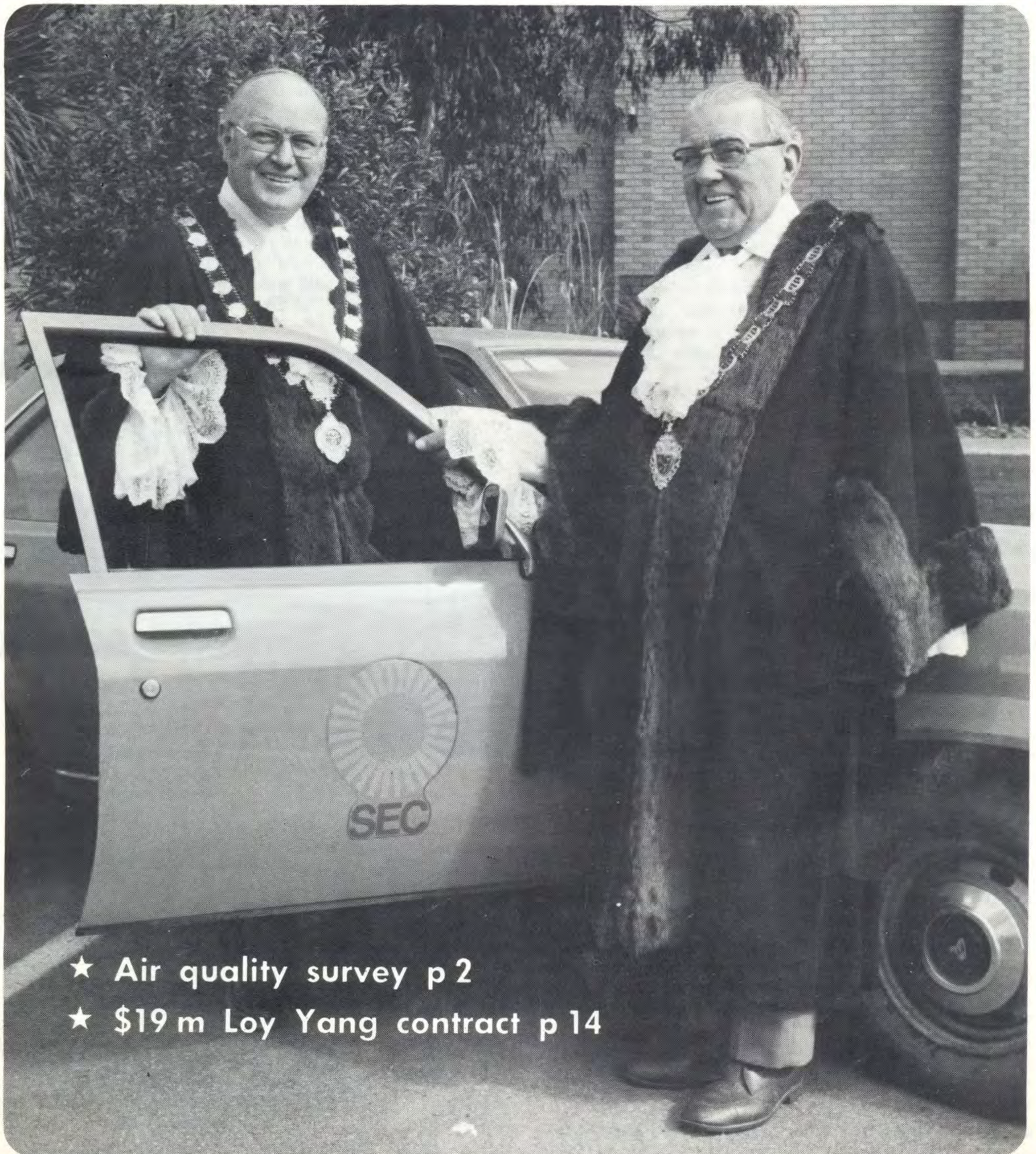




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Impressive community service

INDUSTRIAL Relations Officer, Bruce Hutchinson, of Morwell, has been appointed to the Board of Management of the Central Gippsland Hospital in Traralgon.

Forty-seven year old Bruce will serve a three year term.

Bruce, who has been with the Commission for 31½ years is looking forward to his term on the Board—he sees it as a community service.

Over the past 17 years in Morwell he has been an active person within the community.

He was the:

President of the Tobruk primary school committee for three years.
President of the Tornadeos Little Aths Club for eight years.

President of the Morwell Colts football club for three years.

Gippsland area director of Jaycees in 1970.

President Morwell Jaycees in 1968.

\$550,000 spent on the Valley air quality survey

The SEC has spent more than \$550,000 so far on equipment to provide detailed information on air quality in the Latrobe Valley.

An air quality network, comprising at least 10 fixed stations, will be used to sample levels of air quality.

And in conjunction with the Health Department, the SEC has also initiated a long-term survey on community health in the Latrobe Valley to complement the air quality survey.

The SEC announced its intention to conduct this survey during the Parliamentary Public Works Committee hearing into the siting of a second set of gas turbines.

In evidence to the Committee, the SEC said it wanted the study so that reliable information could be gathered into the relationships, if any, between health and air quality in the Latrobe Valley.

Expert advice will also be obtained from three internationally renowned epidemiologists when they visit Australia in November, and data is now being prepared by the SEC and the Health Department to brief them.

An existing SEC monitoring station at Minniedale Road has already been upgraded and the first three of the new stations are currently being readied for operation.

A complete prototype station was assembled at the SEC's Herman Research

Laboratory in Richmond, where it is being thoroughly tested.

The first station will be established on site by the end of October, following a testing and commissioning program, and the second about a month later. All six of the initial group of stations should be operating by the end of April 1979.

The huts to house the monitoring instruments for the first three stations will be erected on sites at Boolarra South, Hazelwood and Hazelwood North.

They will monitor dispersion of the exhaust gases from the SEC power stations.

Equipment is being ordered for the remaining stations, which will be sited in outlying areas of the Latrobe Valley.

As well, designs have been prepared for four meteorological towers which will continually monitor lower atmospheric patterns in the Latrobe Valley.

Extensive meteorological data has already been obtained from special radiosonde flights carried out over the past two years, and instrumented aircraft flights over the past five years.

The data is being interpreted to give a basic picture of the Latrobe Valley atmosphere. With the new meteorological towers, this data can be more intensively investigated.

These studies are being carried out in close collaboration between the SEC's meteorologists, and the CSIRO Division of Meteorological Physics.



One of the monitoring huts is pictured being placed into position alongside the Hazelwood Estate Road early this month.

