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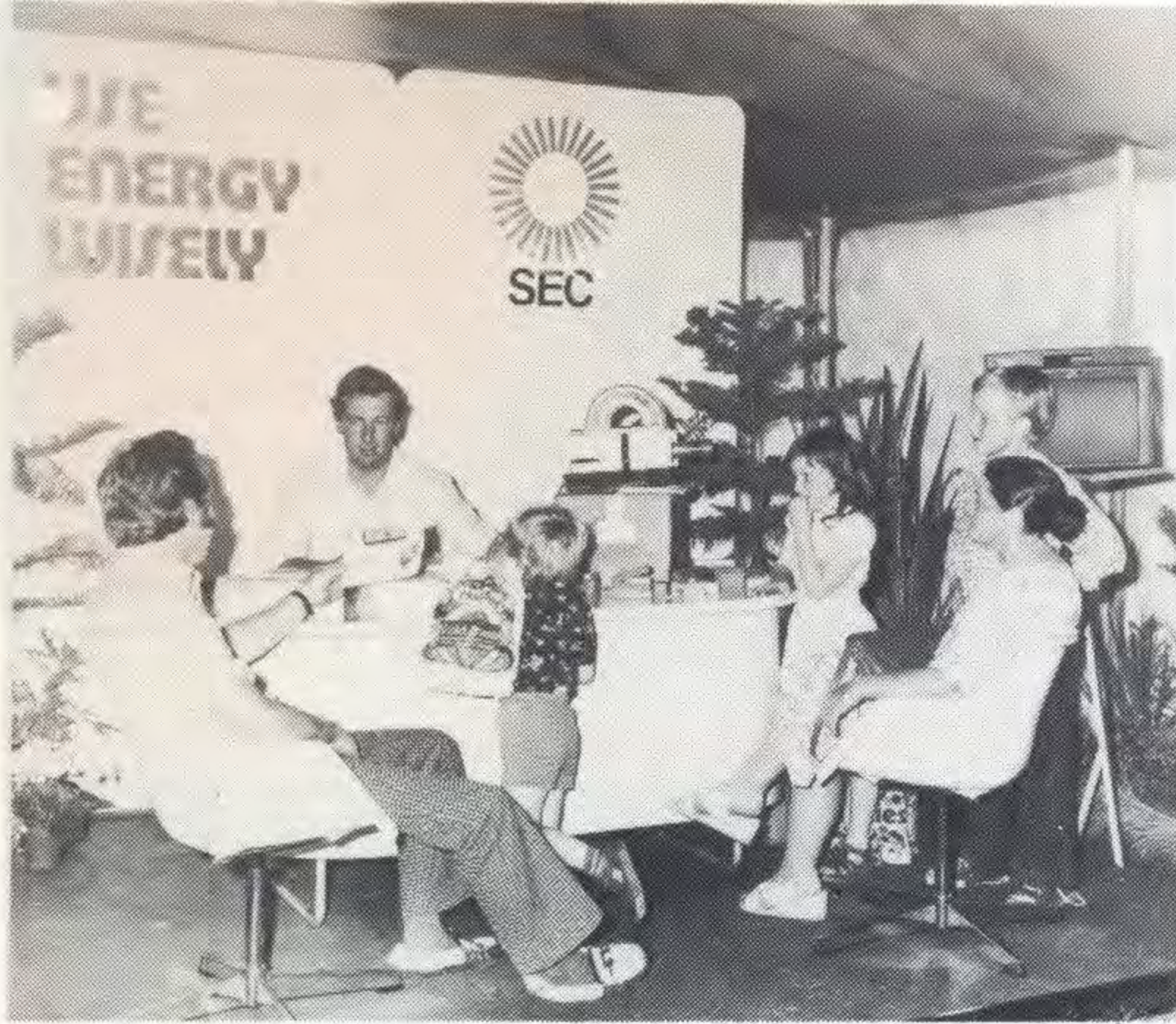
CONTACT

DECEMBER, 1978



\$6 MILLION LOY YANG CONTRACT
AGM (OPS) CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Merry Christmas



Public Liaison Officer Peter Leslie is pictured answering one of the many enquires received from the public at the show.

Display featured use of domestic electricity

Wise use of electricity was the theme of this year's SEC display at the Traralgon Show.

The emphasis of the display was on the domestic use of electricity.

A large marquee comfortably accommodated the display which attracted a large and interested audience.

The attractive display featured television monitors

screening films on wise use, including a commercial starring Jacki Weaver and Noel Ferrier.

The display was manned by SEC public liaison officers and employees from the Electricity Supply Region office in Traralgon.

Visitors came from all parts of Gippsland to look over the colorful and comprehensive display.

The Chairman and Jeeralang

SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan recently looked over the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station during a visit to the Latrobe Valley.

Pictured with him are (from left) Geoff Spencer, Deputy Projects Manager Siemens Industries Ltd (Melb), Mr Trethowan, Jeeralang Gas Turbine Contracts Superintendent Frank Fletcher, and AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.



