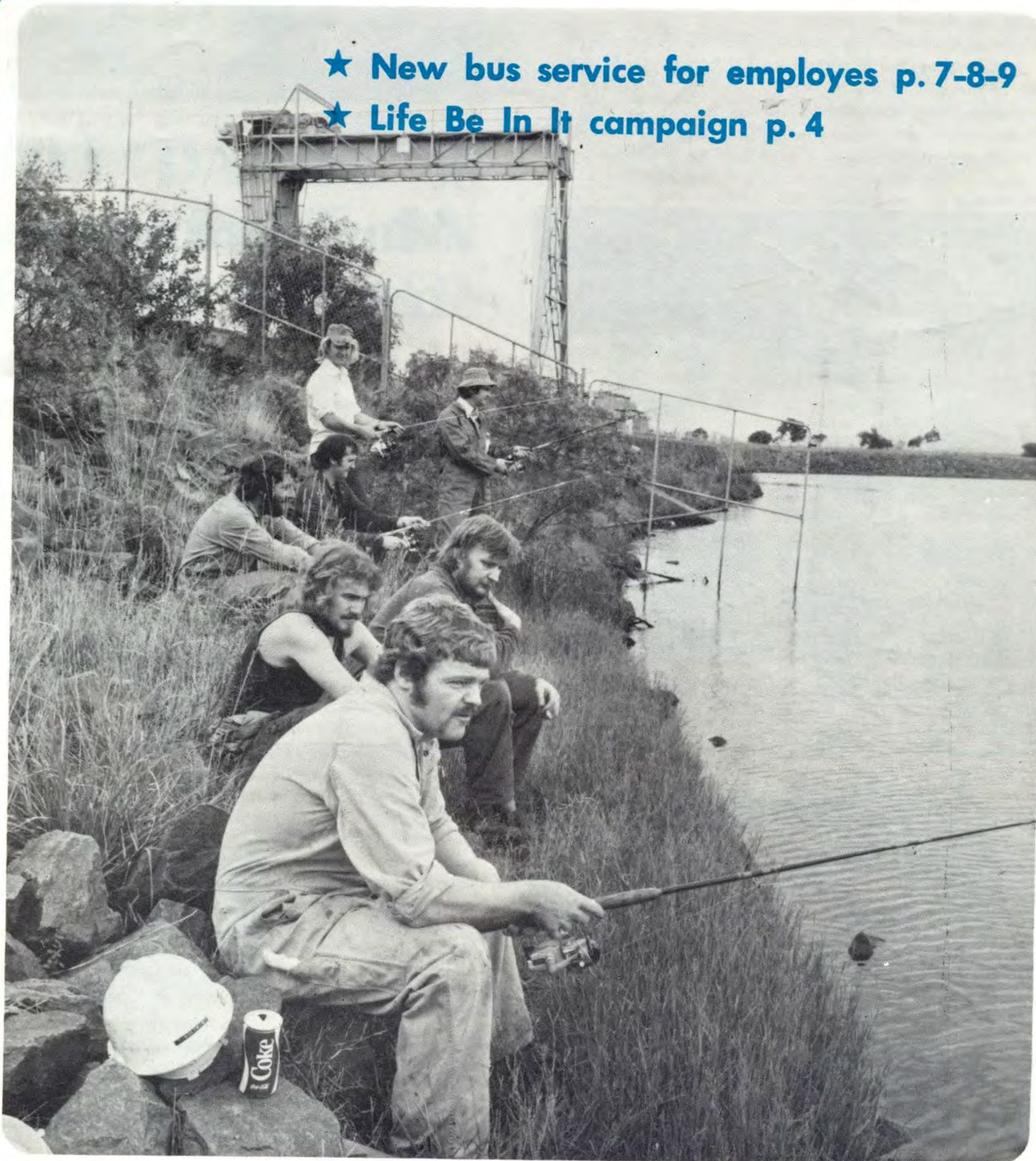




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Morwell Briq. lose cricket final

APM has taken out the 1977-78 Mid-Week Cricket Association premiership with a convincing win over Morwell Briquette.

APM lost only three wickets as it coasted past the Briquette total of 80 in the grand final, played at Yallourn No. 2 oval on March 29.

Briquette headed the ladder at the end of the home and away matches and had scored two wins in three clashes with APM.

Best of the Briquette batsmen in the final were Norm Warren 29, Peter Mason 23 and George Card 14, but APM bowlers Colin Wells (4/22) and Dave Morley (3/7) were well on top.

Terry Leslie (1/20) and Peter Mason (1/24) were the only successful Briquette bowlers in APM's innings.

Association president Mick Fleming presented the premiership shield to APM captain Peter Whelan.



Morwell Briquette team captain Stan Wilson (left) tosses the coin with APM captain Peter Whelan.



There was plenty of action in the mid-week cricket final as the picture (above) taken by CONTACT's photographer indicates.

More cricketers needed by SEC

More cricketers are needed for the 1978 Latrobe Valley Social League's cricket team.

The keenly contested competition is open to all employees. It is played against other social clubs from Melbourne, Bendigo and Rosebud.

The 25 overs per side games are played on Sunday afternoons. A barbecue usually follows each game giving the afternoon a relaxing social atmosphere.

Depending on the response from cricketing employees the SEC will be endeavoring to enter two teams in next season's competition.

If you are interested in playing contact either Merv Graham, ext. 2071 or John Hutchinson, ext. 5277 before the end of May.

● The Latrobe Valley side has participated in the last 12 final series, taking off several premierships.

Contact



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Cover

A part of the Hazelwood power station's 'Life Be In It' campaign held early this month was a fishing competition in the Hazelwood pondage. Although no fish were caught there was a good response from employees. Full story Page 4.

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BILL DANIEL IS AN EXPERT ON STEAM POWER

When it comes to steam power, 71-year-old Bill Daniel doesn't just talk a lot of hot air.

In fact, Bill has become quite an expert on the subject since he retired from the Commission in 1972.

Steam, according to Bill, could be the answer to many of today's world energy problems — especially in meeting the ever-increasing demand for fuel for vehicles.

That's one of the reasons Bill has gone back to school under the Technical and Further Education (TAFE) scheme.

Early this year he enrolled at Yallourn Technical College to get his fireman's ticket so that he can drive an old Stanley Steamer at the Gippsland Folk Museum. He also hopes to work on the repair of the old car.

