

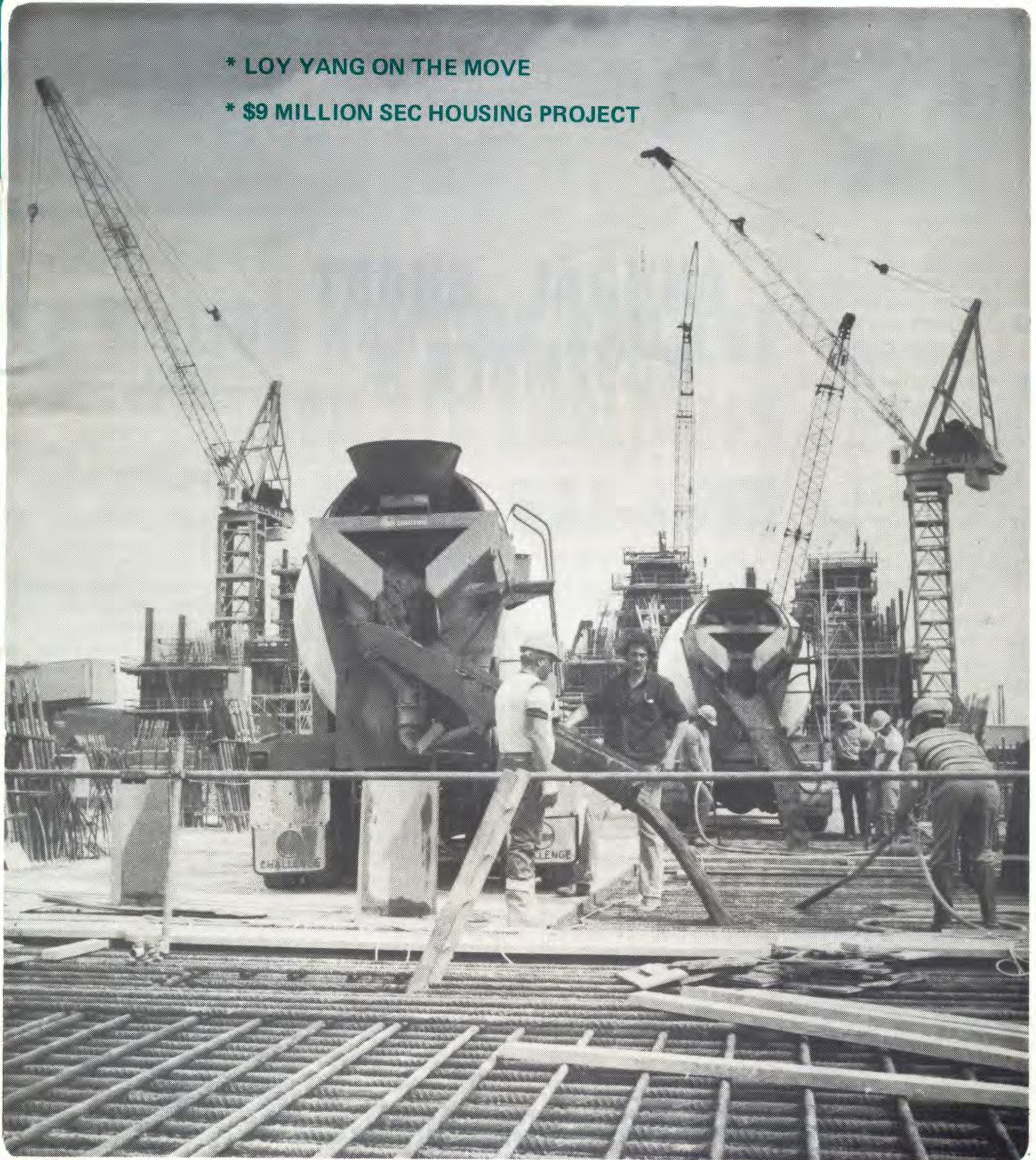


CONTACT

OCTOBER, 1978

* LOY YANG ON THE MOVE

* \$9 MILLION SEC HOUSING PROJECT



EXHIBITION DEPICTED SEC WORKS

An exhibition of local art in the Latrobe Valley Art Centre this month depicted a number of SEC landmarks and its employees.

The exhibition called "Towards a local art" was well supported by the public according to Gallery director Tony Hanning.

As the title suggests the objective of the exhibition was to analyse the element of art produced "locally" to see what cross references there were between styles of paintings and concerns in subject matter.

Among the paintings, sketches and other pieces of art was a large painting by Noel Counihan titled "Briquette workers, Morwell 1978".

Counihan visited the SEC earlier this year and spent some time sketching and talking to employees at the Morwell briquette factory.

He was fascinated by the way in which the men moved their bodies in rhythmic formation.

There were also paintings of a dredger and power stations included in the display.



ANNUAL SHOOT NOVEMBER 4

The third annual "Noel Lappin" perpetual shield clay bird shoot between the SEC and APM will be held on Saturday November 4.

The SEC currently holds the shield after a comfortable win last year, 125 to 108 points.

The inaugural event was won by the APM.

The Shield, donated by the APM, is contested by two teams of eight shooters.

More than 40 shooters took part in last year's successful social day at the Morwell Gun Club.

All people interested in shooting or even attending the day should contact Alex Bremner ext 3553.

Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood will make the presentation to the winning side.



Morwell Art Centre Director Tony Hanning and former SEC employee Arthur Pattle are pictured discussing 'Briquette Workers Morwell 1978' by Noel Counihan.

FOR SALE

Land at Loch Sport. High block with north-east aspect, good view, close to beach and national park, quiet position. Large steel garage with concrete floor on block, incl. double bunk, kero fridge and 1000 gl tank. \$5000. Contact John Brown, Yallourn Coal Production Administration Office, ext. 2583.

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Work is progressing at a fast rate of knots at the huge Loy Yang project. One of the sites where there has been plenty of action is on the 100,000 tonne raw coal bunker. More pictures and news on Loy Yang pages 8-9.

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An architects sketch of a typical three bedroom home is pictured (above). The attractive modern design is typical of the moderately priced, top quality homes to be built.

\$9 MILLION HOUSING PROJECT FOR SEC EMPLOYEES UNDER WAY SOON

**PHILLIP RUTHVEN
GUEST SPEAKER**

A \$9 million project to provide 300 new brick veneer houses in the Latrobe Valley will soon be under way, and a large number of SEC employees have already registered their interest.

The Latrobe Valley Special Housing Project, which could eventually provide up to 1000 houses, is designed to provide a range of top quality accommodation for SEC employees and other people associated with SEC activities.

Stages one and two of the project involve the construction of 300 houses at Churchill, Traralgon, Newborough and Morwell.

The houses will be constructed by private builders on land which has been made available by the SEC and Housing Commission.

Construction will be administered by the Housing Commission and the SEC will be solely responsible for the sale of all houses.

Employees can register their interest in purchasing houses by contacting Tony

Paul, property office, Morwell Administration Building, Wing 3, Telephone SEC ext 3539. This will not commit in any way but will ensure that full details of the project are brought to attention.

All SEC employees and employees of SEC contractors are eligible to purchase the project houses, which will be of brick veneer construction in varying sizes and designs.

Houses will be available for sale during construction.

Bank finance will be available to approved purchasers and home trust finance up to \$5000 may be available under certain circumstances for second mortgage purposes.

SEC employee purchasers will be entitled to up to

\$1000 subsidy on a dollar for dollar basis, provided no previous subsidy has been received.

Distribution of houses throughout the Latrobe Valley will be as follows:

- * Churchill —
133 Glendonald Estate
38 Sanders Estate
30 Silcock Estate
- * Newborough —
20 Northern Avenue
10 Torres Street
- * Traralgon —
60 Traralgon East Estate
- * Morwell —
9 O'Grady Street

Construction of the houses will proceed quickly. It is essential that prospective buyers register their interest now.

Mr Phillip Ruthven, the Managing Director of IBIS Research Services Pty. Ltd. will be the guest speaker at the Australia Institute of Management - Latrobe Valley branch-end of year meeting on Monday November 13.

The dinner meeting will be held at the Latrobe Valley Motor Hotel in Morwell.

Mr. Ruthven will speak on the 'Future without a crystal ball'.

All members of the Institute are welcome to the dinner at \$7 single of \$13 double.

Contact Arthur Davis, P.O. Box 483 with your RSVP by Wednesday, November 8.

FOR SALE

Newlands caravan 18 x 8 tandem six berth, complete with annexe, spare wheel, four burner gas stove and oven and many other features \$3000.

Contact: Tom Skerry ext 2375.



Ten year-old Kim Boyd of Morwell gives Kevin Heinze a helping hand to plant a tree in the Morwell Park primary school's front lawn.

Morwell Park host "Mr. Sow What"

Children at the Morwell Park Primary school helped television gardening personality Kevin Heinze plant a number of trees in the school grounds early this month.

The trees were provided by the SEC under the Yallourn compensatory tree

planting program, which many Latrobe Valley schools have been involved in.

He also spoke to a large gathering of children, teachers and a number of mothers at the school.

As well as Morwell Park he visited the Churchill North primary school and the Maryvale High School where he also spoke to teachers and students.

Mr. Heinze visits Latrobe Valley schools once a month in conjunction with the SEC and its compensatory tree replanting program.

FOR SALE

FORD Fairmont 1972 XY, six cylinder automatic in excellent condition, performance and in appearance. Includes many extras. \$2975.

Contact: Barry Callinan ext 2281.

THE FEMALE SECS.



CONGRATULATIONS to Sue Townsend (typist) and Karen Glen (Data processing). Both girls gave birth to their first child recently. . . both had boys. Sue and husband Peter (gardener civil works) are the proud parents of a 2.93 kilogram boy, Owen Peter, born at Morwell on September 27, while Karen and Peter (Yallourn 'W') Glen are happy to announce the arrival of 3.83 kg Nathan James on September 30 at Moe.

MORWELL typist Jill Hopkins is currently spending her annual leave soaking up the sun at Narooma, New South Wales.

Twelve secretaries are currently attending a secretaries course at the Yallourn training centre, one day a week, for four weeks. The course runs until the middle of November.

CONGRATULATIONS are also in order to Vicki Manuel (receptionist Public Relations) on her marriage on October 21 to Charlie Cauchi (welder Morwell workshops) at St. Vincents Catholic Church Morwell East. Understand the Cauchi's are enjoying their honeymoon on the Gold Coast in Queensland. Best wishes for the future.