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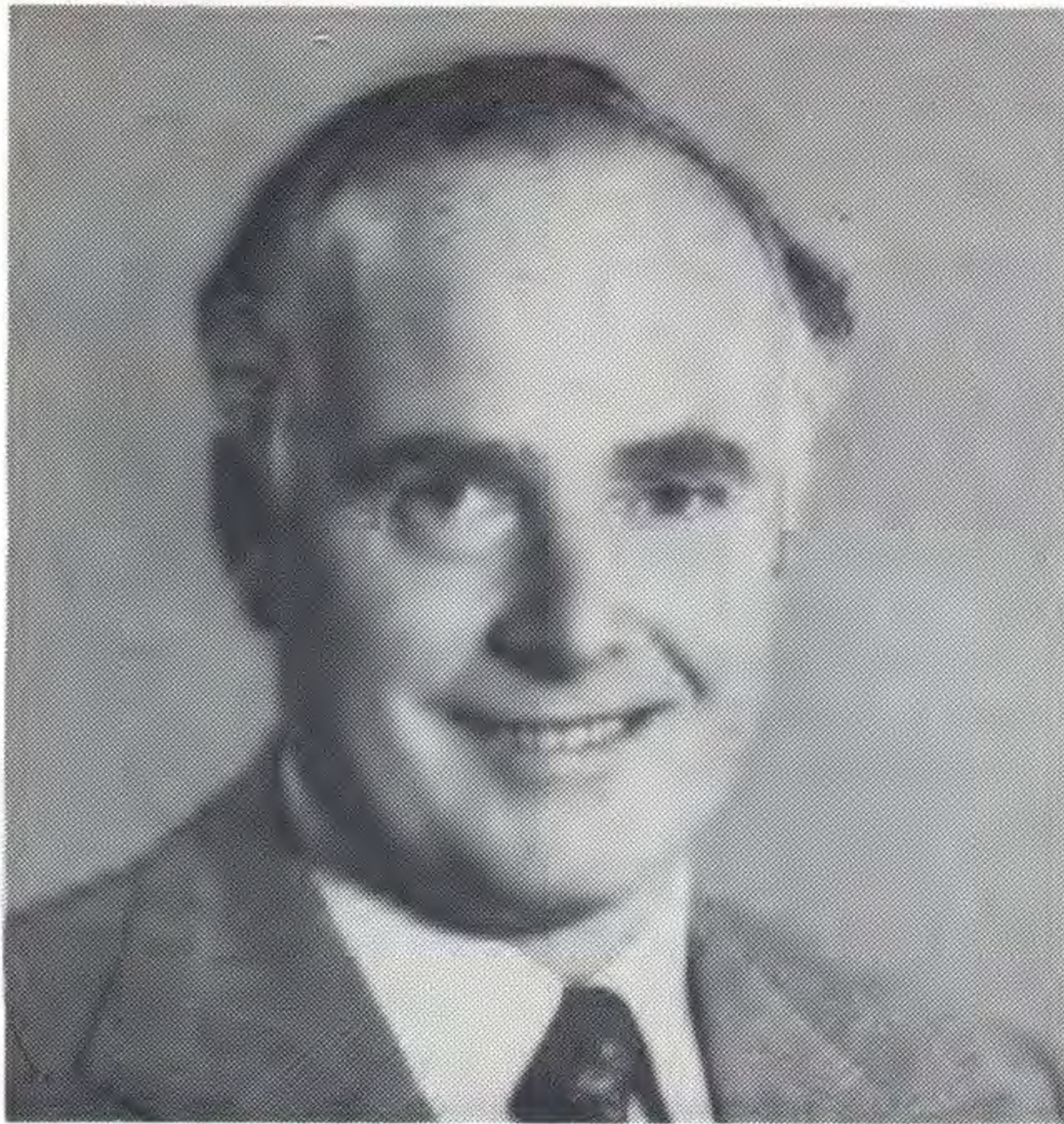
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Cover

Santa Claus distributed presents to Yallourn Kindergarten pupils on December 5. Among those to receive a present were Travis Selwyn (left) and Travis Savige. Yallourn kindergarten ceases operation. Story P7.

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THE tragic loss of the lives of three of our work-mates at Hazelwood power station on December 9 has cast a gloom over the festive season, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved families of the three men.

The accident ended the year on a low note for us all, and in a way which inevitably focusses our attention on safety within the work environment an area which received considerable emphasis throughout the year, but must receive even more attention from us all in the future.

I take this opportunity of thanking all of the personnel in the Operations Group who have made their contribution toward achieving Group objectives during 1978, and of extending best wishes to you all for a successful year in 1979.

CLEM JOYCE
AGM (OPS)

\$220,000 extension - bowling club

The Morwell Bowling Club Recreation Centre's new \$220,000 clubroom extensions were officially opened on December 8 by Morwell Shire President Cr. Bill McRoberts.

The new extensions include a new bar, billiard room, new lounge, dancing floor, stage and upgraded kitchen facilities.

The SEC as a part of its program to relocate major Yallourn facilities allocated \$100,000 to the Morwell

Bowling Club and Recreation Centre, and a number of members are SEC employees.

The excellent community facility now has 350 members and the club is currently looking for new members.

The club is hoping to reach a membership of 800.

People interested in joining the club should contact either Ken Hewat, extension 3316, or Lex Derham, ext 3219 for further details.



Morwell Bowling Club Members pictured in the new Club lounge this week.

CONTACT

THERE will be no January issue of CONTACT. The next issue will be in February.

CONTACT would like to wish its readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

\$6 Million Loy Yang contract

Contracts valued at more than \$6 million were awarded for the Loy Yang power station project early this month.

These contracts bring to more than \$500 million the amount spent on Loy Yang during the past 12 months.

Loy Yang is the largest single engineering project ever undertaken in Victoria.

The completed project is estimated to cost \$2 billion.