Bill expects to complete the course by the end of June. His interest in steam cars goes back many years but since his retirement he has been able to spend much more time on research.

Bill is at present preparing a submission for the State Government's Conser-

vation of Energy Resources Committee, in which he promotes the use of steam power.

One of his ideas combines the use of steam and nuclear power.

After a visit to the Calder Hall nuclear plant in England in 1965 Bill began work on a proposal for small nuclear reactors to power steam vehicles. The reactor also could be used to power domestic hot-water services when cars were not in use. Bill's SEC experience has helped in his study of steam power.

He began with the Commission at Yallourn Power Station in 1929 as a maintenance fitter. After a period at Yallourn Briquette Factory installing high-pressure boilers he returned to Yallourn Power Station where he remained until 1939. During the war he served as an armorer/artificer with the AIF's 2/51 Light Aid Detachment. He topped armament training courses at Williamstown and later in the Middle East.

After the war Bill returned to his old position at YPS

Bill DeCampo an outstanding leader

THE Operations Group lost an outstanding leader and the Latrobe Valley community a good friend with the death on March 27 of Bill De Campo.

In his 3½ years as Assistant General Manager (Operations) Bill won the respect and goodwill of all who knew him, both within and outside the SEC.

His high standing with SEC employees was a direct reflection of the frank and open approach he adopted in his dealings with the workforce at all levels. It was largely as a result of his positive attitude toward people and his close attention to personal issues that establishment of the Operations Group proceeded so smoothly in 1974.

The experience gained in 33 years of dedicated service in various departments within the Commission — especially as Distribution Design Engineer and as Assistant General Manager (Administration) — gave Bill De Campo an invaluable grounding for the vital role he played in the demanding operations area.

The close personal links he established in a remarkably short time with Latrobe Valley people and organisations benefited both the SEC and the Valley community. In the period he spent as Ops Group head, Bill dealt successfully with a number of complex and highly sensitive issues, almost all of which carried some involvement in the public arena.

Sincere tributes paid by community leaders demonstrate the high regard in which he was held, and the success of his policy of developing close and cordial relationships with all sections of the Latrobe Valley population.

All Operations Group personnel, who share with Sylvia, David and Jenny De Campo their deep sense of loss, will join in extending their deepest sympathy to the De Campo family.

as a shift fitter, was promoted to leading hand fitter in 1948 and in 1949 was appointed foreman fitter, the position from which he retired.

Giving Bill Daniel (left) a helping hand with some adjustments to the engine of a 1926 Packard tourer at the Moe Folk Museum is his grandson 7 year-old Rodney McMillan of Altona.



'LIFE BE IN IT' PROGRAM — HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL



Seven of the golfers who took part in the 'Life Be In It' golf day at the Hazelwood power station are pictured (above) having a swing.

The Hazelwood power station's Life Be In It program is proving to be extremely successful.

The program, which began last month has already included golf, fishing, cricket and running. Each event received good support from employees.

The golf day didn't sort out the pros from the amat-

eurs, but 19 golf balls were won.

The cricket competition was keenly contested with Jock Eastham winning the running between wickets, Frank Butler the accurate bowling and Tony Basten the ball throwing and the overall competition.

Fishing, in the pondage, was a mixed bag with John McClare being the envy of all with green gear and a large mock-up fish. However the highlight was Dale Foster hooking a seagull . . . incidentally, no fish were caught.

The Hazelwood Mile went to Peter Cording for running only 0.7 seconds outside his estimated time of 5 minutes 15 seconds. Other winners were John Verhagen, Jim Haylock and Mike Woodruff.

The Life Be In It program is an excellent idea and one that should be taken up by other power stations and social clubs.

For sale

- Black and tan 18 month hua, ideal family pet—\$80.
- 12 Bantam pullets—\$10
- 2 Bantam roosters — \$15
- A briquette heater, in good condition — \$10.

Contact Sid Osborne, 23 Butler Street, Morwell.

THE FEMALE SECS

ALL the many friends of Joan De Fontaine (Supervisor, Duplicating and copying) would like to wish her well and a speedy recovery from illness. Joan has been in the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne for five weeks.

WHILE talking of holidays Dianne Houghton (Typing Pool, Morwell) spent two weeks this month on a bus tour with the Gippsland Young Farmers to Queensland and New South Wales.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sue Dyer (Personal secretary to Manager Area Administration) and Peter Townsend (Civil Services, Morwell) on their marriage in St. Mary's Church, Yallourn on April 29. All the best for the future.

SELENA Stoilkovic (Yallourn drawing office) and Doug Wilkinson (Photography, Yallourn) announced their engagement early this month. Congratulations.

DAGMA Gruss (Typing Pool, Morwell) and Robin Luke (Electrical Services, Morwell) recently enjoyed a two week holiday at Surfers Paradise soaking up the Queensland sun.

PERSONAL secretary to Manager Power Generation Val Veysey had a collect from Tattsлото early this month . . . \$124 to be exact. She is one of eight in a syndicate called WOFT (Waste Of Flaming Time) which took out three second division and 15 third division prizes in draw No. 292. The syndicate collected more than \$900 altogether.

THAT's all for this month but items are still needed for next month's column, so don't hesitate to phone your news items to ext 3228 or 3642.




**POWER
GENERATION**


Showing off their National Safety Council of Australia pennants and certificates are Groups—14 (above) and 13 (below).



POWER STATION COURSE HELPFUL

Many commission employees now know considerably more about Latrobe Valley power stations thanks to a three day power station operation course being held monthly at Hazelwood training annexe.

The courses give an overall picture of boiler, turbo-generator design and construction and gives an understanding of the power station process.

The course is designed to cover these areas in a basic

non-technical manner and consists of three basic areas; fuel handling, distribution, boiler plant and turbo-generator plant.

After each area is covered in the classroom course members are taken on a plant visit to view the actual plant.

Hazelwood power station is used as the demonstration station for plant visits with the Yallourn 'W' power station being visited on the last day of the course.



Yallourn 'W' course instructor Don Nicholls is pictured describing the workings of a Yallourn 'W' boiler to group members (from left) Tom Theobald (Finance, Melbourne), Jack Sutcliffe (Instructor, Hazelwood), Brenda Simpson (Yallourn 'W'), and John Baldwin (Transmission, Yallourn).

