years service on May 27.

Jim began with the Commission in 1950 as an electrical mechanic at Yallourn briquette factory — in 1954 he transferred to staff as an assistant operator at Yallourn power station. He progressed through the various grades as an electrical operator and became an overseer in 1967 until promotion to electrical operations officer in 1971 — the position he retired from.

Jim and his wife Vin plan to travel extensively during retirement. Among their plans are a holiday in England, where Jim will visit his three sisters, who he hasn't seen for some year, then on to Europe. On returning to Australia they intend to travel around Australia. Both Jim and Vin are keen golfers and intend to play a round or two when the opportunity arises.

They will continue to live in Newborough. At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn power station's lecture room YPS Superintendent Bruce Johnston presented Jim with a golf buggy and three wollen golf club covers from his mates.



# valley visitors

## Comments made by visitors tell their own story

THE Latrobe Valley visitors centre at Morwell welcomes many interesting people through its doors . . . but just as interesting are the comments made in the centre's visitors book — about the SEC and the centre.

For example, Geoff Brooks of Cairns, Queensland, felt the centre was "really grouse", Graeme Sner of Shepparton said, 'fantastic', while Sharon

Wilson of North Canterbury, New Zealand said "very good audio-visual — commendable and not bad for an Aussie."

Many people were impressed with the centre's educational value . . . Jim Meade of Essendon said, "It will improve childrens education considerably", Peter Dowel of Korumburra "Well set out on an educational basis"

and Don Kealy Palmyra, Western Australia simply said "have learnt a lot."

Libby Cooly of Balwyn thought the centre was "Out of this world", while Jean Hyde of Leongatha said "I like the curtains" and Ronnie Lee of Yallourn thought the centre was "Well carpeted."

Ian Malaine of East Bentleigh said the

centre was of "International standard", Brian Cunningham, Armadale, New South Wales "Brilliant — exceptionally well done — congratulations and Robert Wiseman of Dingley "Effective public relations — entertaining for adults and children."

A retired SEC employee T. James of Altona summed his visit up by saying "Thank you."

## Overseas visitors look at works area

Among the hundreds of visitors to the Latrobe Valley works area in the past month were a number of overseas visitors.

They included a party of Japanese businessmen and the Commercial Counsellor with the Embassy of the German Democratic Republic Mr. Gerhard Matzke and Mrs. Matzke.

The members of the Japanese Party, who held talks with senior Coal Production officers, included:

Mr. Herford, Kawasho Corp., Perth; Mr. S. Heda, Kawasho Corp., Tokyo; Mr. Y. Inamori Nippon, Sharyo, Tokyo and Mr. M. Yasuda, Kawasho Corp., Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Matzke took in a day tour of the SEC which included tours of the Hazelwood Power Station and Morwell open cut before they returned to Melbourne.

There were also a number of school parties from all corners of Victoria and Interstate.



Mr. and Mrs. Matzke are pictured (above) in the Hazelwood power station's control room with station superintendent Arthur Ewen (centre).



Left: The party of Japanese businessmen are pictured at Morwell, with the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation in the background.