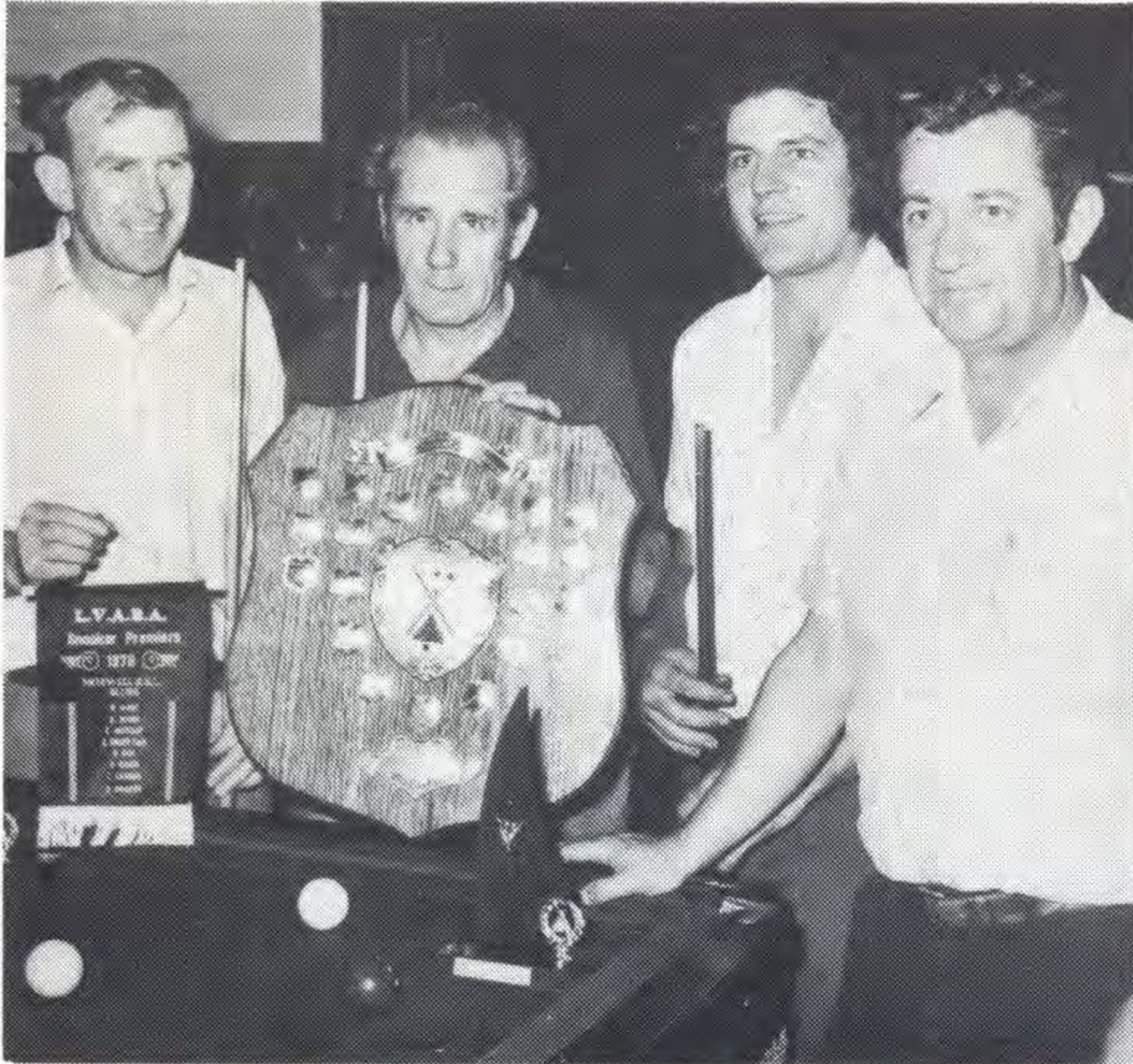
Already 600 people are employed on the project and this will increase to 1700 by 1981 and 2000 in 1987.

As well as the jobs created during the construction phase, the project will generate a substantial number of permanent jobs.

The operation of the power station and open cut will require between 700 and 1000 employees for the initial 2000 MW stage and between 1000 and 1500 for the completed 4000 MW project.

The Loy Yang project is providing substantial employment opportunities and economic stimulus for the whole of the Latrobe Valley.

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Proudly displaying their premiership trophies and pennant are four members of the Blues team (from left) Bert Dixon, Vic Bell, Eddie Bosch and Stan Green.

BLUES TAKE SNOOKER FINAL

Snooker is a popular game amongst SEC employees and especially with four men who play with the Morwell RSL Blues side.

The Blues recently won the 1978 Latrobe Valley Snooker Association grand final against another RSL side the Greens.

Final scores were Blues 829 points to Greens 823.

It was the first time a Morwell RSL team has won a grand final.

Blues team members were; Bert Dixon (Hazelwood power station), Vic

Bell (HPS), Stan Green (Transport, Yallourn) and Eddie Bosch (Coal, Yallourn).

The other two team members were Bruce Hirst (Police) and Cyril Metcalf (Yallourn 'W' contractor).

There were also four SEC employees in the Greens side. They were; Eric Hutton, Peter Buckley, Bob Davidson (all from HPS) and Ron Wagner (Morwell power station). The other two members were Danny Duggan (Latrobe Valley Buslines) and Graeme Hill (AKZ Steel).

'Back to work'

RETIRED SEC PERSONNEL. A 'Back to Work' tour will be conducted in conjunction with the MORWELL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 1979. Further details will appear in the February issue of CONTACT



THE FEMALE SECS.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Karwath (typist Morwell) on her marriage to David Valler in St. Luke's Church Moe on December 9. Chris and David will live in Moe after returning from a seaside honeymoon at Inverloch. Matron of Honor was Vicki Cauchi (Receptionist Morwell).

DIANNE Houghton (Drawing Office, Yallourn) enjoyed a two week holiday early this month. It included a few days at Lakes Entrance.



YALLOURN Resettlement Office receptionist/typist, Brenda Mitchell and her husband Greg (Coal Production) have moved into their new brick veneer home in Moe.



Administration building, MORWELL (Wing 3) has a new receptionist, she's Rosemary Eades (Morwell typing pool). Rosemary has recently returned from a two week holiday in Sydney and Adelaide.