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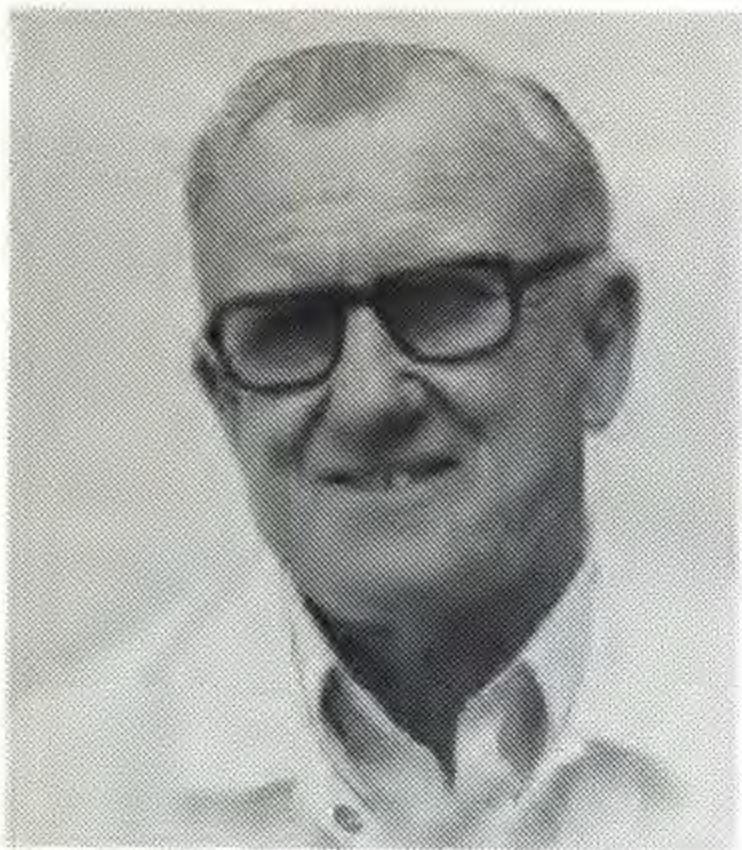
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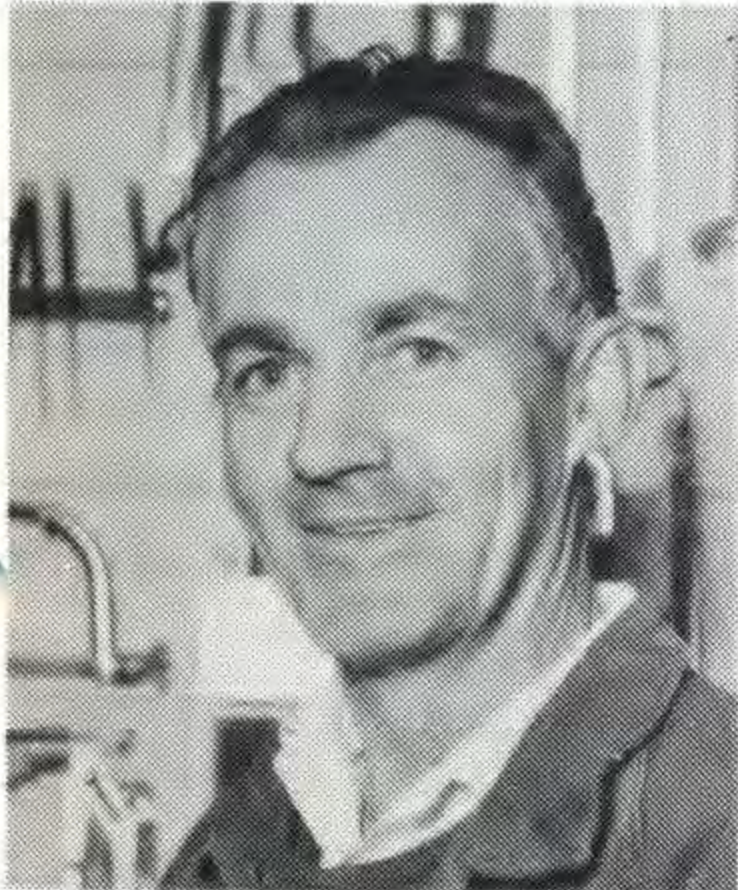
The SEC has close ties with two new Municipal mayors recently elected in Traralgon and Moe. Cr. Alan Campigli (Traralgon City) is the Engineering Service Departmental Administrative Clerk in Morwell, while Cr. Joe Tabuteau (Moe City) who is now retired worked for the Commission for 30 years with Briquette Distribution in Yallourn before retiring in 1971. New councillors, Story Page 3

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TED SUMMERTON



ARTHUR PEARCE

SEC EMPLOYEES ELECTED TO TWO COUNCILS

FOUR SEC employees were elected to municipal councils last month.

Those elected were — Moe City Council: Ted Summerton (Yallourn power station), Tony Paul (Secretarial, Yallourn) and Arthur Pearce (Hazelwood power station); Morwell Shire Council— Merv Massey (Hazelwood power station).

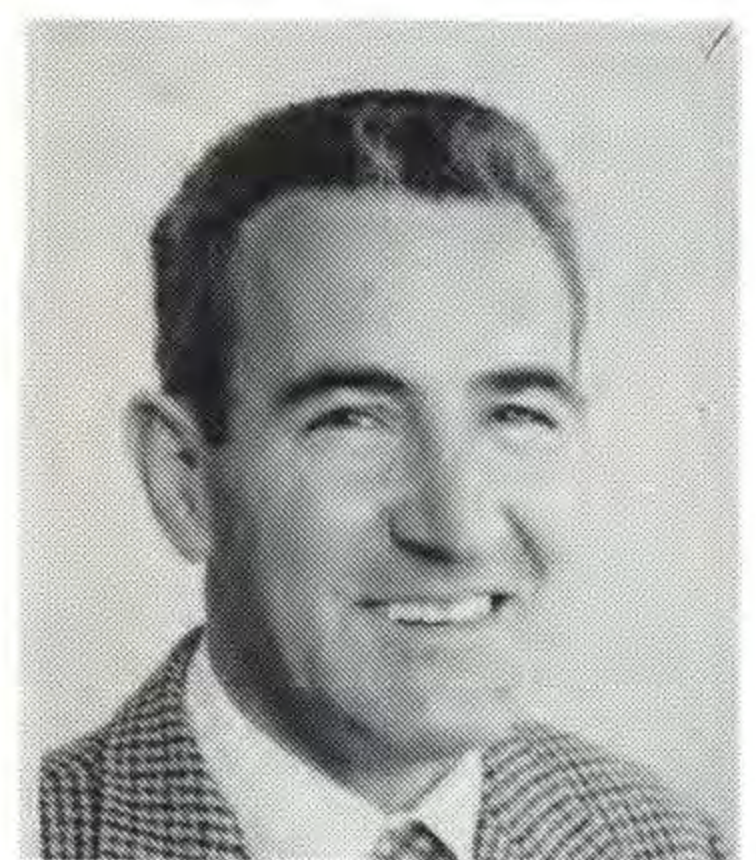
Traralgon and Moe City councils both have new mayors. Cr. Allan Campigli (Departmental administrative clerk, Engineering Services) is Traralgon's new mayor while retired SEC employee Cr. Joe Tabuteau is Moe's new mayor.

Joe worked with the Commission for more than 30 years, all with Yallourn Briquette Distribution. It is Cr. Tabuteau's second term as Mayor and Cr. Campigli's first.

Tony Paul won his seat on council by winning the annual election in Moe City Council's East Ward, while Arthur Pearce won the extraordinary election also in the East Ward. Ted Summerton won the West Ward election.

Merv Massey won the Morwell Shire Council's South Riding election for his first term as a councillor.

All new councillors and mayors were sworn in at statutory meetings last month.



TONY PAUL



MERV MASSEY

EMPLOYEES HELP OUT WITH BRIDGE

Twenty-seven SEC employees recently helped build the largest single span Bailey bridge, in Victoria since the war, across the Rainbow Creek at Cowwar.

The employees are members of the 38th Field Squadron and 39th Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Squadron army reserve based at Yallourn.

About 80 reservists constructed the "double-double" bridge which is a four panel bridge . . . two panels wide and two high, the double height being necessary because of the unsupported length.

The temporary bridge was constructed to restore access to farms after Harkins Bridge and a number of private



bridges that were washed away in the June floods.

Commander of the bridge was Lieut. Bob Scorse (Yallourn power station) with second in command Staff Sgt. George Harris (Hazelwood power station training annexe) both from the Yallourn unit.

Two females were included in the project, they were; Corporal Linda Hall (Morwell Stores) and private Wendy Haustorfer (Hazelwood power station).



Staff Sgt. Harold Fullerton of Sale lines up for his lunch-time meal from Corporal Linda Hall (Stores Morwell) and Private Wendy Haustorfer (Typist Hazelwood power station) during the exercise at Cowwarr.

Coal on display in Melb.

A LARGE piece of petrified wood from the Yallourn open cut will be put on permanent display in the foyer of Monash House.

The sample will be mounted and spotlit in the head office foyer, as a symbol of the SEC's major source of power.

Large mining companies throughout the world have used samples of their ore in symbolic displays, and the petrified wood will represent Victoria's brown coal reserves.

The sample will be about 220 cm high and 70 cm wide, and for the past few years has been on display at the edge of the Yallourn open cut.



Lifeline Director Val Rohde (second from right) is all smiles on receiving the \$1,400 cheque from Yallourn Advisory Council chairman Cr. Neil Wishart. Also pictured are (from left) Lifeline secretary Marie Orr, Cr. Wishart, committeeman Rev. Ian Cartmell, Mrs. Rohde and SEC's Chief Administrative Officer Jack Huxtable.

\$1400 DONATION TO LIFELINE

The SEC, through the Yallourn Town Advisory Council, presented a \$1400 cheque to Lifeline at the council's September meeting in Yallourn early this month.