HPS groups achieve NSCA award

Two Hazelwood power station electrical maintenance groups have reached the creditable target of 100,000 manhours without a Lost Time Injury . . . and they are still going strong.

Groups 13 and 14 both notched up their 100,000 manhours in November last year. It is the first time that Group 14 has reached 100,000 manhours without a LTI, but the group has contributed to two previous electrical maintenance section safety awards. To January group 14 had notched up 128,800 manhours and group 13, 198,500 manhours.

The National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate were presented to the groups by Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson in the Hazelwood Power Station's lecture room.



NEW SCRAPERS WILL REMOVE OVERBURDEN

The newest addition to the Morwell open cut's machinery list are two large yellow wabco scrapers.

The 22 cubic yard capacity scrapers are now the biggest the SEC has in the Latrobe Valley.

The powerful, air conditioned scrapers are powered by V8 Detroit deisel

engines and cost \$170,500 each.

The removal of overburden in front of No. 10 dredger will be one of many roles they will play in the Morwell open cut.

SEC drivers are operating the scrapers, currently working in the north-west corner of the open cut.



Frank Schessl stands next to one of the new \$170,500 Wabco scrapers in the Morwell open cut last week.

Deaf appeal please give generously

The annual appeal for the Victorian School for Deaf Children conducted within the SEC's Operations Group of Departments begins on May 1.

Appeal co-ordinator Geoff Ryan says it is hoped that this year's appeal will surpass last year's appeal total of \$1,385.57.

In the 13 years since the first appeal within the SEC, a total of \$7,878.07 has been raised by SEC personnel in the old Latrobe Valley Department and Operations Group of departments.

And since the money attracts a generous State Government subsidy, its value is considerably enhanced.

● There are a number of children of Gippsland SEC personnel attending the School so please give generously to this most worthy appeal.

New development saves time on blade repairing

A Morwell Central Workshops development has improved a time-consuming turbine blade repair operation.

The workshops have been required to drill rivet holes in new blade butts for low pressure turbine blades from units one and two at Hazelwood Power Station.

The holes have to be drilled in exactly the same relationship as the out-of-

parallel holes in the old blade butts.

The operation requires the use of an all-angle clamping attachment mounted on slides moving in two axes in the horizontal plane.

Normally a milling machine with an all-angle clamping attachment would be used but these machines

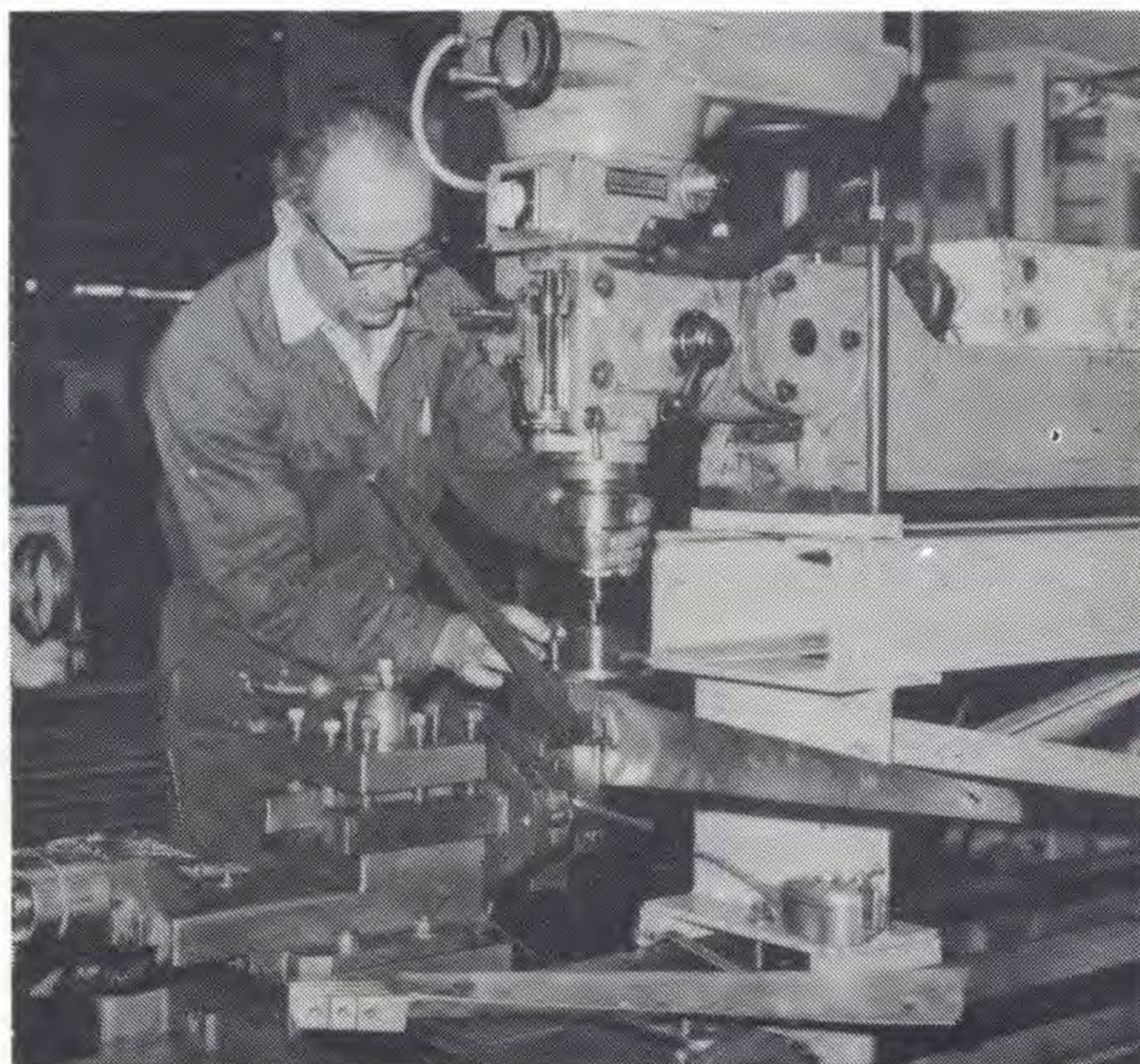
have been unavailable due to other work commitments.

The workshops' braintrust went into action and came up with a solution.