CONGRATULATIONS to Sally Holt (Training centre, Yallourn) on her 21st birthday which she celebrated early this month. While on birthdays Val Veysey. Personnel secretary to Manager Power Generation celebrated her birthday on December 8.



LOY YANG has another typist. She is Marilyn Smogavic (Morwell typing pool). She joins the other Loy Yang typists Michelle Thompson and Mary Iskric.



THAT'S ALL

FORMER Morwell Coal Production office assistant Vivian Wyntjes gave birth to a bouncing baby boy (Brady William, 8 lb 3½ oz) in the Latrobe Valley Hospital, Moe on November 24.



SOME interesting figures on the 1979 typist intake held recently. There was 166 applicants, following ability tests 37 girls were interviewed for 10 positions. The 10 lucky girls begin with the Commission in early January.





POWER GENERATION

Committee of Investigation has been established

A top level SEC Committee of Investigation has been established to begin investigating the explosion which claimed three lives at Hazelwood Power Station early on December 9.

The committee is made up of Senior Commission Officers, including the Chief Accident Prevention Engineer and technical experts on generator design.

The accident occurred at about 12.05 am on Saturday morning, 45 minutes after Ron Smith, Jim Charleston and Philip Chilver had begun attempts to locate and repair a leak in the generator cooling system.

Ron an Electrician Special Class, had worked at Hazelwood Power Station since April 1970; Jim had

worked as a Trades Assistant in the station since 1968, and Philip had been at Hazelwood Power Station since October this year.

Expressions of sympathy have come from all parts of the Commission. Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce and Manager Power Generation

Jack Robertson expressed their own and the Commission's deepest sympathy to the families of the three men.

"The tragic loss of life has shocked us all and we will be completing our investigation to determine the cause of the explosion as quickly as we possibly can," Mr Joyce said.



TOP TROPHY TO YPS. SAFETY

Yallourn power station has won the inaugural Yallourn Generation Department's "Best Performance" trophy.

The magnificent trophy (left) was presented to power station Superintendent Bruce Johnston by Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson in the 'C' Station canteen last month.

More than 100 station employees attended the informal function.

The Yallourn power station's accident frequency rate has dropped from 80 (1965/66) to last year's level of 12.5.

Yallourn Council calls it a day

The decision to wind up the activities of Yallourn Town Advisory Council had been inevitable, YTAC chairman Cr Neil Wishart commented after the Council's meeting earlier this month.

Cr Wishart, who has been chairman since 1969, said that with the continuing decline of the township there had been a corresponding decline in Council activities.

Earlier, a proposal to begin disbandment pro-

cedures had been discussed at the Council meeting, which was told that legislation required would take some months to complete.

On present indications, Cr Wishart said, the Council would possibly be wound-up on November 30 next year.

In the meantime, the Council will continue to provide the valuable service it has given to successive Yallourn communities since its formation in 1948.

After next year, the SEC will continue to provide an adequate water supply, sewerage, garbage disposal and other municipal services to meet the needs of remaining residents.

Area Administration Manager George Bates, who acknowledged the significant contribution made by the Council over the years, paid a special tribute to Cr Wishart.

For Sale

A Steelcraft Elizabethan pram in excellent condition with rain cover, luggage rack and seat. \$85 ONO. Contact: Mark Farmer ext 2726.

SERVICE REGISTER

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

December

25 YEARS:

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| Bob Booth | Yallourn power station |
| Tom Bisset | Yallourn Transport Workshops |
| Syd Gordon | Coal, Yallourn |
| Karl Kosmer | Transmission, Yallourn |
| Ismail Mustafa | Coal, Yallourn |

30 YEARS:

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| Athol Minster | Coal, Morwell |
| George Sherman | Coal, Yallourn |
| John McIntosh | Materials and Services, Morwell |
| Vlad Kozeniauskas | Coal, Morwell |
| Bill Wood | Patrol |
| John Passey | Yallourn Workshops |
| Max Strong | Coal, Yallourn |
| Endel Laanemae | Transmission, Hazelwood |
| Petro Janiw | Coal, Yallourn |
| Michael Andryjczak | Yallourn 'W' power station |

31 YEARS:

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|---------------|------------------------|
| Don Casey | Yallourn power station |
| Cyril Dyson | Yallourn Workshops |
| Kevin Randall | Coal, Yallourn |
| Alf Clarke | Transmission |
| Tom Grubb | Transmission, Morwell |

32 YEARS:

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| Lyall Horton | Coal, Yallourn |
| Gilbert McPhee | Transmission, Yallourn |
| Hedley Bennett | Transmission, Yallourn |
| Dave Poole | Materials and Services, Yallourn |
| Tom Oswald | Transport Workshops, Yallourn |
| Ron Jessup | Transmission, Yallourn |

33 YEARS:

| | |
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| Jock Morris | Transmission, Morwell |
| Ray Tate | Transmission, Morwell |

34 YEARS:

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| Keith Fletcher | Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation |
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36 YEARS:

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| Aubrey Douglas | Civil Works, Yallourn |
| Bob Stevenson | Mechanical Services, Morwell |

37 YEARS:

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| Jim Knowles | Coal, Morwell |
| Vin Walker | Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation |
| Les Barton | Civil Works, Yallourn |
| Robert Crookston | Coal, Yallourn |
| Doug Amos | Yallourn power station |
| Arthur Scott | Morwell Workshops |
| John Stevens | Coal, Yallourn |

38 YEARS:

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| Fred Richards | Coal, Yallourn |
| Ron Douglas | Yallourn power station |

39 YEARS:

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| Roy Pryke | Civil Works, Yallourn |
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40 YEARS:

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| Charles Bowler | Transmission, Yallourn |
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42 YEARS:

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| Dudley Sharp | Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation |
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44 YEARS:

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| Bill Fyfe | Coal, Yallourn |
| John Ebsworth | Coal, Yallourn |
| Arthur Cooper | Coal, Yallourn |
| Ken Crane | Stores Yallourn |
| Bill Martin | Yallourn power station |
| Bevin Lester | Morwell Workshops |

47 YEARS:

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| James Scholtes | Civil Works, Yallourn |
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AREA
ADMINISTRATION

Yallourn kinder - 34 years service

Yallourn Kindergarten ceased operation earlier this month after more than 30 years service to the Yallourn community.