Council Chairman Cr. Neil Wishart presented the cheque to Lifeline Directress Mrs. Val Rohde of Morwell.

Before the presentation the SEC's Chief Administrative Officer, in the Latrobe Valley, Jack Huxtable said that people have always had problems of one kind or another. What they haven't always had is somewhere to take their problems when they feel they can't cope any more.

In today's world, the man, woman or child is fortunate indeed who has the comforting shoulder of family or friend there when they need it. With our changing society and lifestyles, this just isn't available to everyone.

Today there are probably as many pressures caused by unemployment worries as there are pressures arising from employment. I'm sure we are all aware and concerned — many of us personally — of the employment prospects for people under 25. Even those who have jobs are under in-

creased pressures of keeping them—and they are still coping with the many problems caused by just growing up.

This is reflected in the fact that one third of all calls to Lifeline are from people under 21.

The SEC is very aware of these problems.

As the largest employer of apprentices in Victoria, with 520 of these employed here in the Latrobe Valley alone, the SEC knows that home, family and job problems exist in large numbers.

The SEC knows this from its own experience and from talking to the ITIM chaplains who do such a wonderful job with their counselling work.

But so many problems can't be talked away at work. People can't always relate to a colleague, or even to family.

It's reassuring, then, to know that help is as close as the telephone. It's reassuring to know that 24 hours a day, seven days a week, there is someone at Lifeline.

Lifeline is a necessary and valuable part of life in the Yallourn district, as it is throughout Australia, and in many overseas countries.

THE FEMALE SECS.

ALL the best to two girls who left on maternity leave recently. Sue Townsend (Morwell typing pool) and Karen Glenn (Data Processing, Morwell).

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CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Michelle Cameron (Morwell typing pool) on her engagement to Stephen Bertoli (Morwell workshops) on September 2. Best wishes for the future.

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PAM Widdowson (Accounting, Yallourn) finished third in the Personnel football tipping competition with 86 winners out of a possible 132, good effort—well done Pam.

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A GEORGEOUS black and white cat, which wandered in to the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre in Morwell early this month, now has a home thanks to Vicki Manuel (receptionist at Visitors' Centre) and Ann Pederson (Hazelwood Training Annexe). Vicki cared for the cat for three days until Ann found it a home with a friend.

RITA Bruce (Yallourn 'W') has returned to work following an overseas holiday with her husband Robert. They toured Europe and England before returning home early this month.

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LOY YANG typist Michelle Thompson spent her leave recently at a horse riding school at Carrum Downs near Frankston.

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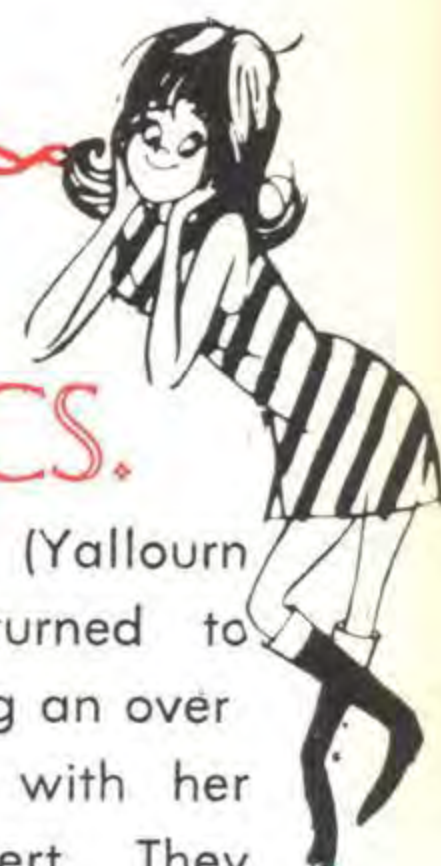
LYN PLAVINS (Yallourn Stores) and Chris Karwath (Yallourn workshops) have both returned to the Morwell typing pool for a stint. Dagma Gruss has taken over Chris's position in the Yallourn workshops.

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DRAFTING Assistant Wendla Bickerton married John Hamilton (Coal Production) in the Yallourn gardens on September 9. They will make their future home in Yallourn North. Congratulations.

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



NEW YALLOURN BOWLING CLUB FACILITIES — A1



The new Yallourn Bowling Club is certain to become one of the major sporting and social centres of the Latrobe Valley.

SEC Chairman, Charles Trethowan said this early this month when officially opening the new club which has been developed at the old Newborough Bowling Club.

The SEC has contributed

almost \$500,000 to the project under its Yallourn resettlement program.

The new club features three seven-rink greens and a 67-square clubhouse, with seating for more than 200 people.

The greens are fully lit to enable night time bowls.

Mr. Trethowan said the co-operation between bowling club officials and SEC officers at all stages of resettlement negotiation had been a major contributor to the project's unqualified success.

The SEC's involvement in this and other resettlement projects is clear—we are firmly committed to retain in the Latrobe Valley all those community facilities which are of a continuing nature—to ensure that they will not be lost to this community when the town of Yallourn goes," he said.

Under the resettlement program the Commission has made available almost \$3 million for community projects which will be of very great benefit to all Latrobe Valley residents for many years to come.

'The spread of facilities throughout the Latrobe Valley was based largely on the resettlement movement of Yallourn residents, most of whom understandably resettled close to Yallourn, mainly at Newborough.

Mr. Trethowan said everyone concerned with the Yallourn Bowling Club resettlement project had done a magnificent job in providing a facility which would benefit Latrobe Valley people for many years to come.

He said he thought it important that Yallourn and Newborough Bowling Club members had decided to retain "Yallourn Bowling Club" as the name for the new club.

Trying the new Yallourn greens out are (from left) Norm Davey, Roy Middlemiss, John Enguell and Charlie Barnard.

Chatting following the official opening of the bowling club are (from left) SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, Manager Area Administration George Bates, Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce and Yallourn Bowling Club President Dr. Harry Player.



Pictured at the opening were Yallourn bowlers (from left) Peter Reville, Rex Cooper, Tom McAlister, George Askew and Alec Jackson.

Service Register

COMMISSION staff and wage employees who reached significant milestones during September are included in the register below:

25 YEARS:

Werner Arheidt	Hazelwood Power Station
Hermann Fisher	Transmission
George Schessl	Coal, Morwell
Syd Whittaker	Morwell Power Station

30 YEARS:

Bryan Ware	Coal, Morwell
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31 YEARS:

Tom Kennedy	Materials & Services, Yallourn
Lawrence McLachlan	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Bill Aitken	Yallourn Power Station
Bob Taffs	Yallourn Workshops
George Edmunds	Yallourn transport workshops

32 YEARS:

Jack Swan	Transportation, Morwell
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33 YEARS:

Dick Gray	Secretarial, Division
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34 YEARS:

John Farrugia	Coal, Yallourn
Keith Taffs	Yallourn power station

37 YEARS:

Albert Chinnock	Hazelwood Power Station
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38 YEARS:

Clarrie French	Area Administration, Morwell
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41 YEARS:

Owen O'Bryan	Morwell Power Station
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The huge 200 tonne crane makes the Unit 2 chimney at Jeeralang Gas Turbine station look like a dwarf.

HUGE CRANE MADE LIGHT WORK OF HEAVY CHIMNEY

A \$900,000 mobile crane completed its first major job early this month at the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station.

The giant crane was used to lift the top half—weighing 25 tonnes—of the Unit 2 chimney into position 16 metres above the ground.

The task took only 15 minutes.

The crane was bought recently in America by Latrobe Valley steel fabricating firm Di Fabrizio Steel of Morwell.

It is one of the four largest in Eastern States of Australia. Weighing 200 tonnes it is capable of lifting loads of up to 300 tonnes.

With extensions added the crane can reach a height of more than 50 metres. The crane was erected on site and will stay there until early next month.

For Sale

Land at Loch Sport. High block with North-Easterly aspect. Views of lake and mountains, close to safe beach, surf and national park, in quiet position.

A large steel garage with concrete floor is on the block and includes a double bunk bed, kero refrigerator and 1,000 gallon tank. \$5,000.

Contact: John Brown, ext. 2583.