Using a lathe capable of the two-axes movement, a clamping plate held in the lathe tool-post is attached to an all-angle vice and a milling attachment is bolted to a fabricated stand on the lathe bed.

The use of a flanged mandrel has enabled the setting up of the turbine blades to be broken up into two unrelated operations, resulting in considerable time saving.

The machinery set up, combined with the skill of machine shop personnel, has enabled the job to be completed successfully.



Busy working on a turbine blade, in the Morwell workshops is machinist Ken Lofts.

NEW BUS SERVICE — NEW BUS SERVICE — NEW BUS SERVICE — NE

Campaign aimed at increasing use of buses by SEC employees

TICKETS . . .
PLEASE!

"On the Buses" is the title of a successful long-running TV series . . . and if a campaign to increase awareness of the advantages of bus travel over private vehicle to and from work succeeds, it could also spell a change in the transport habits of SEC employees.

The heavy reliance on private transport for commuting to work from the Latrobe Valley centres of Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, Yallourn North and Churchill probably reflects the general view that "own car convenience" compensates for the obvious disadvantages of private travel.

With car operating costs now at slightly more than 21 cents per kilometre (for

an average six-cylinder family-size car such as a Holden or Ford) — and an actual running cost of about 5 cents per kilometre—there are distinct advantages in public transport. Economy—both for commuter and community — is one; overall safety is another and if bus service developments now being looked at come to fruition, public transport could even be more convenient.

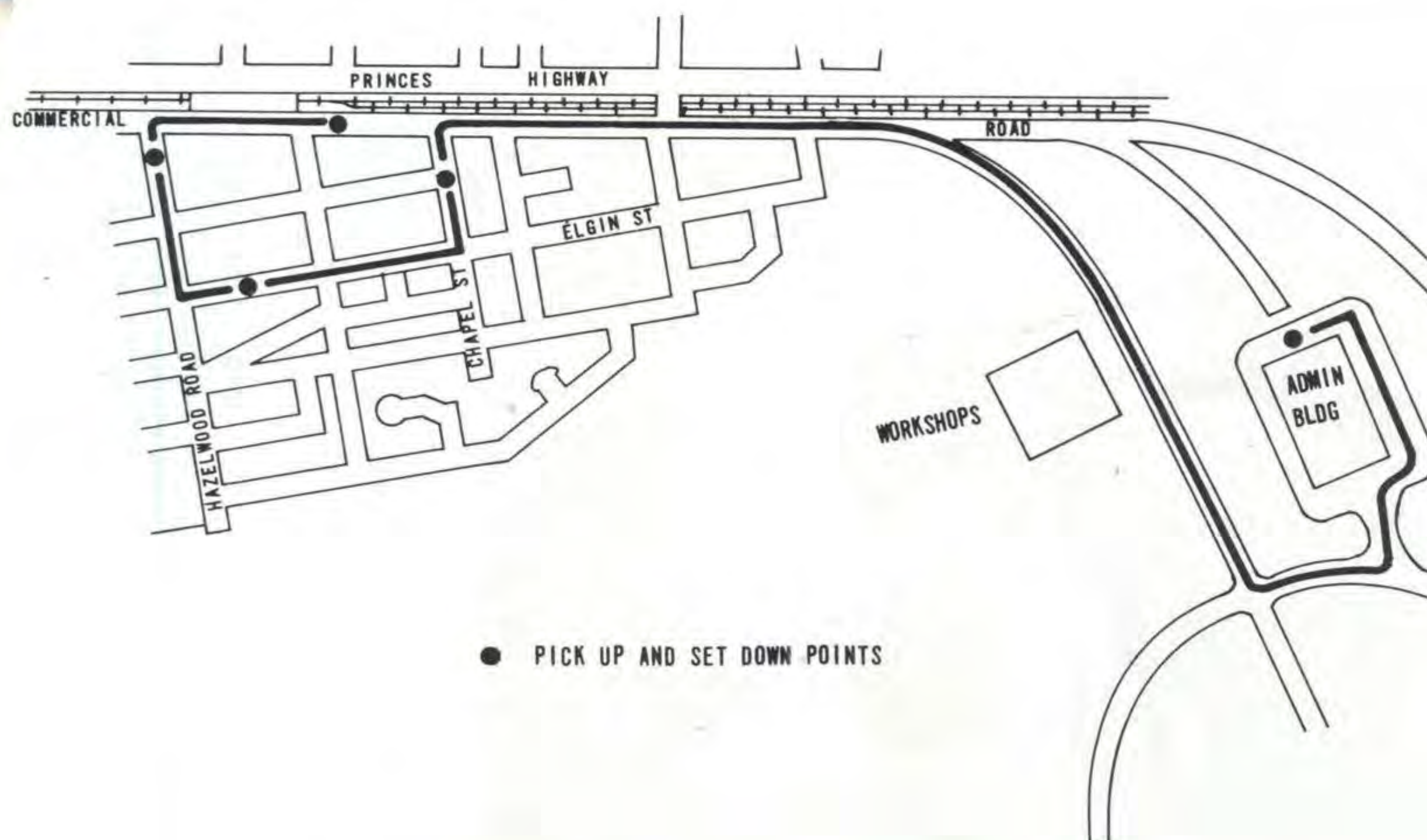
One problem faced by public transport here is the extremely high level of car ownership, which is higher than in Ballarat and Bendigo, two of Victoria's major country centres.

For the commuter, that means higher traffic density at peak periods along one of Victoria's most heavily used highways, sections of which are often shrouded in light to heavy fog.

The Commission encourages the use of public trans-

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The bus route from the Morwell Area Administration building to the Morwell township is pictured below.



● PICK UP AND SET DOWN POINTS



Andrea Beaton of Morwell receives a ticket from driver David Long as she boards the bus at the Area Administration building, Morwell.

New bus route was carefully planned

Administration building's staff at Morwell will be the first to test out a new lunch-hour shopping bus service which begins on May 1.

The route for the new bus service has been carefully planned to provide an effective service for Administration employees.

The four kilometre route starts from the Morwell Administration building at 11.45 a.m. — the last bus will return at 1.15 p.m. The complete timetable is on page 9.

The bus leaves via No. 2 patrol gate, Commercial Road, Chapel Street, Elgin Street, Hazelwood Road to Commercial Road bus terminal then returns to the SEC via the same route.