The kindergarten, established in 1948 with an initial enrolment of 55 children, has been a prominent landmark on the Yallourn Scene.

To mark the occasion a barbecue was held for parents, children, committee members and people who have held some association with the kindergarten over the years.

A fall in the number of prospective pupils led to arrangements being made for pre-school children to attend nearby kindergartens next year.

Kindergarten Committee Chairman Neil Smith said the committee and parents were "more than satisfied" with the alternative arrangements and the excellent assistance given by the SEC.

Neil, a draftsman at Yallourn, said the decision to cease operations was a joint one made following extensive discussions between the SEC, the kindergarten committee and parents.



Preparing the food was a full time job at the Yallourn Kindergarten wind-up barbecue as (from left) Doris Cox, Darren Cox, Joy Perry and Theresa Savige found out.

Award of Merit winner Andrew Missen of Traralgon receives a congratulatory handshake from Training and Development Superintendent Ted Clayfield. Looking on are two other award winners Michael Clohesy of Maffra (far left) and Colin Peachey of Orbost.

APPRENTICE INTAKE TO BE A RECORD 201

The SEC's intake of apprentices in the Latrobe Valley next year will be a record 201, according to the Commission's Training and Development Superintendent, Mr Ted Clayfield.

Mr Clayfield, who was guest speaker at the SEC's first year apprentices presentation day at Kernot Hall, Yallourn on December 1, said there were 950 applicants for the 201 positions.

Mr Clayfield said next year's intake would stretch Commission training facilities to their limit.

He said the SEC, which was the biggest employer of apprentices in Victoria, this year exceeded 1000 apprentices in training for the first time.

More than half of these are employed in the Latrobe Valley.





1978—THE YEAR AS 'CONTACT' SAW IT



 **TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS**



L.V. team third in first aid final

The Latrobe Valley Field Services team finished a creditable third in the 30th annual SEC First Aid State final conducted in the Morwell Technical School hall last month.

The Horsham team with 163½ points won the title from Brooklyn 161 and Latrobe Valley 148.

The Latrobe Valley team members were Norm Casey (Coach), David Bye (Captain), Stan Hodgson and Maurie Zweytzer.

The very high standard final was conducted before a crowd of more than 150 people.

The scene was at a Gippsland trotting track where a trotting sulky crashed through a running rail into a beer garden. Three people were injured. The sulky driver and a member were seriously injured, while a woman had severe shock.

Each team had 15 minutes to handle the emergency, diagnose injuries and apply recognised first aid treatment to the injured.

The adjudicators were the Victorian Police Surgeon, Dr Peter Bush and the Vic Rail's Chief Ambulance Officer, Mr Les Wignall.

SEC Chairman, Charles Trethowan presented Horsham Team Captain, Eric Butler, with the SEC's First Aid Championship Shield.

Latrobe Valley (Field Services) team pictured before the final are (from left) David Bye (Captain), Norm Casey (Coach), Stan Hodgson and Maurie Zweytzer.

Field Services team members (from left), Norm Casey and David Bye, attend to "seriously injured" trotting driver (Fred Milkins) during the competition in the Morwell Technical School hall.



Pressurised cans - be careful

Thousands of aerosol containers are sold annually — each potentially explosive.

Shaving cream, hair-sprays, deodorants, insect repellents, oven cleaners, paints and a host of other household products are now widely marketed in pressurised containers.

These spray cans must be stored in accordance

with manufacturers' recommendations. When exposed to heat some pressurised dispensers, full or empty, will blow up.

Even when the product is exhausted, vapour propellant is still left inside the container. All you need to do to make a bomb out of that "empty" can

is to warm it up on a fire or in an incinerator.

During recent insurance company tests, fully pressurised cans were tossed into a bonfire. Several ruptured almost instantly and rocketed 90 metres away.

Many car interiors have been ruined by exploding dispensers left in a closed car under the hot sun.

2000 ATTEND CHRISTMAS OUTING AT YINNAR

More than 2000 Hazelwood power station social club members and their families enjoyed the Club's Christmas picnic at the Yinnar football oval on December 3.