BRIAN SMITH proudly displays his masterpiece — an anvil and hammer mounted on a piece of red gum wood.

Detailed models are top class

FOR THE past two and a half years, Trades Assistant, Brian Smith has had no problem keeping himself amused at lunchtimes.

He has spent them making beautifully detailed models in stainless steel, using discarded scraps from around his work area in Mechanical Maintenance, Morwell power station.

It all started when Brian's wife asked him to make her a cross to wear around her neck.

He became interested in the intricate filing required to shape the tough stainless steel, and decided to make something else.

Now, many models later, he's quite an expert.

Brian became so skilled that many of his models were used as trophies and raffle prizes by the tenpin bowling club where he played.

A lot of his favorite pieces decorate Brian's Narracan home.

The work is all done in lunch-breaks, using an ordinary file. Polishing takes a long time, and Brian uses emery paper, cloths and Brasso to achieve his shining finished product.

Often his models are mounted on blackwood, or red gum to really set them off.

His two most recent sculptures have been an anvil and hammer, and a striking scale model of the Concorde airliner.

The anvil took two months to complete, and the Concorde, based on brochures Brian obtained from a local travel agent, took just over two weeks.

Brian has been a Trades Assistant with the SEC for five years, and people who like his models hope he'll stay around a lot longer.

Award to groups 12 and 29

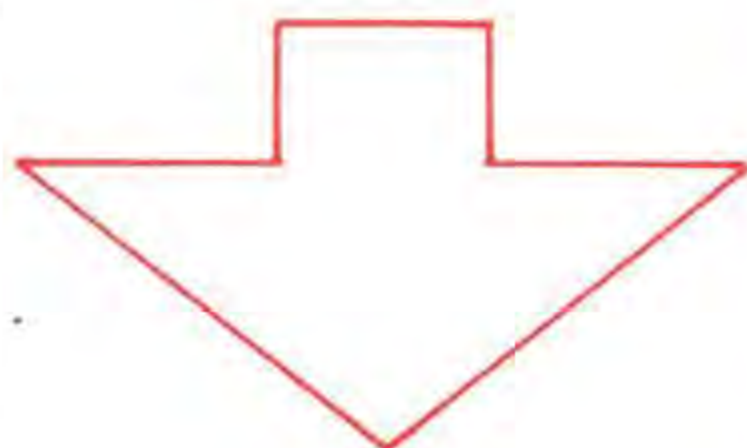
Hazelwood power station's technical services groups 12 and 29 combined recently to achieve their fifth 100,000 manhour safety award since 1971.

The group's latest award was achieved in April when they notched up 100,000 without a lost time injury. Their record was broken in June when a LTI was recorded with a creditable 119,000 manhours.

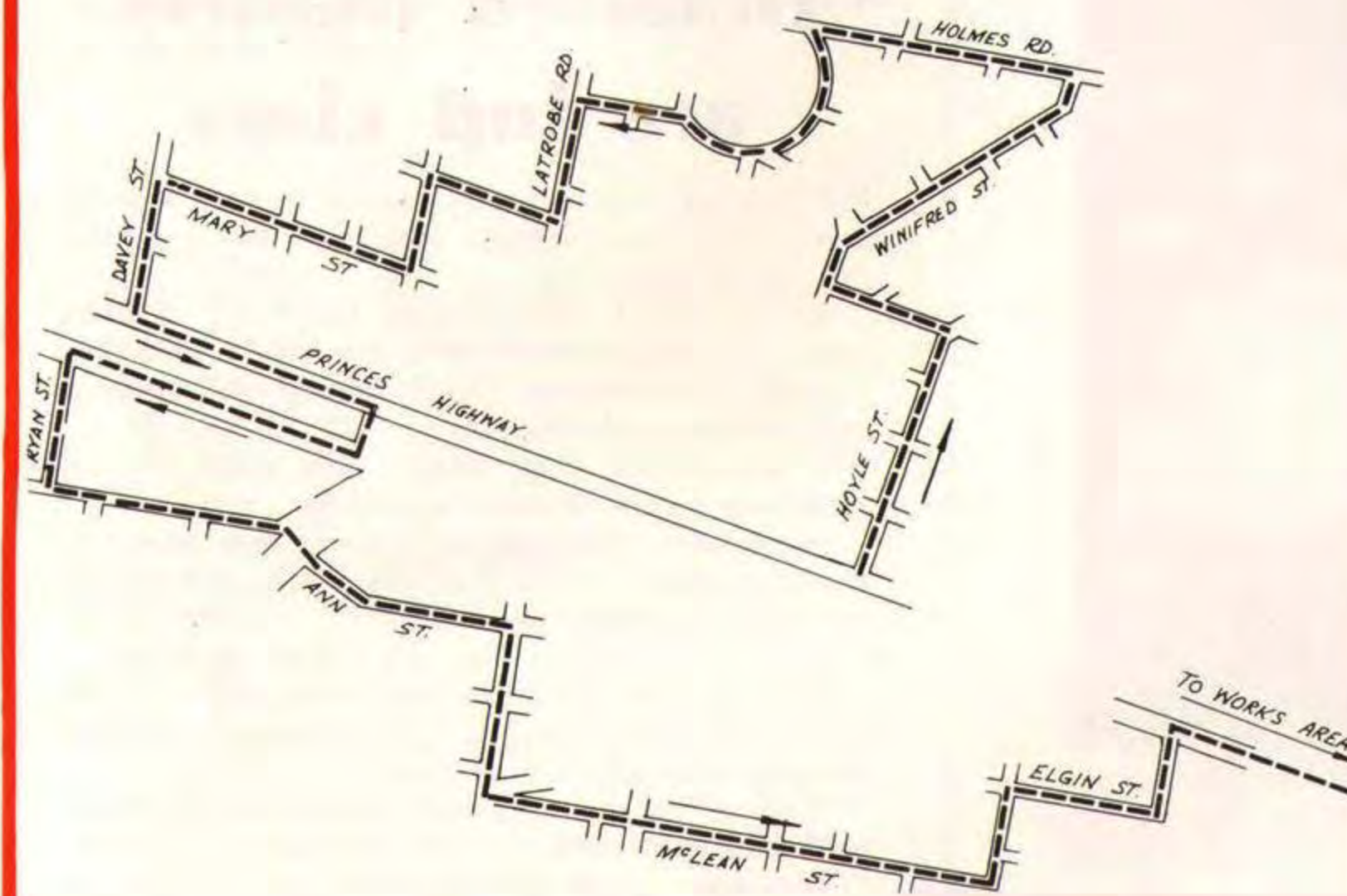
The 64 employee strong group includes chemists, scientific assistants, instrument control workshop personnel, records and statistics staff and engineering personnel.

The National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate was presented to the Group's safety representative Fred De Guara by HPS Assistant Power station Superintendent John Hutchinson at an informal presentation ceremony in the HPS lecture room.