All the best to Ann Mitchell (Morwell typing pool) of Traralgon who resigned this month to take up domestic duties at home, after working with the Commission for more than two years.

Dianne DeGuara from the Morwell duplicating and copying has returned from an enjoyable three week holiday in Townsville and Magnetic Island, Queensland.

CHRIS Taylor (office assistant Coal Production, Morwell) has returned home following an enjoyable world tour with her mother. They visited England, Scotland and toured extensively throughout Europe during their eight week holiday.

HELEN Taylor (Stores Yallourn) announced her engagement to Mick Hancock (Yallourn workshops) recently. Best wishes to you both.

WHILE talking of overseas holidays, Engineering Services CAO, Sylvia Houghton has also returned recently from a three week holiday with her parents to South-East Asia.

Margareth Ljubinkovic (typist Yallourn supplies) has transferred to Projects division Power Department, Monash House.

THAT'S all for this month, but don't forget to ring through those newsie stories to the column on ext 3642.

ENJOYABLE BALL - 300 ATTEND

More than 300 people attended the Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory social club's annual ball in the Traralgon Technical school hall recently.

Official guests at the enjoyable evening were: AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce, Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson and MBPI Superintendent Cyril Morellato.

Music was supplied by Scammell's Band from Yarram.



Pictured together before supper were (from left) Ken and Pat Hewat and Kay and Tom O'Rielly.



Enjoying themselves at the annual ball were Ray Dickson and Belinda Willcox.



Service Register

COMMISSION staff and wages employees who reached significant service milestones during October are included in the register below:

25 YEARS	
Rupert Wheatland	Hazelwood Power Station
Henry Clayson	Yallourn Power Station
Stan Doyle	Yallourn Power Station
Harold Atkinson	Yallourn Power Station
30 YEARS	
Bruce Johnston	Yallourn Power Station
Bill Nelson	Civil Works, Yallourn
Felix O'Kane	Coal, Morwell
Leon Tucinskas	Yallourn Workshops
Izidorius Bindokas	Civil Works, Yallourn
Willy Allison	Civil Works, Morwell
Les Aspinall	Yallourn Workshops
Dobriojie Cvetkovic	Coal, Yallourn
Ivan Kelava	Coal, Yallourn
Colin Wetzel	Coal, Yallourn
31 YEARS	
Dennis Foley	Yallourn Stores
Norm Eason	Morwell Workshops
32 YEARS	
Neil Johnson	Payrolls, Morwell
Bob McPhee	Yallourn, Workshops
Chas Stace	Coal, Yallourn
Henry Westfall	Civil Works, Yallourn
33 YEARS	
Colin Johnston	Coal, Yallourn
34 YEARS	
Tom Schulz	Patrol, Morwell
37 YEARS	
James Tickle	Civil Works, Yallourn
38 YEARS	
Eric Lyons	Coal, Yallourn
Ken Grant	Coal, Yallourn
39 YEARS	
Jim Irvine	Accounting, Morwell
40 YEARS	
Leon Hilditch	Coal, Morwell
41 YEARS	
Alex Scott	Yallourn 'W' Power Station



Terry Swindon (left) makes some adjustments to the model railway. Looking on is Jack Atlee.

Model railways Association is a lot of fun

A new Latrobe Valley club is on the right track - lots of tracks in fact!

The Latrobe Valley Model Railway Association, formed in April this year, now has 30 members, many of them SEC employees.

President Terry Swindon (Engineering Services) said members were involved in the preparation of model railways ranging from very simple to very elaborate.

"At present they are preparing portable models for display at exhibitions around the Latrobe Valley," he said.

"The next exhibition is on November 4 at Murray Road Primary School, Newborough.

We meet once a month, when members have an opportunity to discuss their projects, most of which have a theme, such as American, English, Australian, logging, farm or industrial."

The association has 10 SEC members - Terry, secretary Frank Leister (Yallourn W), Jack Atlee (YPS), Jim Templeton (Engineering Services), Graeme McWilliams (Transmission Operations), Keith Peters (HPS), Ron Basse (Loy Yang), Ron Jones (CWS, Yallourn), Jack Grant (Survey, Morwell), Ron Collis (Transmission Operations).

Other members come from all parts of the Latrobe Valley.

Meetings are held at Newborough High School on the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Terry said membership was open to anyone aged 14 years or over. Further information on association activities is available from Terry, phone 2434 or 2780 (after hours 27 1290) or Frank Leister (after hours 27 2783).



COMMUNICATIONS SECTION PLAYS A VITAL ROLE

Their workshop may be small but the Communications Section in "The Chalet" at Morwell plays a vital role in the every day workings of the SEC.

Headed-up by Communications Officer Bob Taylor, the section has six other officers and three electrical trainees who are responsible for all the installations, repairing and maintenance of radios and PA systems, televisions, video units . . . and the list goes on, in the Latrobe Valley.

Without their expertise communications would be non existent in the Latrobe Valley works areas.

Their job is a specialised one which involves working on radio systems, on dredgers, overburden stackers, closed circuit television in all power stations, emission control monitors, video units for measuring water levels in boilers and all power stations' paging systems . . . just to name a few.

Recently the section also installed new color cameras in the Yallourn 'W' boilers to monitor flame color.