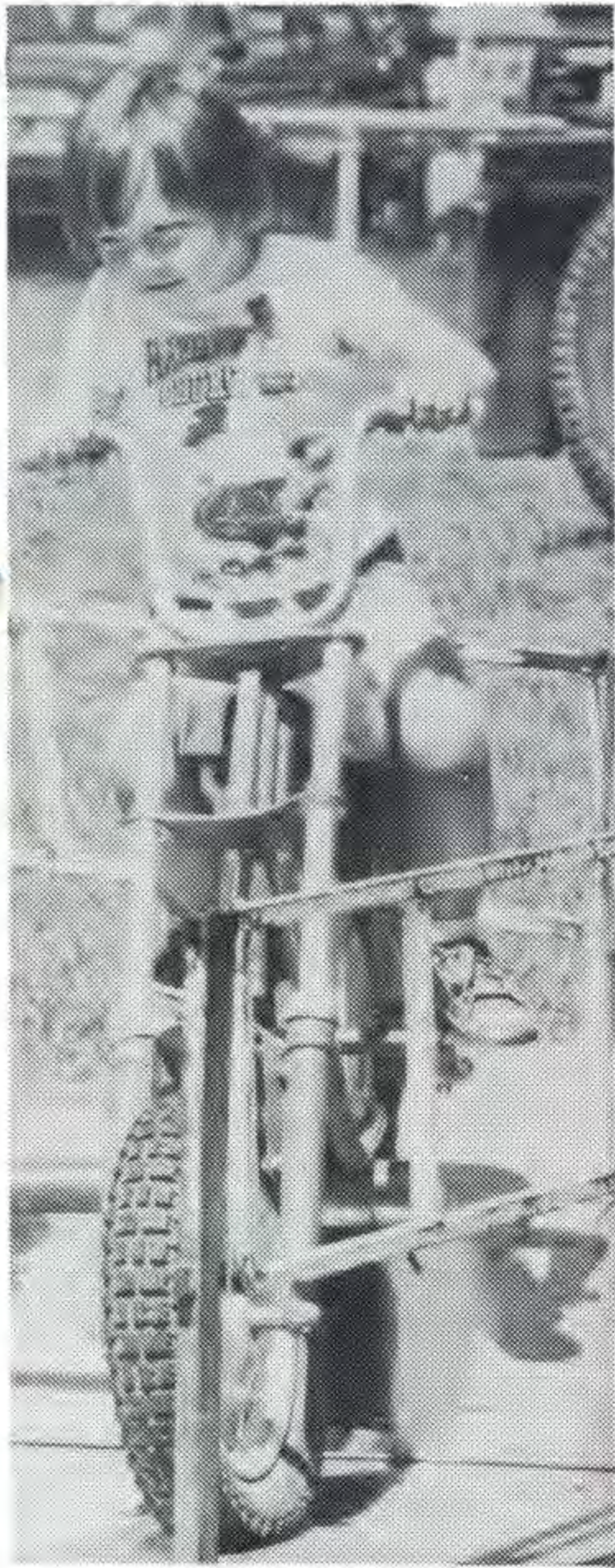
The successful day proved to be one of the best conducted by the club.

Among the entertainment provided were pony rides, merry-go rounds, dodgem cars, egg-throwing competition, sack races and numerous other activities.

The excellent weather helped create a total involvement by all who attended.

Miss Hazelwood picnic was 13 year-old Cathy Fortuna, of Traralgon.

Highlight of the day was the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed more than 1000 presents to children.



← Adam Presley, of Churchill, enjoyed his time at the Christmas picnic riding this mini-bike.

Ice creams were popular with Michelle Turner (far left) and her two cousins, Booke Turner (centre) and Dion Turner at the Christmas picnic.



↑ Heading home after an enjoyable day was the Matters family, of Traralgon. They are (from left) Mr and Mrs Matters, Melissa, Alan and Colleen.

Trevor Howell of Morwell, had his hands full at the Christmas picnic, with (from left) Cain Howell, Clayton Cook and Tenille Howell.





COAL PRODUCTION

Yallourn open cut family day successful



The first open cut family day to be conducted in Yallourn proved to be highly successful despite the extremely hot weather on December 3.

More than 180 employees and their families took part.

The family day program included a tour of the open cut, a close-up view of an operating dredger, and afternoon tea and refreshments in the Coal Production Maintenance depot canteen.

Five buses carried families around the open cut.

Following the success of the day it's expected to conduct another early next year.

The open cut proved an eye-opener for this group of employees' families during the family day outing.

Mr and Mrs Farmer, of Glengarry, enjoy refreshments with their children (from left) Christopher, Rebekah and Jagvie in the Coal Production canteen at Yallourn.

Darren Daley, of Moe, took a breather after the tour of the open cut to enjoy an icy pole in the Coal Production canteen.





ENGINEERING
SERVICES

Santa Claus parachutes into picnic

Santa Claus arrived by parachute at the Morwell workshops area social Club picnic conducted on the Thorpdale Football oval on December 3.

He and two other parachutists from the Latrobe Valley Parachute Club put on an impressive display of parachuting before a crowd of more than 1500 people and after this spectacular arrival, he distributed gifts to all children and joined in the festivities.

These included pony and train rides, and side show amusements including merry-go rounds, the mirror maze, Cha-Cha and basketball and goal-kicking competitions.

Excellent weather helped make the large Christmas picnic such a success.



Water melon was popular with the Armistead family of Morwell. They are (from left) Cindy, Timothy, Scott and their father Jim.



Relaxing under an umbrella are Mr and Mrs Gulvin, of Driffield (seated), and (from left) Cathy Fortuna, Traralgon, Fiona Galvin, Carolyn Van der Zalm, of Morwell, and Geoff Galvin.



Enjoying a horse ride at the picnic were (from left) Wendy Haustorfer, of Churchill, and Gail Randall, of Morwell,



Shading from the sun at the workshops picnic are the Croydon, Lewis and Barnes families, of Traralgon.

retirements

JIM IRVING

After 43 years with the Commission Jim Irving called it a day on November 17.

Jim began with the Commission in December 1935 in the Coal Supply Drawing Office.

In 1936 he began an apprenticeship as an electrical fitter at the Yallourn Briquette Factory.

On completion of his apprenticeship in September 1941 Jim worked as an electrical fitter in the Electrical Workshops at Yallourn until he was appointed as clerk in the Electrical Superintendent's section in March 1946.

In November 1947 Jim was appointed an electrical draftsman the position he held until promoted to Section leader Draftsman (Electrical) in June 1970. He was re-classified to Senior Draftsman (Electrical) in



November 1971, the position from which he retired.

In retirement Jim and Marg Irving will enjoy their hobbies of golf, fishing, lapidary and their family.