The pick up and drop off points will be at the SEC Co-Op building, the rear of the Target Store, the Morwell Town Hall and the bus terminal in Commercial Road. To help the service run to its timetable bus travellers are asked to be at pick up points on time.

A modern new look Latrobe Valley Buslines bus will be used on the route.

For further details contact Public Relations Group.

SERVICE REGISTER

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

25 YEARS:

Reg Waldron	Hazelwood Power Station
Arthur Shirreff	Hazelwood Power Station
John Matthews	Morwell Workshops
John Knight	Yallourn Power Station

30 YEARS:

Ron Grant	Coal, Yallourn
Ray Draper	Coal, Morwell
Len Sidebotham	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
Ray Nestor	Coal, Yallourn
Dennis Harris	Hazelwood Power Station
Kevin Cox	Yallourn Power Station

31 YEARS:

Ken Ellis	Civil Services, Yallourn
Col Grix	Transport, Yallourn
Frank Potter	Coal, Yallourn
Ron Paul	Yallourn Power Station

32 YEARS:

Tom Thompson	Transmission, Yallourn
Syd McCartney	Yallourn Transport Workshops
Roy Wiggins	Civil Services, Morwell

33 YEARS:

Ron Solly	Hazelwood Power Station
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34 YEARS:

Stan Aitken	Public Relations
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37 YEARS:

Ray Cousins	Coal, Yallourn
Bob Gardner	Yallourn Power Station

38 YEARS:

Ken Rhodes	Transmission, Morwell
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40 YEARS:

Fred Stott	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation
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42 YEARS:

Max Claxton	Yallourn Workshops
Allan Hanken	Yallourn Power Station



Bob Nuske pictured on top of the Yallourn 'W' Cooling Tower.

WORKERS SAFETY RECORD IS TOPS ON COOLING TOWER

More than 28 months of heavy construction work without a single case of lost time through injury — that's the spotless safety record of workers on Yallourn 'W' No. 3 cooling tower.

The shell of the 134-metre tower — the highest of the three Yallourn towers — was completed last month.

SEC Construction Supervisor Bob Nuske said a great team effort had resulted in the injury-free construction project.

Bob said he was very proud to have been associated with the project.

"I consider myself lucky. There aren't many men able to say they've been associated with a building project like this one," he said.

Bob said the tower shell had been completed on time.

About 30 men worked on the tower "ring" at any one time. The best concrete pouring performance was the completion of one ring in a

day—most rings took about three days to pour, depending on the size of the ring and weather conditions.

Lewis Constructions Pty. Ltd. began work on the tower site in October, 1975 and completed the shell on March 18 this year.

The tower has a diameter of 97 metres at its base, tapering to 56 metres at the "throat" and opening out to 62 metres at the top.

More than 10,700 cubic metres of concrete was used in the cooling tower which weighs more than 14,000 tonnes.

The tower shell is 660 millimetres thick at the base, 180 mm during the taper and 400 mm at the top.

Work inside the tower is expected to be completed by the end of October this year.

The cooling tower will come into service when the second stage of Yallourn 'W' Power Station is completed.



Barry has come a long way

Head projectionist at the Yallourn training centre, Barry McLean has come a long way since the days when he ran the Mt. Beauty picture show in his spare time.

Barry was a linesman with the Kiewa Operations Group and North-Eastern Electricity Supply Region for more than 20 years before taking up his new position at Yallourn 12 months ago.

His interest in cinematography developed at an early age on his home-town, Albury, where he used to help out in the old Hoyts theatre.

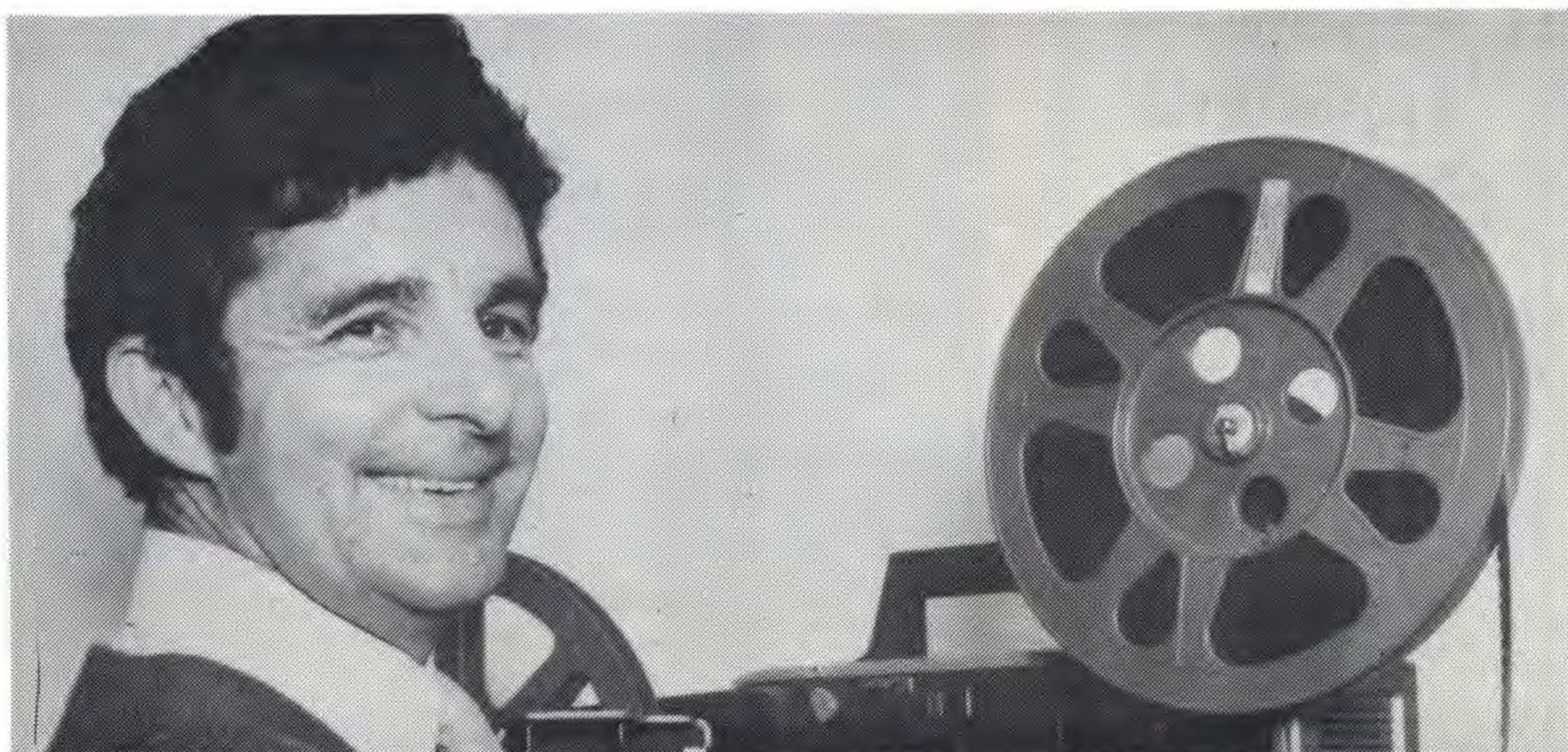
Experiments with slide projectors, 9.5 mm film, 16 mm silent film and later 16 mm with sound led to a part-time job as assistant projectionist at the Commission's Kiewa Works Area Motion Picture Club.