Maintenance and installation of two-way radios is one of the sections' biggest jobs. The section has to carry out regular maintenance on more than 200 walkie-talkies, 200 two-way radios and more than 300 paging units (beepers). On the average four to five two-way radios would require maintenance per week.

About 100 two-way radios are installed in SEC vehicles each year.

As you can see the Communications section role is vital to the every day running of the SEC in the Latrobe Valley.

Checking signal strengths outside 'The Chalet' are four members of the Communications section (from left) 'Polly' Politkas, John McHammlan, Steve Lucas and Jay Rodda.

'Polly' Politkas was busy tuning a two-way radio when CONTACT's photographer called in to 'The Chalet' last week.



WARNING TO CHILDREN ON DANGERS OF FLYING KITES

With the Christmas school holidays, only five weeks away the SEC this week issued a reminder to parents and teachers to warn children of the dangers of flying kites or model aeroplanes near power lines.

The Chief Electrical Inspector, Mr Len Francis,

said that people doing these things near overhead lines risked serious injury or death if any part of the kite or plane or its control line touched the power lines or supporting structures.

"The use of kites with light tubular frames or tails made from metallicised plastic materials and control lines made from plastic-covered metallic thread increases the risk considerably," he said.

He said it was an offence against the SEC's Regulations to fly kites or model aeroplanes within 45 metres of power lines.

"Because of the recent increase in the number of people engaged in these activities, the SEC is very concerned for the safety of people, particularly children," Mr Francis said.



One of the numerous huge trucks makes its way from the open cut to the spoil dump along the Haul road.



Foundations works for the Loy Yang 'A' power station are now in full swing.

The huge 50-tonne capacity Euclids which are now removing overburden were brought to Loy Yang by road transport.



On its way to the overburden dump is a fully laden 50-tonne Euclid truck.

IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO AT LOY YANG

Loy Yang is currently a hive of activity.

With the advent of good weather there has been a considerable stepping up of activities at the SEC's \$1635 million Loy Yang project.

More than 400 men are now working on site.

One contractor on overburden removal and construction of conveyor embankments is now working two 10-hour shifts.

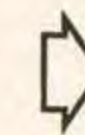
Other construction activities gaining momentum at present are works on —

- * Access roads, drainage and foundations for Loy Yang 'A' Power Station including the start of construction on the 120-metre high lift shaft.
 - * Construction of road and earth works required for erection of the No 14 dredger, overburden conveyors and stacker, also earth works in the gullet cut - the beginning of the open cut.
 - * Construction of the raw coal bunker which is now rising well above ground level.
- Other contracts which will begin at Loy Yang in the near future include —
- * Construction of the foundations for the 260 metre (853 feet) chimney.
 - * Foundations for the turbine and boiler house.
 - * Construction of the embankment for the ash pond and open cut fire services reservoir.
 - * Construction of the high-level water storage near Clarke's Road and construction of a water pipeline from the Hazelwood pondage to the high-level storage.

Since the warm weather arrived, the number of men working at Loy Yang has increased by more than 150 men.



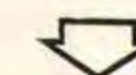
Work on the Barton's Lane overpass was nearing completion when this picture was taken



Concrete used on the Loy Yang project is made on site at the two batch plants. One of them is pictured right.



The removal of overburden from the gullet cut is being carried out around the clock, by huge trucks and euclids.





RIVER DIVERSION TO BE "HOME" FOR 4000 SHEEP

About 4,000 sheep will arrive at their new "home" on the Morwell River Diversion in the next few weeks.

They will be alternately grazing on fresh, new grass on the floodway channel of the River diversion, and on the equally grassy slopes above and around the floodway channel.

Why are the sheep there?

- Because they were the best solution to a problem which confronted the SEC when the river diversion project was completed.

The floodway channel is there to cope with any overflow of the underground pipeline in high flood conditions.

Figures collected over the past 50 years indicate that this could occur on several days or weeks a year.

To be completely effective, as well as comply with the SEC's Environmental Statement on the Morwell River Diversion, the grass has to be constantly maintained between 5cm and 12 cm in height. Otherwise tussocks would form, leaving bare surrounding areas. When floodwaters occurred, these areas would further erode, leaving ever-increasing bare patches.

The problem was to continually maintain the grass at the required length.

Because of the side batters, and their steep slope, as well as wet conditions of the ground, mowing was out of the question. And with an area of 400 hectares over a length of 4 kilometres, also totally impractical.

Cattle were unsuitable, because being heavy animals, they would disturb the ground and cause most growth to be trampled and disappear in winter, leaving bare patches and mud which would suffer erosion by floodwaters.

The answer was sheep - in an area that had not seen major sheep grazing activity for almost 30 years.

The SEC consulted the State Rivers and the Soil Conservation Authority on soil preparation and the grassing of the area.

The sub-contract for the grassing has been let to Warren Rich, a sheep farmer from South Gippsland.

The sheep will spend only about three months of the year on the floodway channel - the rest of the time will be spent on the higher - but equally fertile - holding paddocks. The SEC has installed special fencing to separate the two areas.