At an informal farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitor's Centre at Morwell Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood presented Jim with a golf bag and buggy on behalf of his workmates.

PERC ADAIR

Perc Adair will continue to live in Newborough in retirement, although he will be spending much of his time at his Phillip Island holiday home.

Perc began his 28 years with the Commission in December 1950 as a boilermaker at the Yallourn Briquette Works.

He was appointed leading hand boilermaker in October 1956 and in August 1960 he gained promotion to the position of foreman in the Morwell Briquette Factory.

His appointment to overseer was made in 1968 with Mechanical Maintenance section, Morwell Briquetting and Power Division.

Perc was associated with the SEC's briquetting in-



dustry for his entire Commission service.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation canteen, MBPI Superintendent Cyril Morellato presented Perc with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

HARRY McLAREN

Harry McLaren intends taking retirement from day to day enjoying his family and hobby of fly fishing.

Harry retired from the Commission on November 24 after 19 years service.

He began with the Commission in August 1949 as an assistant Maintenance Engineer at the Yallourn Briquette Works. In January 1953 he was appointed to Ballarat Electricity Supply Region as Deputy Works Superintendent, he was appointed Works Superintendent in July 1953.

Harry returned to the Latrobe Valley in November 1959 to take up the post of Assistant Maintenance Engineer, then retitled Mechanical Maintenance Engineer in December 1963.

With his appointment as Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent, Briquetting, Latrobe Valley in March 1967 he became responsible for the mechanical main-



tenance aspects of both Yallourn and Morwell factories.

Following the closure of the Yallourn Briquette Works in December 1979, he returned to Morwell as Mechanical Maintenance Engineer, Morwell Briquetting and Power Division, the position from which he retired.

Harry intends to retire to Torquay and enjoy his hobby of fishing.

At an informal farewell function, Manager Power Generation, Jack Robertson, presented Harry with a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

ANDY KANE

Williamstown will be the future home of Andy and Louise Kane.

Andy retired from the Commission on October 4 after more than 30 years service with the Commission.

He began in June 1948 as a cook at the West Mess Yallourn. He worked as a cook until May 1950, he was then appointed to Yallourn construction as a carpenter.

After working as a carpenter for five years he returned to the kitchen as an assistant cook at the East Mess, Yallourn in 1955.

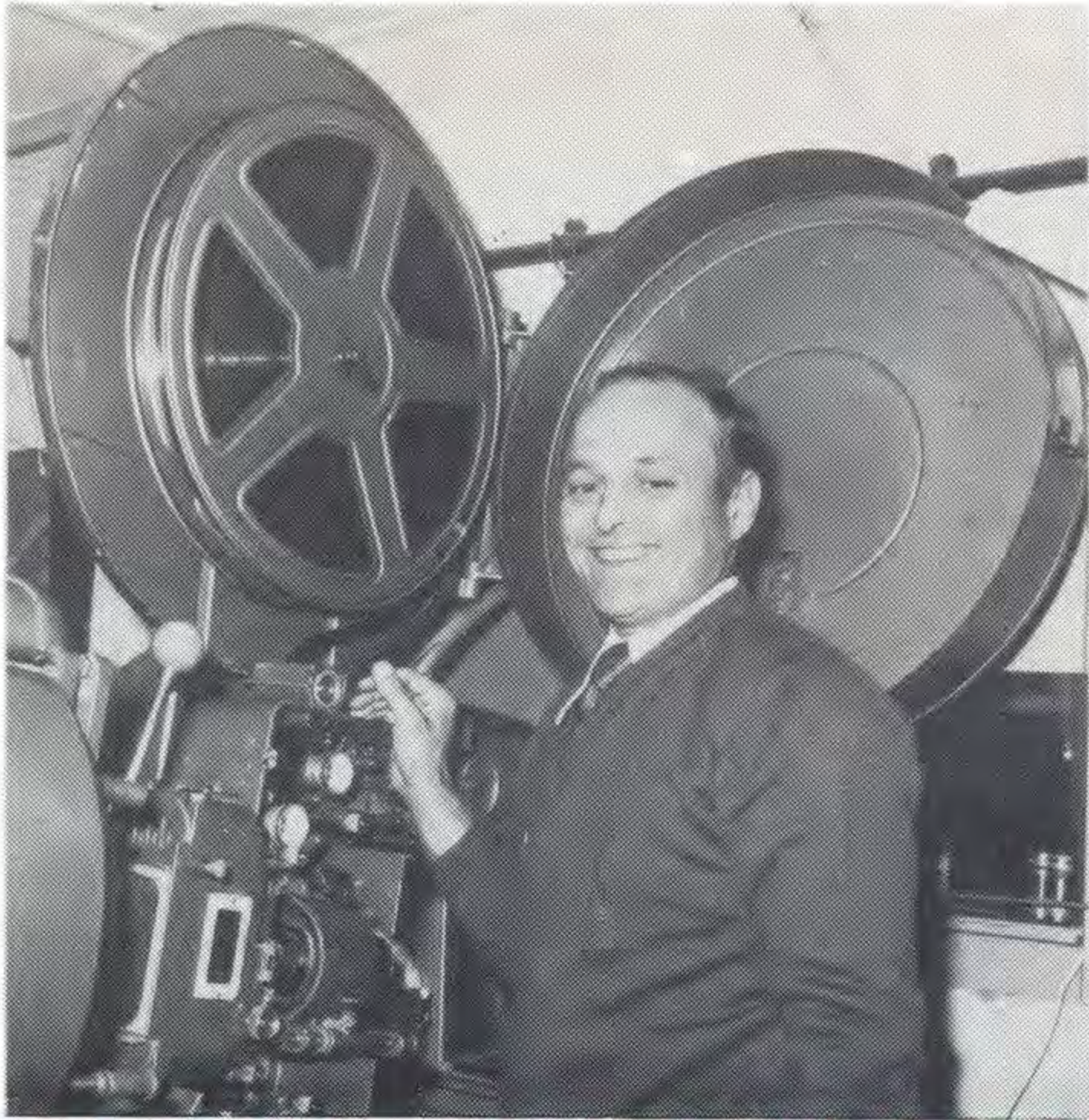
May 1959 saw another change for Andy; this time as cleaner at the Yallourn power



station, In 1960 he was appointed a carpenter with Civil Construction, Yallourn.