Barry obtained his Cinematograph Operator's licence after his boss died, he then bought the projection equipment and set up on his own at Mt. Beauty.

He was still working full-time as a linesman but when the projectionist's job at Yallourn came up, Barry thought it too good an opportunity to miss.

His job at the training centre involves the booking and screening of films in the Latrobe Valley, as well as training assistant projectionists.

The use of films in Commission training schemes is increasing all the time, as is the use of closed circuit television and video tape facilities.



Shoe String theatre is enjoying success

Commission employees are playing major roles in the success of the Latrobe Valley's Shoe String Theatre.

The theatre group's new committee is led by Bernie Shaw (Latrobe Valley Control Centre), secretary is his wife Joan, publicity officer is John Mutsears (Yallourn survey) and Frank Percy (chemist, Hazelwood Power Station) is a committee member.

Bernie Shaw has been associated with the theatre group since its formation about three years ago, and has been active in all forms of theatre for more than 30 years.

Shoe String has 37 members at present, with 12 or 13 active performers.

The group presents three large scale productions a year, along with five or six smaller productions. The next big production, the comedy "Say Who You Are" is planned for July.

Bernie hopes soon to introduce a course for would-be actors. He said the eight-week course would be designed for people who had never been on the stage, with instruction by Shoe String producers and directors. The course would cover

theatre etiquette, make-up, back stage activities as well as actual acting.

A Shoe String production finished second in the Moomba Drama Festival and group member Tony Hanning won the best actor award. The group received several other award nominations.

WATCH THAT WET ROAD

Wet weather is here again and with it will no doubt come the spate of motor vehicle accidents that always accompany the first rains following a long, dry spell.

Wet weather reduces both visibility and traction. Common sense dictates that speed must also be reduced.

Dirty windows and interior condensation add tremendously to these hazards. Ensure your windscreen wipers, washers and demisters are in first class working condition.

In heavy rain switch on your headlights on low beam in order to be visible from in front and behind.

 Barry McLean was loading a 16 mm projector when CONTACT's photographer called on him at the Yallourn Education and Training Centre last week.

After a long dry spell the first rain can make conditions particularly hazardous with a fine slippery mixture of dust and oil film on the road. Under these conditions remember to avoid:

- Sudden changes of direction;
- Unnecessarily sharp application of the brakes;
- Sudden burst of acceleration.

To prevent skidding remember the A-B-C of good driving:

Accelerate gently;
Brake gently;
Corner gently.



McQualter appointed All Stars captain

Yallourn training and development administrative clerk Ken McQualter has been appointed captain of the Gippsland All Stars cricket eleven.

For Ken, who is Captain of Traralgon and District Cricket Association's 'A' Grade side Imps/City, it is the fourth occasion he has been selected in the team.

A talented all-round cricketer Ken also performed exceptionally well in the Gippsland Cricket League this season.

He also Captained the Traralgon and District Cricket Association's Country Week team.

Another SEC employee Fred DeBono (Payrolls, Morwell) of Churchill, a stylish opening batsman has also been chosen in the team.

Fred, who opens for Churchill, also gained selection in the Central Gippsland Cricket Association team at Country Week.

The All Stars will play a team from the Australian Cricket Society at Yallourn in November this year.

Other players in the All Stars side come from Leongatha, Warragul, Outtrim-Wonthaggi, Alberton, Sale-Maffra, Bairnsdale and Stoney Creek.



Studying a map of Loy Yang are (from left) Gordon Cook, Jean Cook, Elsie and Colin Parr.



Hey! look where I am. 11 year-old Cameron Gunn (far left) is pictured talking to his father Hugh Gunn, mother Brenda and younger sister Jane from the mudguard of a large Euclid truck.



Patrol section family days successful

Two successful Patrol Section family days were held recently.

The enjoyable days included tours of the Morwell works area and Loy Yang.

More than 100 people, including patrolmen's wives and children, took part in the days which took in tours of the Morwell open cut, Jeeralang gas turbine station and the huge Loy Yang project.

As well as being an enjoyable family day the visit to Loy Yang was a familiarisation tour for patrolmen.

Each day finished with a barbecue lunch at Morwell.



Pictured while looking over the Loy Yang coal bunker site are Jeff Sawyer and his family (from left) his wife Shirley and children Fiona, Kym and Joanne.

COAL
PRODUCTION

Busy at work, in the Yallourn open cut, is No. 8 dredger which was involved in creating the record.

New slew conveyor starts work this month

The new \$3.5 million S95 mobile slew conveyor is now operating in the Yallourn open cut.

Initially the mobile slew conveyor will be operating in conjunction with No. 13 dredger feeding on to Y301 conveyor.

The huge 469 tonne machine travelled slowly into the open cut, via a ramp, from the erection site to the overburden face where it started its working life.

Before being put into operation the mobile slew underwent three months of tests relative to travel and steering.

Erection of the mobile slew began in June, 1977 and was completed in February this year.

Designed by Demag-Lochhammer of Germany the S95 was manufactured by Vickers-Hoskins a Division of Vickers (Aust.) Ltd., of Western Australia.

Mechanical erection was carried out by Simon Engineering of Morwell while the electrical work was by Oliver J. Nielsen, also of Morwell.