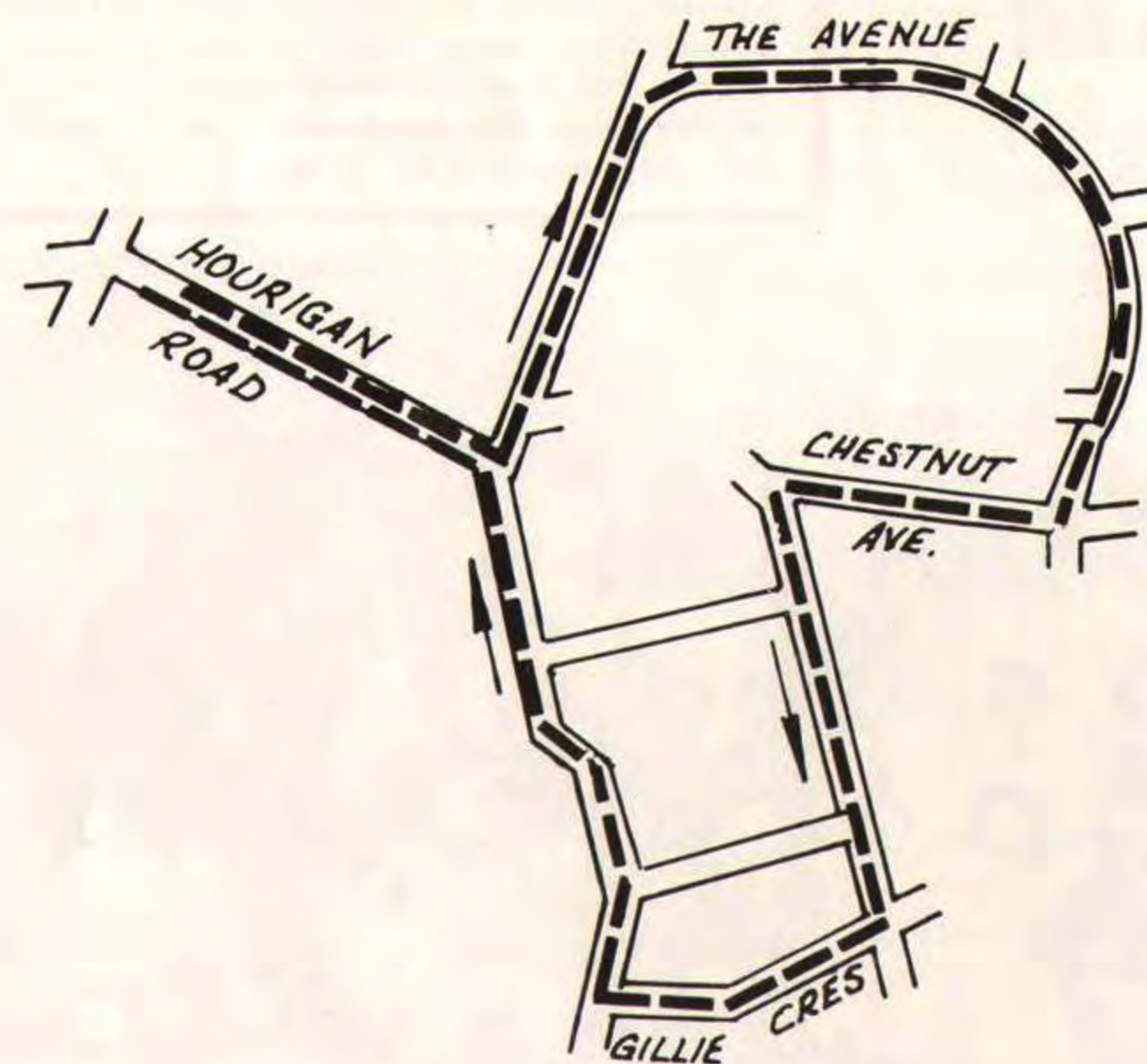
Members of Group 12 and 29 are all smiles after receiving their NSCA safety certificate and pennant.



MORWELL CENTRAL



BRIDLE ESTATE



NEW AND EXTENDED BUS SERVICES FOR LATROBE VALLEY COMMISSION EMPLOYEES

SEVERAL new and extended bus services to the Commission's Latrobe Valley works areas will begin operation on October 2.

Latrobe Valley Bus Lines have introduced the new services following a survey of SEC employees' travel habits.

Survey results revealed there were several major areas with potential bus users which were not serviced by existing routes.

In addition to the new and extended services, improvements will be made to existing services to reduce travelling times. The SEC campaign to promote bus travel for its Latrobe Valley workforce is designed to make public transport more attractive.

Reduced pollution, fuel conservation, general economy and road safety are seen as some of the main advantages of public transport.

An extra bus will be introduced in Morwell to cater for the new route to service Bridle Estate and the residential areas on the western edge of the town.

The route for the bus to service Bridle Estate is —

7.00 a.m.: Depart corner Hourigan and Maryvale Roads then via Hourigan Road, The Boulevard, The Avenue, Cherry Crescent, Gillies Crescent, The Boulevard, Hourigan Road, Vary Street, Churchill Road, Vincent Road, Princes Highway, Commercial Road to Briquette Factory. (Passengers for Hazelwood to change at No. 2 gate).

The route for the bus to service the western side of Morwell is —

7.00 a.m.: Depart corner Princes Highway and Hoyle Street, then via Hoyle, Margaret, Winifred Streets, Holmes Road, Collins Street, Church Street, Latrobe Road, Madden Street, Jane Street, Mary Street, Davey Street, Princes Highway, Jane Street Bridge, Commercial Road, McLean, Wilson, Elgin, Julia Streets to No. 2 Gate and then to Hazelwood.

Changes to an existing service will provide greater penetration into the old Newborough and Newborough North residential areas.

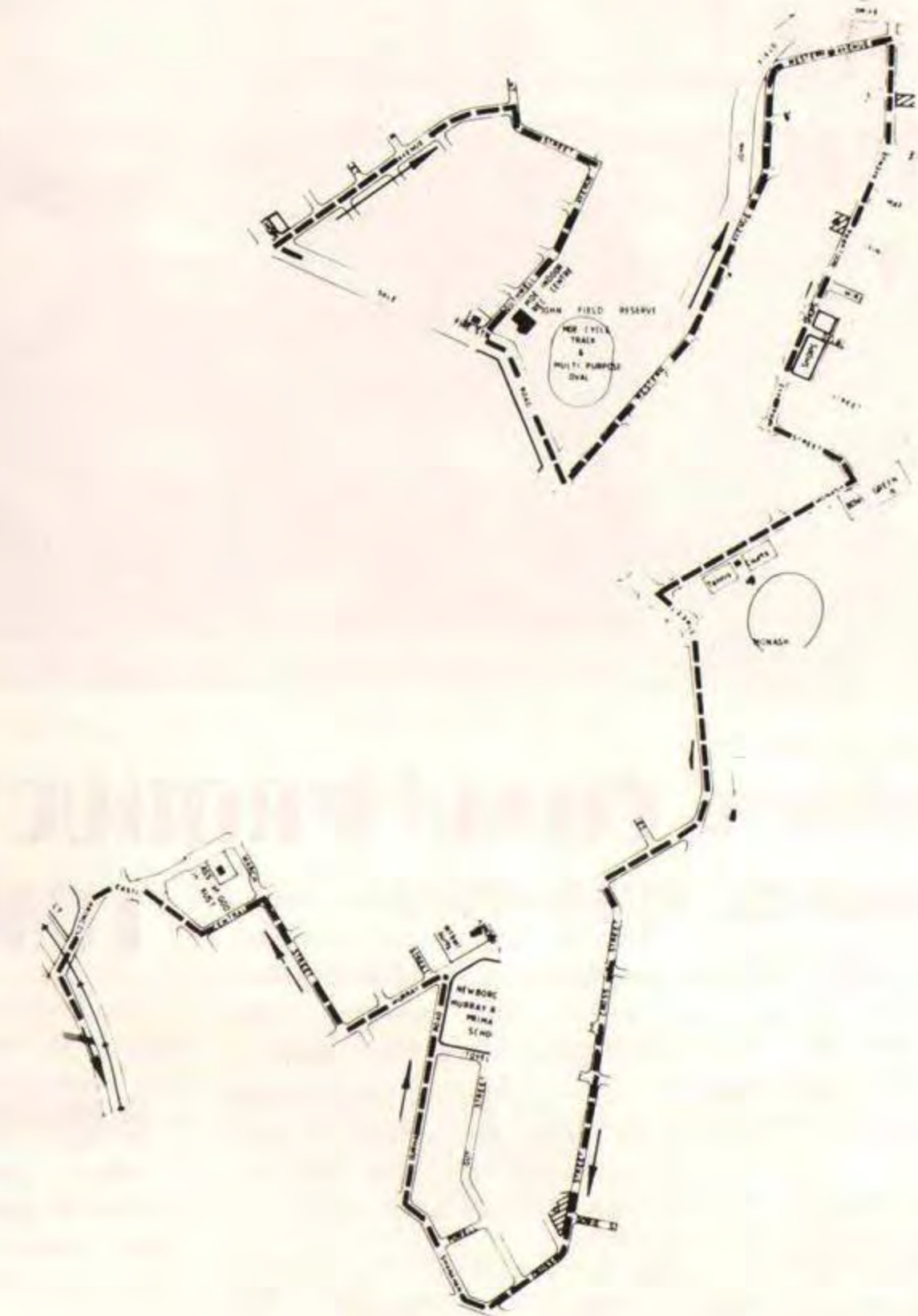
The bus travelling from Yallourn will leave at 6.45 a.m. from Newark Avenue and then travel via Trent Street, Southwell Avenue, Old Sale Road, John Field Drive, Western Avenue, Boolarra Avenue, Thorpdale Street, Monash Road, Torres Street, Murray Road, Cross Street, Shanahan Parade, Durham Road, Murray Road, March Street, Central Avenue, Shanahan Parade, Narracan Drive, Princes Highway to No. 2 Gate.