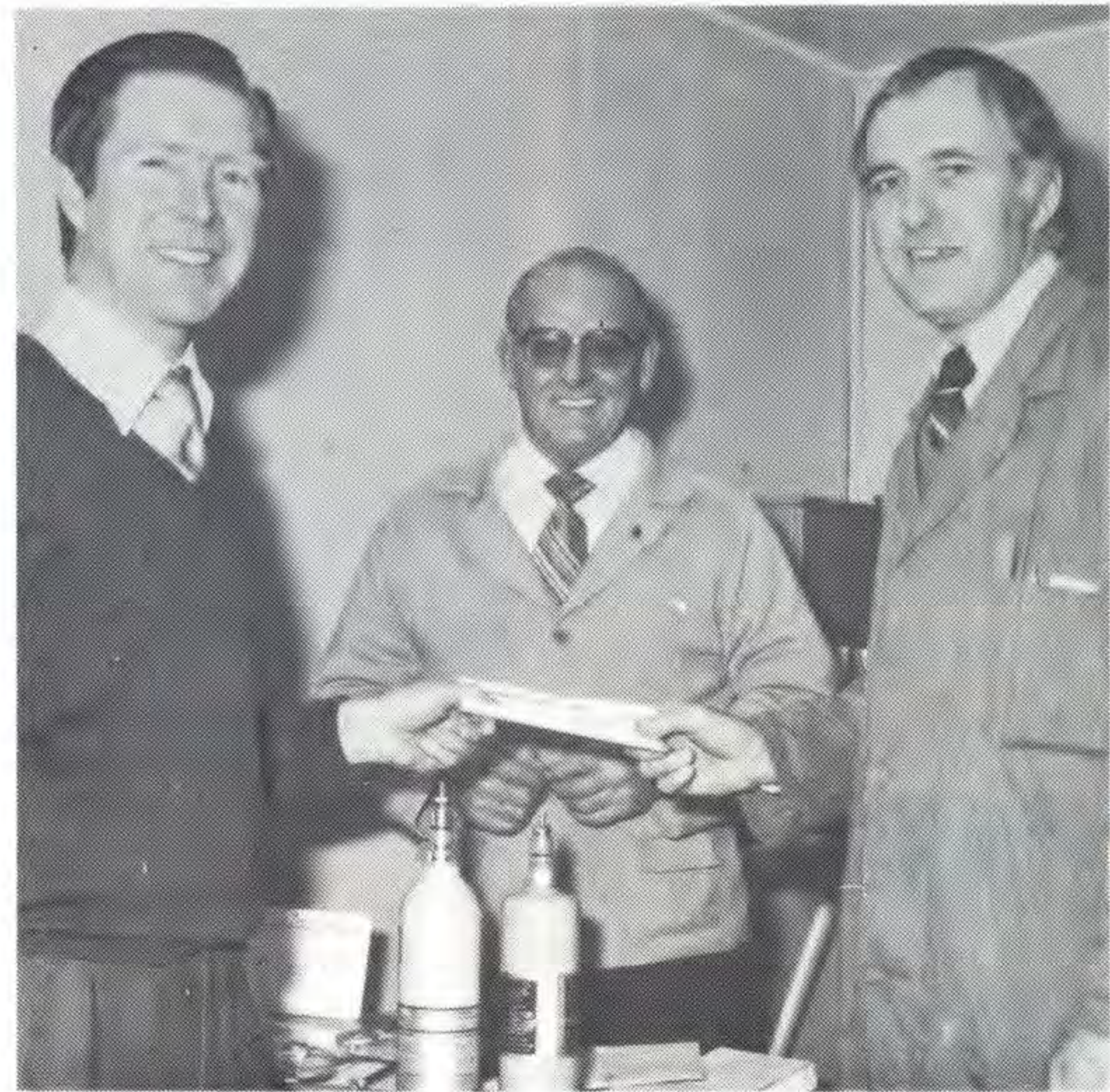
Although unique in Australia, the system is similar to overseas "high efficiency - high stocking" systems, where large numbers of sheep are progressively moved between several adjacent fertile paddocks.

NEW ENERGY ADVERTISING PROGRAM

"Let's make the very most of a very good thing" is the theme of a new SEC program to make Victorians more energy conscious.

The program was announced this month by the SEC's Assistant General Manager (Personnel), Peter Duncan.

The program incorporates a series of television commercials,



Acting Yallourn Workshops Superintendent Geoff Fullard (left) presents Michael Moore with his suggestion award cheque for \$100. Fire Services Supervisor Alex Bremner (centre) looks on.

MICHAEL MOORE IS \$100 RICHER

Yallourn leading hand fitter Michael Moore is \$100 richer following a suggestion he made recently to the Suggestion Board.

His suggestion was that a replaceable sheer nipple be fitted to the existing bush on all pyrene 2lb fire extinguishers.

This will eliminate soldering and keep machining to a minimum.

The suggestion has been successfully tested.

Acting Yallourn Workshops Superintendent Geoff Fullard presented Michael with his \$100 cheque on behalf of the Suggestion Board.

Project material for secondary students and a series of leaflets released through SEC offices.

The SEC has produced five television commercials to be shown on all Victorian commercial TV stations at intervals over the next 12 months.

Four of the advertisements are directed at adults and carry hints on ways to eliminate wasteful energy use.

The fifth is designed for children and contains a catchy jingle aimed at encouraging them to get into the habit of turning off appliances when they are not being used.


**COAL
PRODUCTION**

Table tennis premiership



Four Morwell Coal Production employees are making names for themselves on the Moe table tennis scene.

Ian Moon, Bill Broekstra, Gus McNabb and Gordon Stewart teamed together this year to win the Moe and District Table Tennis Association A Reserve pennant.