Fuel Department's project engineer for the slewing conveyor was Jim Aalbers.

Coal output records tumble in Yallourn open cut

Records tumbled thick and fast in Yallourn Open Cut late last month.

The cut's daily coal output record of 59,278 tonnes, which had stood for more than 13 years, was bettered twice in two days. With dredgers Numbers 6, 8 and 12 in action on Wednesday, March 22, coal output

totalled 60,306 tonnes — more than 1,000 tonnes up on the old record.

A record amount of coal (51,953 tonnes) was sent to Yallourn and Yallourn 'W' power stations the same day.

Congratulations were still

doing the rounds when news came through the next day that the "new" record had been surpassed, with output reaching an all-time high of 60,855 tonnes.

And to top it all off, coal output for the week ending March 28 also set a new record of 386,578 tonnes.

The previous high of 365,745 tonnes had stood since July, 1964.

A combination of factors led to the record-breaking production run, including availability of coal winning plant, a consistent high output by Yallourn and Yallourn 'W' power stations and increased coal bunker storage over the two days.

Dredgers 7 and 13 removed a record 913,819 cubic metres of overburden during March.

No. 13 dredger dug 714,054 cubic metres of overburden to set a new monthly record for one system.

NEWBOROUGH IS POPULAR PLACE

Newborough is still by far the most popular place for resettlement of Yallourn tenants eligible for resettlement grants.

By the end of February, 105 tenants had established new homes at Newborough — including 66 current SEC employees and 39 retired or widowed people.

A total of 356 tenants had received resettlement grants to the end of February.

Other places of resettlement were Moe (45 tenants),

Morwell (43), Churchill (18), Yallourn North (18), Traralgon (14), other Latrobe Valley centres (18), other parts of Victoria (57) and interstate (21). Seventeen others, still living in Yallourn, have been paid part of the grant to help with their resettlement.

Seventeen houses were removed from Yallourn in February, making a total of 544 to date.

Of the 525 houses remaining, 73 have been sold for removal.

retirements

Jack Fisher will have more time to develop his five acre property near Moe Golf Club following his retirement on March 28 after 32 years service.

Jack began work with the Commission on April 26, 1946 as a cleaner at Yallourn Power Station and soon after became a tradesman's assistant, later qualifying as a fitter. By 1958 he had advanced to the position of leading hand and in 1964 was appointed temporary foreman. Following his appointment as foreman in the turbine room in 1966, Jack often acted as overseer.

At an informal farewell in the power station lecture



JACK FISHER

room, Acting YPS Assistant Power Station Superintendent Col Harvey presented Jack with a wallet of notes. Jack's wife Alice received a sheath of flowers.

A farewell dinner was held at the Yallourn West Mess. Jack and wife Alice are planning a holiday to Perth later this year.

Owen Nielsen will be able to devote more time to the garden at his Traralgon home following his retirement on April 8.



OWEN NIELSEN

Owen began work with the Commission as an engineer at Newport Power Station in October, 1951. He transferred to Yallourn Briquette Factory in April, 1957 as a shift engineer and in July, 1972 was appointed assistant charge engineer at Yallourn Power Station, the position from which he retired.

Owen plans a holiday early in his retirement.

Along with his workmates

he attended an informal farewell at the Yallourn North Hotel.

Station Operations Engineer Frank Tomlinson presented Owen with a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

Past 15 months has been a busy time for Mike

Mike Gregson (Accounting, Morwell) has been working extremely hard over the past 15 months on his new home in Newborough.

The establishment of Mike's new home and his ties with Yallourn make an interesting story.

Mike actually lived his early life in Parkside, Yallourn.

When he married he and his wife moved into a house in Banksia Street — directly behind his family's home.

Now, Mike, wife Jacque and son Justan, 6, have moved into their new home at the corner of Barton Street and Tresswell Avenue, Newborough, but they still have close ties with the old Yallourn neighborhood.

The "new" home — a relocated and refurbished Yallourn house—was originally located 100 yards from the

old Gregson home. And just to add to the house tie-up, Mike believes his relocated house was built about the time he was born.

Mike purchased the house in January, 1976 and had it shifted to its new site in November the same year. With the help of the Resettlement Office Mike planned the remodelling, which included a six feet extension, addition of built-in wardrobes, en suite in the main bedroom and a large laundry.

The house has been bricked with tumble bricks and new windows have been fitted.

Plans are in hand for a large patio and double car port.

The SEC nursery at Yallourn gave advice and assistance on the transplanting of shrubs from the old Yallourn home and on the



lay-out of the new garden.

The Gregson family, including Irish Setters Flint and Tara moved into their new home late last year.

Mike's mother, Mrs. Isabella Gregson has been involved with the Yallourn Resettlement Program too. She moved into a Latrobe Valley Village unit about 15 months ago.

Mike Gregson, his attractive wife Jacque and six year-old Justan are pictured in the kitchen of their relocated Yallourn house.

retirements

**RAY GIRARDI**

Raymond Girardi is planning touring holidays following his retirement from the Commission on March 31.

Raymond and his wife Anna have already travelled throughout Western Australia but now hope to visit some of the east coast areas.

Beginning with the Commission as an electrical fitter at Yallourn Power Station in July, 1956, Raymond transferred to the electrical workshops in November, 1966. He resigned in February, 1968, but rejoined the Commission in May, 1970 as an electrical fitter at Morwell Briquette Factory. Later that year he transferred to Yallourn Power Station and in March, 1971 was reclassified electrician special class, the position from which he retired.

Raymond plans to continue living at Yallourn North, where he enjoys his hobbies of radio mechanics, tinkering with cars and fishing.

At an informal farewell, Electrical Plant Engineer Tom Skerry presented Ray with a cassette radio and a digital clock.