Latrobe Valley Bus Lines expect to slash at least 15 minutes from the return journey from Morwell SEC to Moe with the introduction of an interchange at the Gunn's Gully car park. Passengers travelling to Newborough will board another bus enabling the Moe travelling time to be greatly reduced.

In addition, an extra bus will be introduced on the Moe to Morwell and Hazelwood run, enabling deeper penetration into several areas. Details of all these services have been outlined in a pamphlet distributed in the past week.

Further changes and improvements are still being considered.

MOE



Response to bus survey was excellent

The number of SEC employees using buses to travel to work could be increased dramatically, a survey has found.

Response to the survey sponsored by the Ministry of Transport, Transport Regulation Board, Latrobe Valley Bus Lines and the SEC was excellent. More than half the SEC's Latrobe Valley workforce responded to the questionnaire designed to determine travel habits.

Express buses, increased frequency of services, greater penetration into residen-

tial areas and lower fares were some of the changes suggested to attract more people to bus travel.

Several of these will be introduced almost immediately.

According to the survey, only 12 per cent of SEC employees at present use buses to travel to and from work. More than 80 per cent are either car drivers or passengers.

Twenty per cent of those surveyed said they would use buses if travelling time was reduced to below that of a car.

A further 35 per cent indicated they may possibly use an improved service.

More than half the potential bus users surveyed indicated they would use an updated service five days a week to and from work.

Analysis of survey results is continuing.



**COAL
PRODUCTION**

BATTLE OF THE BULGE

The "Battle of the Bulge" is being won.

Number seven dredger has for the first time excavated through to the northern end of the Bulge area in Yallourn open cut.

On August 24 the dredger broke through to the bench where construction of coal conveyors to the new raw coal bunker is well advanced.

The dredger is now widening the bench through the bulge and overburden removal in the bulge area should be completed by October.

Number seven dredger will then begin coal excavation in the middle of the bulge area, with the assistance of S95 mobile slewing conveyor.

The coal will be transported to No. 3 loading station during the first phase of the program.

The new coal trunk conveyors will be installed as the various benches are excavated by No. 7 dredger.



No. 7 dredger (above) eats its way through the Bulge. Yallourn power station is picture in the background.

COAL PRODUCTION RECORDS TUMBLE

Records have been tumbling in Coal Production Department . . . and in particular in coal winning from Latrobe Valley open cuts.

In July an all-time record of 3,054,000 tonnes of coal was won from the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts.

Coal won from Yallourn was more than 1,564,000 tonnes & Morwell 1,490,000 tonnes.

The overall figure is believed to be higher than any other coal mining group in Australia.

More than 30 million tonnes of coal was won last year from Latrobe Valley open cuts.

Utah won only 17 million tonnes last year from its

Australian underground and open cut mines.

The three million tonnes of coal won from the Latrobe Valley open cuts in July is the equivalent to the Morwell Football oval having coal piled to a height of 190 metres on it.

Other statistics of interest are;

- A dredger such as No. 11 in the Morwell open cut travels about 40 kilometres for each million tonnes of coal it wins — approximately 200 kilometres a year.

- For the 40 million tonnes of material (including overburden) excavated from the Latrobe Valley open cuts last year, the dredgers travel about 1,000 kilometres that's from Melbourne to Adelaide and return.

- and the 100 kilometres of conveyor belt installed in the SEC works areas is approximately four times the length of the Olympic marathon.

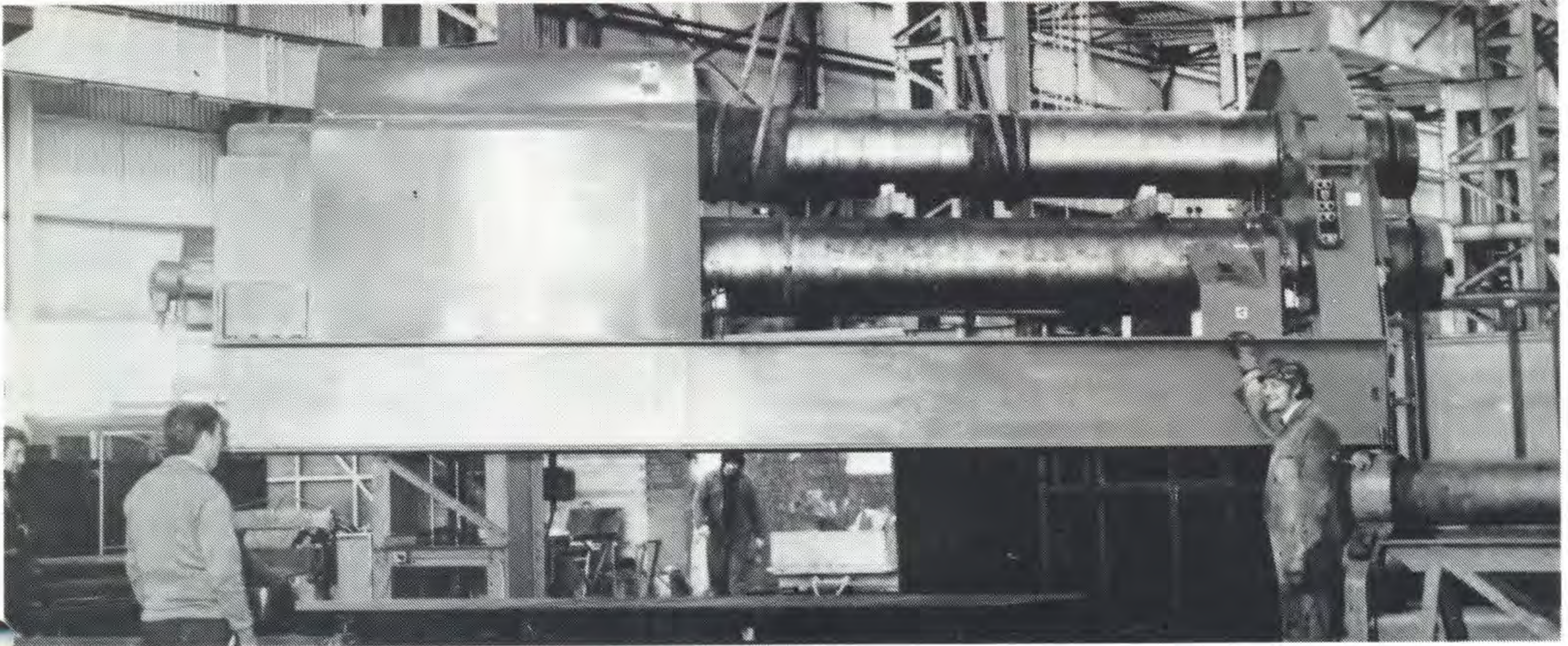


Dredgers were busy at work when CONTACT's photographer snapped this picture in the Morwell open cut recently.





**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**



The 30 tonnes plate roller was pictured by CONTACT's photographer being placed into position in Bay 5 of the Yallourn workshops.

New plate roller installed in Yallourn workshops

A new \$130,000 plate roller has been installed in Bay 5 of the Yallourn workshops.

The Daumar, 30 tonne, roller made in Belmont, Western Australia was transported by road to Yallourn early this month.

It is the biggest flat plate roller in the SEC Latrobe Valley workshops.

It has a capacity of rolling steel 10 feet wide and one inch thick or 2'6" wide by 4" thick.

The roller is currently being used to roll coal conveyor idlers for Coal Production.

Major advantages of roller is its ability to do end setting with minimum wastage of steel.

Operators will be trained in Yallourn to operate the huge roller.

Commissioning tests have been held, the roller is now operational.

For Sale

HQ Holden panel van, 73,000 km. Economical 173 six cylinder motor, white duco with brown interior. Faultless mechanically and in appearance. Extras include low mileage radials, radio and cassette with speakers. Side windows, extractors and tow bar. \$3,400.