The team called - Coal Production - captained by Ian Moon defeated Pistol 10 in an exciting final 6 to 5 rubbers.

With the scores five all, before the last rubber was played, all the pressure was on Coal Production's Gus McNabb. Gus won 2-0 to give Coal Production the premiership.

The team only lost four matches for the season and finished second on the ladder to Pistol 10.

It was the first season the team had played together and according to team spokesman Bill Broekstra they intend to play again next season.

Proudly displaying their premiership trophies are the members of the Coal Production team (from left) Ian Moon (Captain), Gus McNabb, Bill Broekstra and Gordon Stewart.

FIRST AID FINAL TO YALLOURN

The Yallourn open cut No 2 team has won this year's annual Coal Production first aid competition.

The winning team of Bert Young (Captain), Andy Durrand and Trevor Simberg won narrowly from the Yallourn No 1 team, with Morwell No 1 team in third position.

Defending champion was the Yallourn No 1 team.

The final, held in Centre Hall Yallourn, depicted a joiners shop where three employees were involved in an accident.

Judges for the final were, First aid supervisor Morwell Jack Mullins and Bert Asmusen.

Manager Coal Production Jack Vines presented the winning team with their trophies.

FOR SALE

- * A 1968 Toyota Corona sedan, good registration, mags, new Michelin radial tyres. \$850.
- * Westinghouse electric range in very good condition. \$180.
- * Holly 500 carburettor and manifold with air cleaner. \$150.
- * Extractors and two barrel carburettor and manifold to suit Toyota 2R motor. \$50.

CONTACT: R. Jenkins ext 3111.



Manager Coal Production Jack Vines (far right) presented the Manager's trophy to Yallourn No 2 team Captain Trevor Simberg (second from left). Other team members are Andy Durrand (far left) and Bert Young.

POWER
GENERATION

JEERALANG GAS TURBINE RUNS UP FOR THE FIRST TIME

The first 50 megawatt unit at the new Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station, near Morwell, is undergoing its initial tests.

The unit was synchronised with the SEC system on October 11, and run up to capacity on October 12.

Further commission tests are continuing with the unit expected to come into commercial service later next month. Commissioning tests on Unit 2 are continuing.

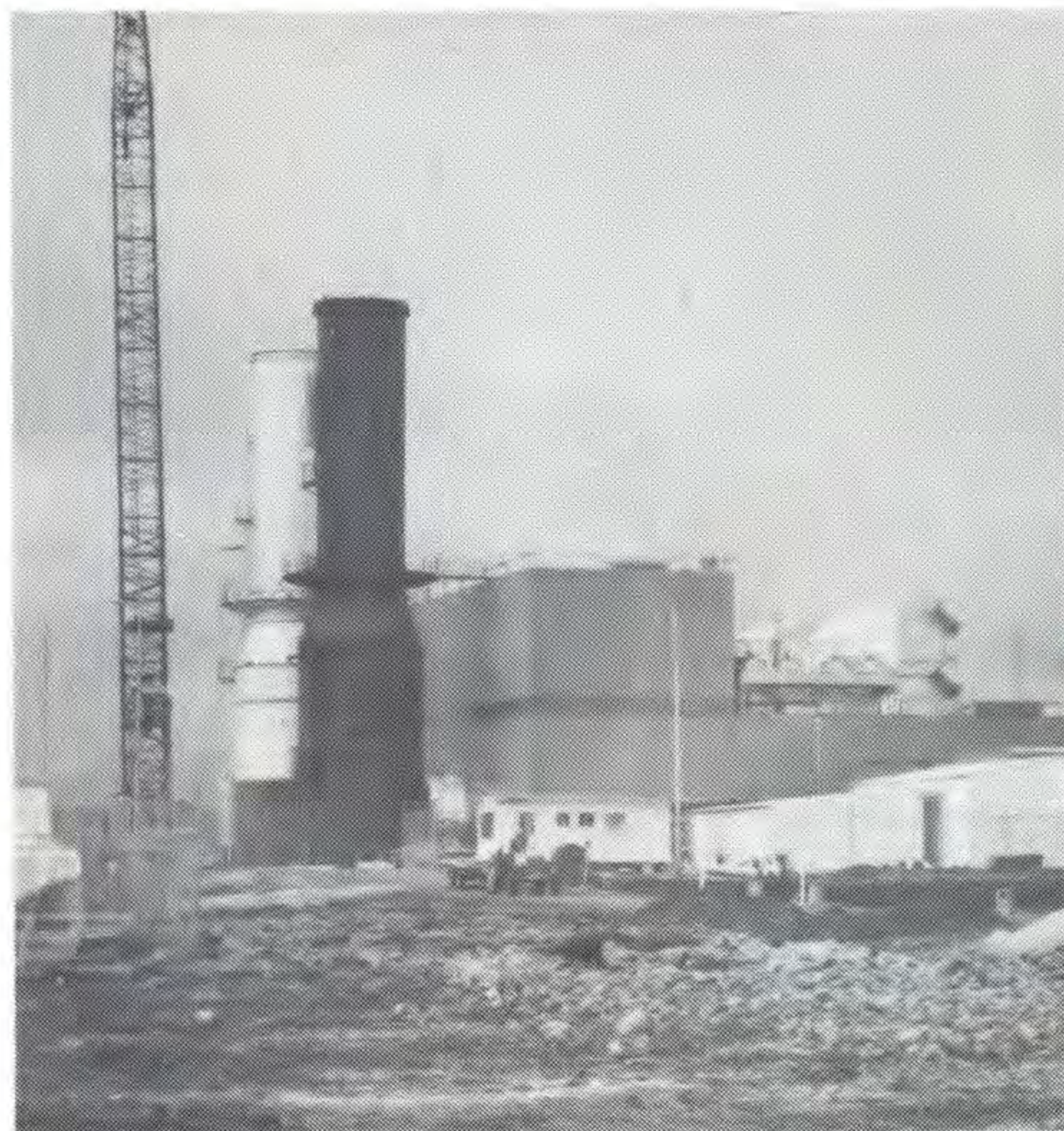
The unit is the first of four 50 MW sets planned for the first Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station. This will be followed by a second station with three 80 MW units, giving a total output from Jeeralang of about 440 MW of electricity.