In retirement Andy intends to enjoy his hobbies, of following football, playing bowls and snooker.

At an informal farewell function in the Civil Works Canteen Yallourn, Gary Deppeler an engineer with Civil Works presented Andy with an electric shaver, a power saw and a copy of the book "Brown Power"



Nelson Smith prepares to change reels on the last night of the screening at the Yallourn Theatre.

Nelson Smith last Yallourn projectionist

Gone With The Wind, The Sound of Music, Jaws, Grease they have all been seen at the Yallourn Theatre over the years.

And right up until its closure on December 6 the theatre was one of the major entertainment centres in the Latrobe Valley.

One of the people associated with the success of the theatre has been Hazelwood power station electrical maintenance foreman Nelson Smith.

Nelson has been screening films at the theatre for the past 23 years.

Born and educated in Yallourn, he began as a trainee projectionist in 1955 at about the same time he started an electrical mechanic apprenticeship with the Commission.

He gained his unrestricted projection licence in 1960.

Nelson has seen many changes in the cinema world in those years. He was involved in the switch to projectors equipped for both 35mm and 70mm film, and the introduction of a stereophonic sound track system in 1967.

In addition to his role as projectionist, Nelson has controlled the lighting for many plays, concerts and other special functions held at the theatre.

He says he has many fond memories of the Yallourn Theatre, as well as few he'd rather forget - like the odd times a reel of film was used out of sequence.

Nelson is sorry to see the theatre closed but will not be lost to the Latrobe Valley cinema scene, as he will be involved with the new twin-cinema complex soon to open in Morwell.

\$6 Million Loy Yang contract

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The stimulus to employment is also felt in many other parts of Victoria through the injection of funds into industries producing equipment and components for the Loy Yang project.

SEC expenditure on Loy Yang during the next 12 months is expected to continue to amount to some \$1 million for every day of the year.

Contracts approved were:

- * Theiss Bros Pty Ltd for the construction of earthworks and municipal services, \$1.7 million.
- * Kelly and Lewis Pumps Pty Ltd for water pumping sets at Hazelwood power station for low quality water supply for Loy Yang \$0.36 million.
- * Sist Constructions Pty Ltd for conveyor foundations, wash down facilities, paving and fire services pipe work for Stage 1 conveyor system, dredger access route, machine test area and initial open cut perimeter roads and completion of the gullet cut, \$3.7 million.
- * Kanematsu-Gosho (Australia) Pty Ltd, for the supply of flexible trailing cables for Dredger Number 14 and travelling stacker TS4 at Loy Yang, \$0.47 million.
- * Olex Cables Ltd, for the supply of flexible trail-

ing cables, \$81,000. Mr Hamer said the contract awarded to Olex Cables was to allow an Australian manufacturer to develop the necessary technique for producing this special type of cable.

And the all-party Parliamentary Public Works Committee had endorsed the project which had received Parliamentary approval late in 1978.

The project area covers 4700 hectares, including a 2100 hectare buffer zone. Two 2000 MW power stations were planned to be brought into service over a period of nine years.

The Loy Yang A power station was planned to come into commercial service between 1983 and 1987 and B station between 1989 and 1992, he said.

Each station would comprise four 500 MW generating units, the largest installed in Victoria.

Are you retired ?

ARE YOU RETIRED AND REQUIRE AN INTEREST? PART TIME WORKER REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL

NEWBOROUGH Primary School Council (Murray Road) is looking for someone - preferably a retired handyman/gardener type of person who would be interested in working a few hours each fortnight for a small remuneration.

Light lawn mowing minor repairs are the main requirements.

Further information may be obtained by ringing the Principal Mr F. Waterson on Moe 27 1448, or by calling at the school, on or after February 6, 1979.

Tournament

Association of SEC Social Clubs Annual Bowls Tournament. March 4, 1979. Morwell Bowling Club and Recreation Centre. Enquiries: P Finn ext 3219 or R Doig ext 3663.

valley visitors

LOCAL SCHOOLS RECENT AMONG VISITORS TO SEC

Students from the Newborough High School and the Yallourn North Primary School were among the numerous school parties to look the SEC works over during December.

Hundreds of Gippsland people also took in day tours of the Yallourn and Morwell works, as well as inter-state visitors.

There were also a number of interesting overseas visitors.

They included two journalists from France and Japan.

They were Patrice de Beer a senior journalist, with world wide experience including five years in Vietnam, from the Paris based newspaper 'Le Monde' He spent a week in Australia and one day with the SEC.

Mr Uso Ohsawa, Economic writer for the Shimbun newspaper in Tokyo, he spent three weeks in Australia visiting all States and studying Australia's economy.

* Guided tours of the SEC's works areas will be available over the Christmas and New Year period, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be no tours Christmas Day. Contact Senior Guide Bill Hopkins ext 3415 for further details.

Right: Before touring the Morwell works area Public Liaison Officer Peter Leslie (left) briefed Mr Ohsawa on the production of electricity.



A group of apprentices from Lysaght's (Aust) of Hastings spent a day looking over the Commission's apprentice workshops and training facilities.

Newborough high school students took time off from their tour of the Morwell open cut to be photographed by CONTACT's photographer.