Contact Les Prokop, Phone 22 2369 or ext. 5555.

Hurrell brothers win top awards

BROTHERS Graeme and Rod Hurrell of Morwell are making a name for themselves in life saving with the Woodside Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Twenty-one year old Graeme (Yallourn transport workshops) and Rod, 17 (trainee electrical operator) both won major awards this year.

Rod was the most successful being named the Clubman of the Year, he also won the Patrolman of the Year award.

He won a trophy for being a member of the best patrol and during the year he received his advanced resuscitation certificate.

Graeme also received a trophy for the best patrol — he was patrol captain. He received a power boat crewman certificate and power boat bronze medallion.

Surf Life Saving is a valuable community service and most rewarding.

The club is currently on a membership drive and would welcome any male or female to become a member. If interested they should contact Graeme Hurrell, 34 1294 or Ext. 2676.



SHOWING off their trophies are the Hurrell brothers, Graeme (left) and Rod.



Looking for finance?

Looking for housing finance?

These days, many people are trying to find finance for a home of their own, and are discovering that it's not always easy to come by.

Co-operative housing societies have solved the problem for a lot of couples, including young marrieds starting out, and couples with grown families looking to buying a home of their own.

But a home of your own is a dream that, for some people, can never come true. The problem for most people is finance — or rather lack of available finance.

If you are looking for housing finance in the next 12 to 18 months, the co-operative idea could interest you. The scheme is separate from the housing societies formed as part of the Yallourn resettlement, but would operate on similar lines.

Before definite plans can be made, it will be necessary to establish the approximate demand and requirements for the formulation of a housing society.

If you have a definite interest, register your name now.

When the demand has been established, you will then be contacted and advised further details.

The Yallourn Resettlement Committee office will be recording names, but the planned housing society will be open to all Latrobe Valley employees.

If you are interested, contact the Yallourn Resettlement office, Broadway, Yallourn, telephone 62 2393, or SEC ext. 2885, and ask to have your name recorded for the proposed society.



New record for seven units

Hazelwood Power Station has set a new record for continuous operation of seven units.

The record run of 454 hours ended at 8 p.m. on September 15 when unit

five was taken out of service for a boiler clean.

The previous best seven unit performance of 351 hours was achieved between November 20 and December 4, 1975.

Recognise anybody in photo?

Former SEC Latrobe Valley Transmission employees will find the photo (above) of some interest.

The people in the picture are members of the Yallourn control room and switch yard electrical construction gang in 1923.

The photo was taken in mid December, at lunch time, with the 132 Kw bus tie OCB in the background.

Kimberley wins medal



JOHN KIMBERLEY

SEC fitter and turner John Kimberley has won the Rex Hartley Medal for the best and fairest Latrobe Valley Football League's second 18 player.

John, who coaches the Yallourn Football Club seconds polled 18 votes to win from Traralgon backman Ken Ludlow on 13 votes.

A veteran of more than 200 games with Yallourn, John thought he had a good season but was surprised to have won the award.

A centreman, with the seconds, he played six games with the senior 18 during the season making his win even more creditable.

John, 30, has been playing football for 13 years and hopes to pull on the boots again next year.

CONTACT can only identify four people, J. Spalding (third row fourth from left), H. Matthews (second row third from left), W. Earle (front row third from left) and Fred Powell (front row far right).

If you can recognise anybody give CONTACT a ring on ext. 3228.



EIGHT MONTHS WITHOUT LTI — MAGNIFICENT

Area Administration Department has achieved 885,500 manhours without a Lost Time Injury.

The whole department, of about 665 people had worked for a period of eight months, from July 3, 1977 to February 24, 1978 without a LTI.

This magnificent effort—a record for the Department—easily beats the previous best of three months.

Both the SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan and AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce have praised Area Administration staff for their magnificent effort.

It's interesting to note that during the 1975-76 financial year, the Department suffered 15 LTI's for the year. For 1976-77 there were 16 and in the past year the Department dropped to an impressive two.

The frequency rate dropped from 12.2 in June, 1976 to 1.5 in June, 1978.

The Chairman presented the National Safety Council of Australia's certificate and plaque to AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce and MAA, George

Bates in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre early this month.

Mr. Bates said this sort of record doesn't come about by chance, it takes serious, responsible and dedicated approach to all concerned. We congratulate all members of Area Administration Department on this magnificent achievement.



SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan (centre) presents the NSCA certificate and plaque to MAA George Bates (left) and AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.



Jack Wilkinson (centre) discusses safety with fellow Yalourn Stores workmates Robert Grima (left) and Max Murtagh.

Accident Control Officer Rick Crookes (far left) talks with Morwell Stores employees (from left) Norm Rough, Mike Norton and Joe Carmody.



TO LET

A two bedroomed holiday home at Eagle Point via Bairnsdale to let.

Has all conveniences and will accommodate five people \$45 a week.

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BOB DINSDALE

Well-known and popular Bob Dinsdale retired from the Commission on August 31 after more than 42 years' service.

Bob began with the Commission in May, 1936 as a metal trades junior in the joiners shop in Yallourn workshops where he progressively advanced his career through various classifications from an apprentice carpenter to leading hand.

His apprenticeship was interrupted in 1942 while Bob served with the RAAF in active service until May, 1945 when he completed his indenture.

In June, 1950 he was appointed clerk of works, general services, Yallourn and his advancement continued to the position of supervisor with civil works, the position he retired from.

Bob and his wife Jean will continue to live in Yallourn North. Bob has been an active person in the community being a life member of the Yallourn RSL and Yallourn tennis club.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn West Mess, Engineering Services Departmental Co-ordination engineer Geoff Miles presented Bob with a gas barbecue, table and chairs, black and white portable television set and a video game, roll top desk and an envelope of notes from his workmates and friends.



ALLAN MILLIGAN

Allan Milligan will continue to live in Moe following his retirement from the Commission on May 25 after 26 years with the Commission.

He began with the Commission in June, 1952 as a laborer with coal, Yallourn. He also worked as a beaker packer, and greaser with coal before being transferred to a cleaner at the Yallourn power station in October, 1957.

April, 1958 saw another change for Allan, this time to a trimmer and then a fireman in December, 1959, the position he retired from.

Allan intends to enjoy his retirement, taking it from day to day.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn power station lecture room, Station Operations Engineer Frank Tomlinson presented Allan with an envelope of notes from his workmates.

\$19 MILLION CONVEYER CONTRACT — LOY YANG

A \$19 million contract for an overburden conveyor system for Loy Yang open cut, has been let by the SEC.

The contract has been let to a joint venture of Eglo Engineering (Services) Ltd. and Weserhutte Otto Wolff Pty. Ltd.

The conveyor system will be used in conjunction with the first stage of the \$1635 million Loy Yang Power Station project, near Traralgon.

The conveyors will be used to carry overburden from the top level of the open cut to a travelling stacker at the overburden

dump.

Announcing the contract SEC Acting Assistant General Manager (Development) John Alexander, said the order was for six conveyors with a total capacity of 8000 cubic metres of loose overburden per hour, on a continuous basis.

The conveyors will be capable of peak outputs of up to 10,800 cubic metres an hour, over short periods.

Associated plant covered by the contract includes a diesel-powered crawler-mounted transporter, and a

45/5 tonne overhead travelling crane.

Fire protection and specialised maintenance handling equipment is also included in the contract.

With a width of 2,000mm the conveyor belts will be substantially wider than those used on conveyors at the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts.

Eglo Engineering is an Australian firm, based in Sydney. Weserhutte Otto Wolff, is the wholly-owned Australian subsidiary of Weserhutte A G, of West Germany.

Weserhutte A G will

carry out the basic design layouts and supply the crawler-mounted drive head transporter.

Mr. Alexander said Eglo would be project manager for the contract and would establish an office in Melbourne for the purpose.

The electrical sub-contractor will be O. J. Nilsen, and the conveyor system will be controlled and monitored by a network of Siemens microprocessors.

A major part of the expenditure will be made in Victoria.

The conveyor system is expected to be in service by December 1980.

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LV Retirement seminar - Oct 21

RETIREMENT, the preparation for in all its aspects, will be the subject of a seminar to be conducted at the Moe City Hall on October 21 under the sponsorship of the Moe Social Planning and Community Committee (SPACC) in conjunction with the Australian Retired Persons Association.