The stations are being built as emergency measures to cover the shortfall in power caused by the delays to Newport Power Stations and its reduction in size.

The SEC has also increased the manning of its older stations in the Latrobe Valley and at Richmond, Spencer Street and Newport in a bid to ease the possible shortages.



CONTACT's photographer snapped this picture of the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station recently, following the construction of the second 32 metre high chimney. And a third has now joined the lineup.



MADRIGALS SCORE IN TOP COMPETITION

The Yallourn Madrigal Singers spread their wings of song earlier this month when they competed in the open choral section at Ballarat's renowned Royal South Street competition.

It was the first time outside the Gippsland area for the choir, and followed a long string of successes locally, notably in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod at Traralgon.

There were originally 12 choirs entered in the competition, but only nine of these competed.

Yallourn scored 93 points, giving them a winning margin of only one point over Kelvington Baptist Girls' Grammar, who won last year. In third place, with 91 points, were the St. Cecilia Singers, also previous winners of the competition.

There were 19 singers in the Yallourn choir, together with conductor, David Davies, and a pianist. The choir presented three items - "Nelly Bly", "Matona, Lovely Maiden", and "The Shepherd's Farewell."

Adjudicator Mr. George Logie-Smith described the Yallourn Madrigal Singers as "very finely trained and expertly directed", and said in his comments that they gave "a beautiful performance."



The Yallourn Madrigal singers are pictured at rehearsal for their successful appearance at the South Street competition.



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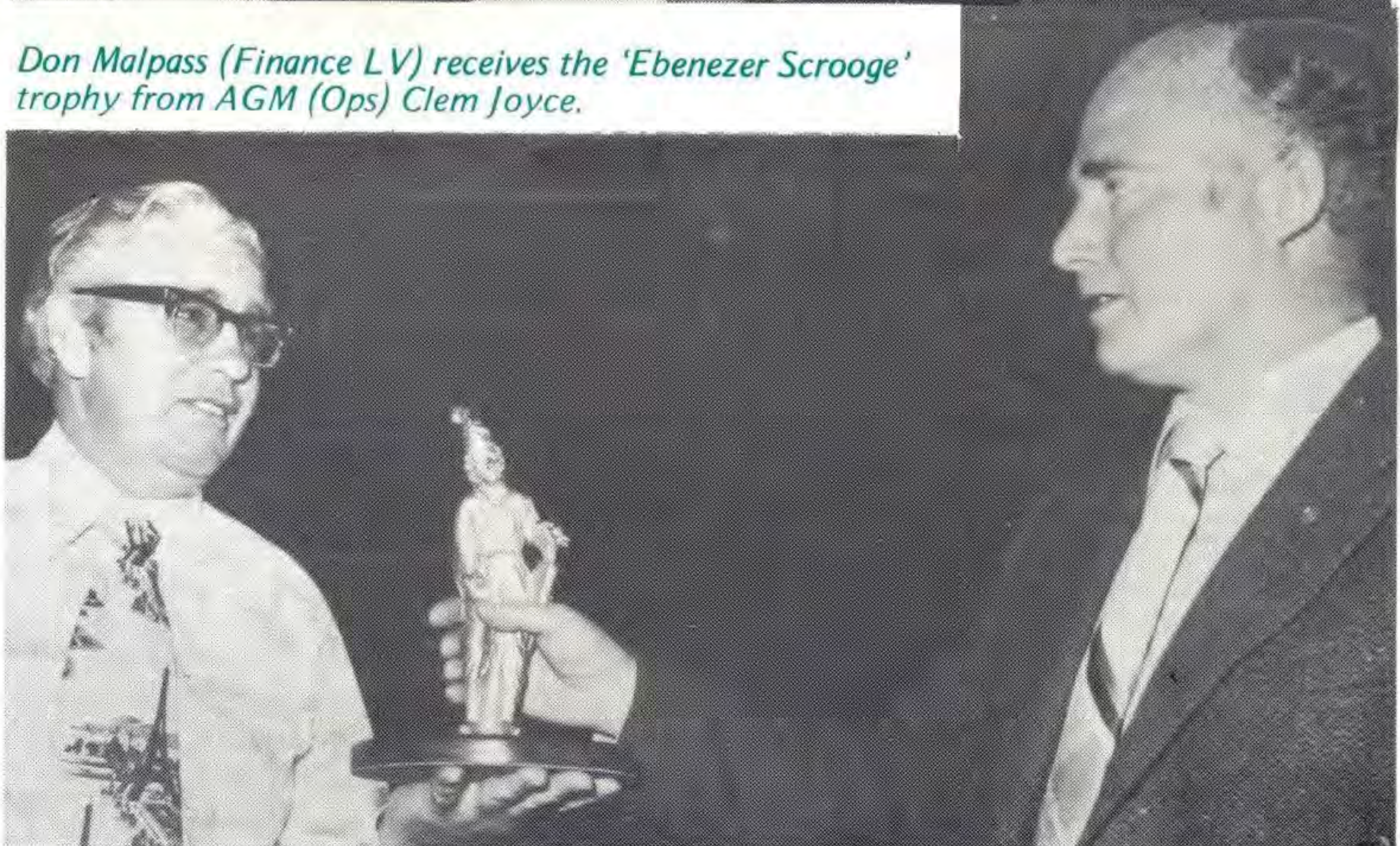
Checking score cards following their rounds are (from left), Ron Beck (MH), Jack Vines (LV), Geoff Miles (LV) Don Malpass tournament organiser, and Doug Birchall (MH).