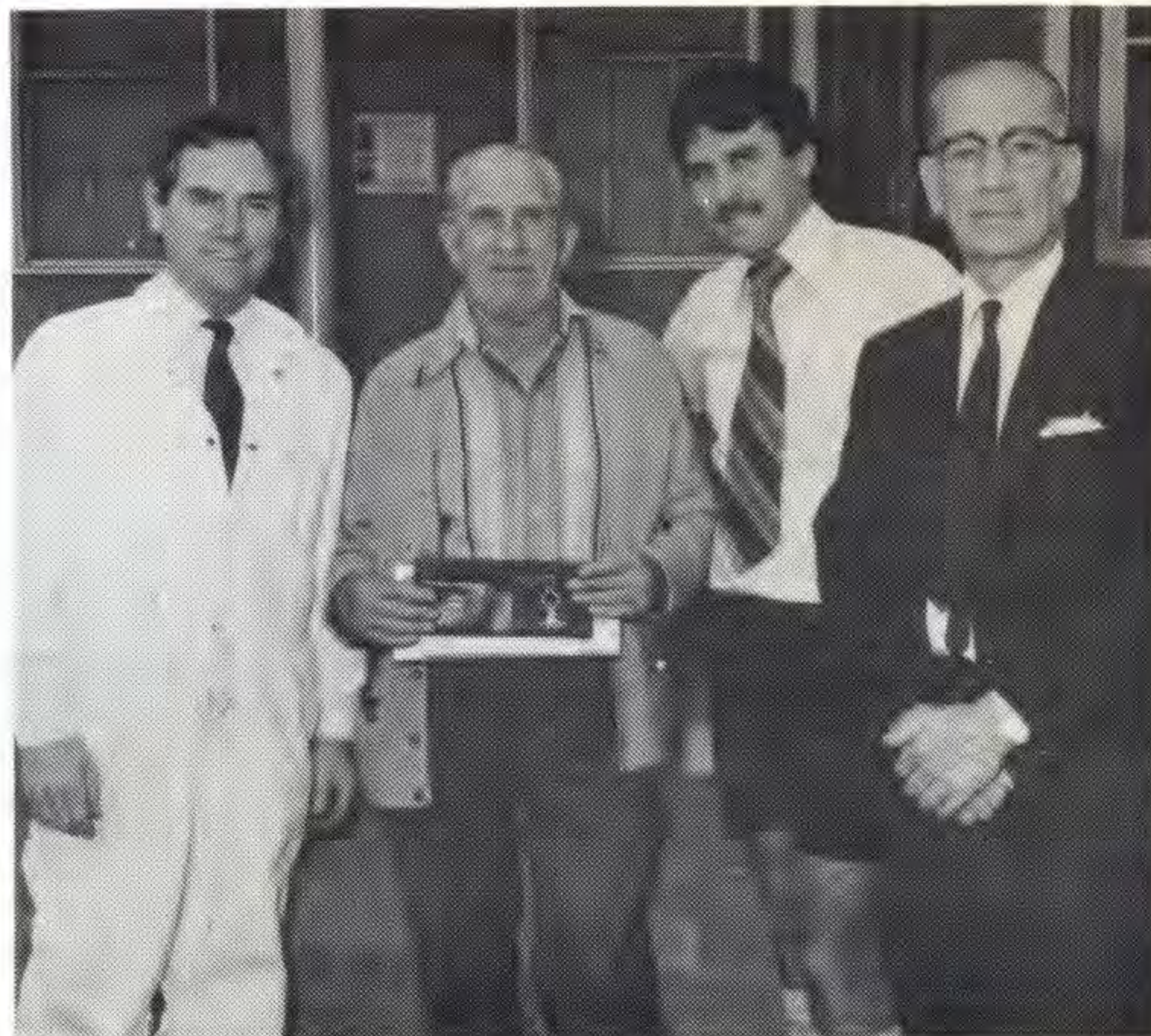
**TOM TAYLOR**

One of the key people in the formation of the Transmission Social Club, Tom Taylor, has retired from the Commission after more than 24 years service.

Tom, who retired on March 22, began as an electrical fitter at Yallourn

Power Station in October, 1953. In August, 1955 he was promoted to the position of foreman in the power station. Promotion to maintenance overseer followed and in October, 1963 he was appointed supervisor with Transmission and Generation. He was reclassified in September, 1975 as Technical Officer (Maintenance Officer) in an off-line capacity, the position from which he retired.

Tom and his wife Jean have had a Yallourn house relocated at East Newborough and they will now have more time to spend at their holiday home at Sandy Point on Waratah Bay.

**JIM FOSTER**

Jim Foster is currently enjoying a six week holiday in Singapore with his wife Kath.

Jim, who retired from the Commission on March 17, after six years service plans to have a relaxing retirement enjoying his hobbies of golf and gardening. Both Jim and his wife are members of the Morwell Golf Club and intend spending a deal of time at the club playing golf and socialising.

Jim began with the SEC in March, 1972 as a trades assistant at the Morwell workshops. In August, 1974 he transferred to the Morwell power station. His final move was to the Morwell briquette factory in February, 1976, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell presentation in the Morwell power station training annexe, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Harry McLaren presented Jim with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

**BILL PULLAN**

After 24 years service with the Commission Bill Pullan called it a day on March 3. Bill, who has been in ill health for a while began with the SEC as a painter at Civil Works, Yallourn in July 1954.

He transferred as a cleaner at Yallourn power station in March, 1956 and then to a painter with Civil Works in July, 1956, the position he retired from.

Bill and his wife Nancye intend to take their retirement from day to day and enjoy life together.

Bill's hobbies of polishing stones and having the occasional bet on the horses will be keeping him busy in retirement.

At an informal farewell presentation in Bill's East Newborough home, Property Services, Newborough Foreman Murray Walker presented Bill with an envelope of notes from his workmates.

valley visitors



Above: Studying a map of the Morwell works area and the Hazelwood power station are some of the South African Lions members.



Having a look at one of the models in the Latrobe Valley visitors centre are members of the Rotary Study group from Indiana, USA.



Thousands of visitors look at SEC works

Among the thousands of people to visit the SEC this month were overseas visitors from America, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, England and interstate visitors from South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales.

A party of six Rotarians from Indiana, America were most impressed with the size of the SEC's operations. The party which included accountants, teachers and company managers was led by a 36 year-old accountant Mr. Joe Hughes.

The party took in a tour of the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts, Hazelwood power station, Yallourn 'W' power station construction and Loy Yang.

Another interesting group of visitors included 16 South African Lions Club members, who took in a day tour on April 3.

Seventy employees of the SEC's Gippsland Electricity Supply Region at Traralgon enjoyed a day tour of Loy Yang on April 4.

A number of school parties from all corners of Victoria also looked the SEC works over during the month.



Below: Taking a rest during their tour of Loy Yang are employees from the Gippsland Electricity Supply Branch at Traralgon.