The organisers claim that people should prepare for retirement from employment with the same care they prepare to enter industry through apprenticeships etc.

Three main subjects to be presented are:— "The Importance of Planning for Retirement"; Points in the Planning" and Financial Planning. Workshops will be set up for discussion following the presentation of each paper which will be

presented by Professor Princely of the Gerontology Research Unit, Mount Royal; Mrs. H. Wyrill, Secretary and Mr. W. H. Fry, finance advisor of the Australian Retired Persons Association.

Registration for the seminar (fee \$2) are receivable to 9.30 a.m. on the day of the seminar and inquiries can be made to Mrs. Marj Oke (telephone 27 2116), Mr Norm. Lowe, Community Health Centre, Moe (telephone 27 4207); and Mr. Tom Carter, (telephone 27 3683).

George Wragg, the Central Gippsland Trades and Labour Council representative on SPACC will be the seminar organiser for SEC organisations and Les Hilton will carry out the similar duties for APM Maryvale.



LINDSAY WILLATON

Lindsay Willaton intends building a new house on his property at Jeeralang Junction in retirement.

He retired from the Commission on August 10 after 18 years service.

Lindsay began with the Commission in November, 1960 as a clerk with administration, Morwell and by September, 1962 had become senior clerk of the electrical superintendent's staff.

He progressed through classifications until he achieved the classification of Commercial Administrative Officer grade 4, in May, 1975, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre, Morwell Transmission Engineer Services Bill Smith, presented Lindsay with an electric saw and drill on behalf of his workmates.



JOHN 'JOCK' CLARK

A holiday in South Australia is one of the first plans of John 'Jock' Clark and his wife Florence in retirement.

Jock retired from the Commission on September 1, after more than 29 years' service.

He began with the Commission as a painter in March, 1949 at Yallourn

Power Station. He also retired as a painter at YPS on September 1.

His hobbies of gardening, collection records and playing his trombone will keep him occupied in retirement.

He and Florence will continue to live in Moe. Jack has been an active person in the community being a life member of the Morwell Brass Band and was a member of the Yallourn Brass Band in 1949. He has been playing the trombone for 51 years.

At an informal farewell function Civil Works Engineer Tom Stillman presented Jock with a wallet of notes, a toaster, bottle of champagne and a letter box from his workmates.

SAFETY HINTS — HOME OWNERS

Most SEC home-owners have a few tools around. Screwdrivers, a hammer or two, pliers, perhaps a wrench, and a supply of screws and nails. The slightly more ambitious might have added an electric drill or jig-saw.

There are two types of tools, the ordinary, and the electric or power tool. Whichever type you are using, it is necessary to ensure that the tool is in perfect condition before use and that repair or replacement takes place immediately it becomes faulty.

The basic rules in regard to tool safety are:

- Never use a tool for any other purpose than for which it was designed.
- Never use tools in poor condition.
- Never use tools improperly.
- Never leave tools where they may cause or contribute to an accident.
- Always pay attention to what you are doing. Inattention is one of the chief causes of accidents.
- When buying tools, always buy the best.

valley visitors

RUSSIAN AND JAPANESE ENJOYED TOUR

Visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area this month came from as far as Russia, Japan and England.

There were also hundreds of inter-state and Victorian visitors.

A party from the USSR/Australia Mixed Commission working group took in a tour of the Yallourn, Morwell and Loy Yang works areas.

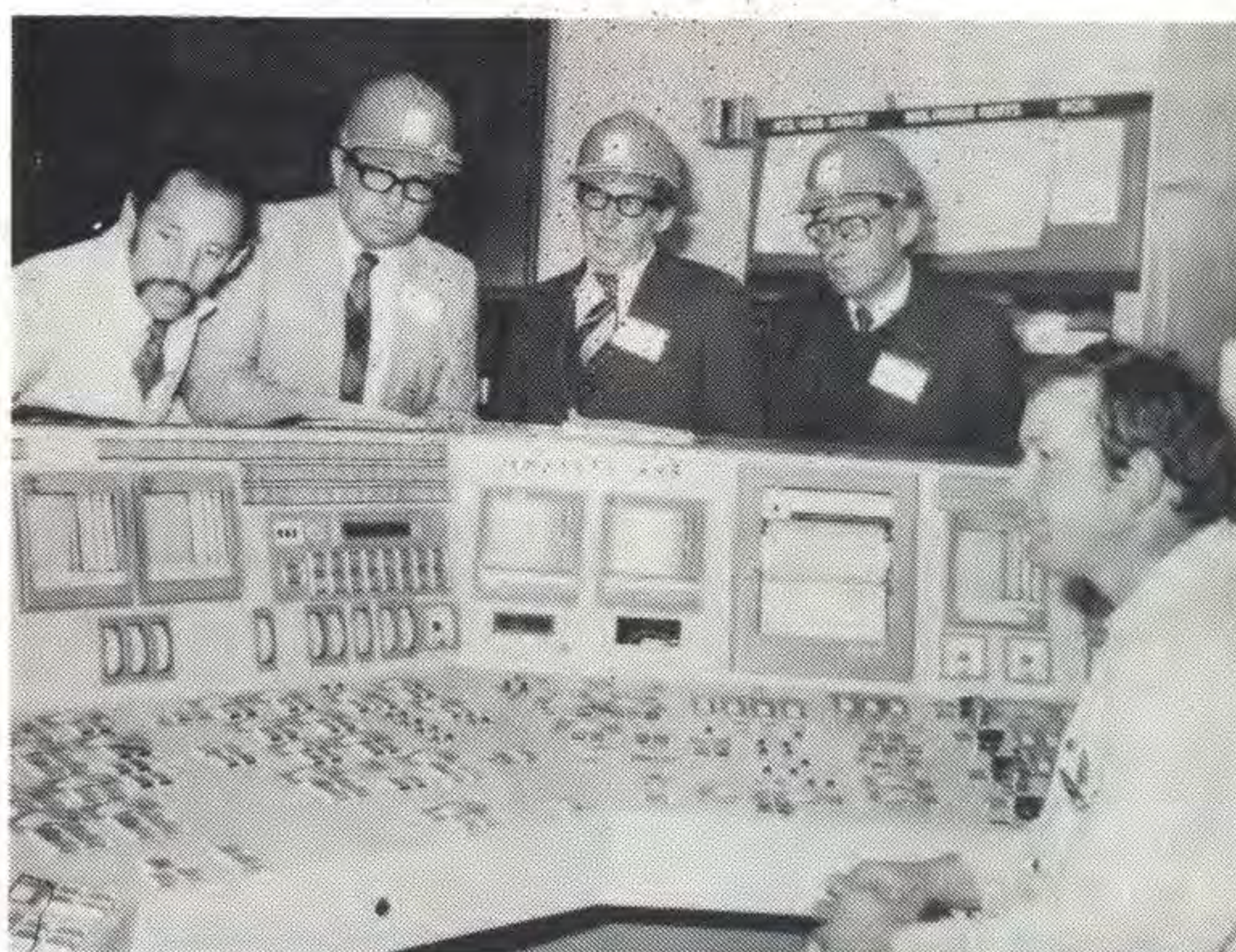
A group of representatives from the Electricity Supply Authorities of Australia was another interesting group of visitors. The group, which included some New Zealand representatives was led by Mr. Fred McKay from the Queensland Electricity and Generating Board.

Students doing their third year of electrical engineering degrees at Caulfield Institute of Technology took in a tour of the SEC works on September 8.

The Senior reporter for Japan's leading industrial daily newspaper the Nikkan

Kogyo Shimbun, Mr. Kanemitsu Komori looked the works area over during a day visit to the Latrobe Valley on September 14.

Thousands of school children also visited the SEC, they included students from the Devonport High School, Tasmania and Harvey High School, Western Australia.



Members of the Electricity Supply Authorities of Australia included a look at the Yallourn 'W' power station control room in their recent visit.



The party of Caulfield Institute students were pictured in the Hazelwood Power Station's switchyard during their visit this month.



Public Liaison Officer Bob Bridle, gives the Russian delegation a run-down on the geographical layout of the Latrobe Valley on a model in the Morwell visitors' centre.