Pictured centre are tournament winners (from left) Jack Vines and Geoff Miles receiving their trophies from AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.



Don Malpass (Finance LV) receives the 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy from AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.



L.V. wins 'Scrooge' Trophy

The Latrobe Valley Finance Division successfully defended the 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy at the Yallourn golf club on October 7.

It was the fourth consecutive year that the Latrobe Valley had won the trophy. This was the 19th annual Latrobe Valley - Monash House Finance golf day.

Latrobe Valley won 15 to 1 which brought up the 14th win to the Valley in the coveted trophy.

More than 60 golfers competed in the event conducted in ideal golfing weather.

The 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy was presented to Latrobe Valley Captain Don Malpass (Pay section) by AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.

Trophy winners were:
Best LV pair: Geoff Miles - Jack Vines 40 points; Monash House: Dick Hurley - Jim Mitchell 36 pts; Best individual, LV: Geoff Miles 36 pts; MH: Dick Hurley 33 pts; Retired Personnel trophy: Ken Calder 27 pts; "If Only" trophy: Bob Pepperell 0 pts.

retirements



IVAN 'TICH' TICHANOV'S

Due to ill health Ivan 'Tich' Tichanovs retired from the Commission after more than 29 years service on September 22.

He began with the Commission in October 1949 as a laborer with Municipal at Yallourn. His entire service with the SEC was with Municipal. He worked as a crane driver, motor driver, waterman and retired as a leading hand driver.

In retirement Tich and his wife Anna intend to enjoy life with their eight children and grandchildren. They will continue to live in Newborough.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn civil works canteen Civil Works Engineer Tom Stillman presented Tich with a gas barbecue and an envelope of notes on behalf of his workmates.



PETER OSUCH

Following 27 years service with the SEC Peter Osuch retired on September 9.

He began with the Commission in March 1951 as a laborer at the Yallourn North open cut where he worked until 1960 when he was transferred to Yallourn open cut as a bedman, then a coal conveyor attendant and ditch bunker driver.

He was on the move again in 1970 this time to Yallourn power station where he worked as a pumpman, bunker attendant, coal conveyor attendant and operator.

He retired from the position of operator.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn 'W' power station conveyor control centre, YWPS assistant stations operation engineer Greg Hocking presented Peter with a surf fishing rod on behalf of his workmates.

\$1.1 Million overburden contract to Melbourne firm

A Melbourne firm has won a \$1.1 million contract to remove overburden from the Morwell Open Cut.

Manager Coal Production Jack Vines, said today that the firm, Chainex Plant Hire, was expected to be removing 1.5 million cubic

metres of overburden this month.

Up to eight large 50 tonne scrapers, three D9 bulldozers and other associated equipment will be used.

Mr. Vines said the overburden was being removed to advance the overburden

face to improve the SEC's operating coal reserves, thus ensuring the reliability of coal supplies to the Hazelwood Power Station over the next few years.

The overburden will be placed, graded and grassed near the north-west corner of the open cut, well away

from the Morwell township, and in an area which is not required, at present for coal winning.

Water tankers will be working in conjunction with overburden removal.

This work is expected to be completed within six months," added Mr Vines.

valley visitors

MORE THAN 1500 STUDENTS VISIT SEC THIS MONTH



Mr. Shaikh Lokeman Hossain of Bangladesh with Manager Area Administration George Bates.

A large number of school children visit the SEC's Latrobe Valley works monthly and this month has been no exception.

More than 1500 students have looked us over.

They've come from as far as Boronia, Swift's Creek, Bairnsdale, South Melbourne, Warragul and Keysborough.

There have also been a number of overseas visitors including people from West Germany and Bangladesh.

A West German television network crew toured the works area at Yallourn and Morwell taking film for a documentary on Australia.

The crew was led by journalist Norbet Brieger.

The visitor from Bangladesh was Mr. Shaikh Hossain, a Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Power, Water Resources and Flood Control.

He toured the SEC works and held discussions with senior Commission management.



Students from the Boronia High School began their visit to the SEC by looking over the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre at Morwell.



Students from St. Joseph's Primary School, Warragul (right) spent a day looking over the SEC works areas recently.