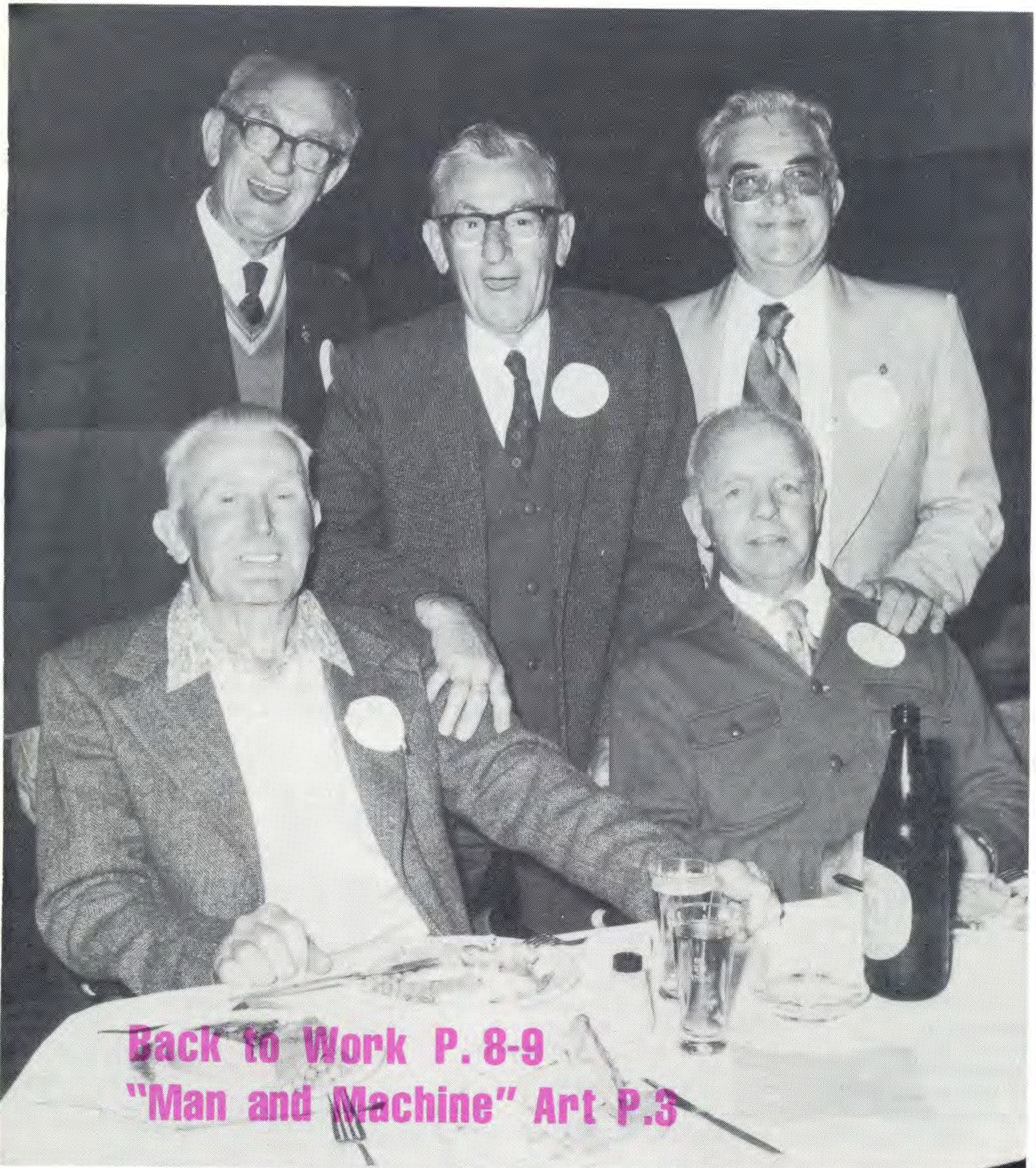




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Perfect score

A PERFECT score is hard to attain in any sport . . . and bowls is no exception.

During a bowls tournament at Trafalgar on Saturday, March 17, run in conjunction with the Latrobe Valley Festival, a number of SEC personnel were both winners and losers of the perfect score during a game.

The score was tied at the completion of the second last end and on the last end the following team finished up winners by scoring an '8' — the perfect score.

Captain was Bob Lennox (Civil Works — Yallourn), and team members were: Tom Adams (Retired — ex Coal Production — Yallourn), Bob Shaw (Power Department Construction — Yallourn 'W') and Neil Harwood (Drafting — Yallourn).

In the losing end were skipper John Dryden (Retired — ex Central Workshops — Yallourn), Norm (Speed) Spittall (Civil Works — Yallourn 'W'), Ted Powell (ESR - Moe) and Arthur Whately (Civil Works — Yallourn 'W').

Scholarships go to Gippsland students

Six scholarships have been awarded to Gippsland students by the SEC Social League Scholarship Fund for 1979.

The awards were made at two levels — Higher School Certificate and first year.

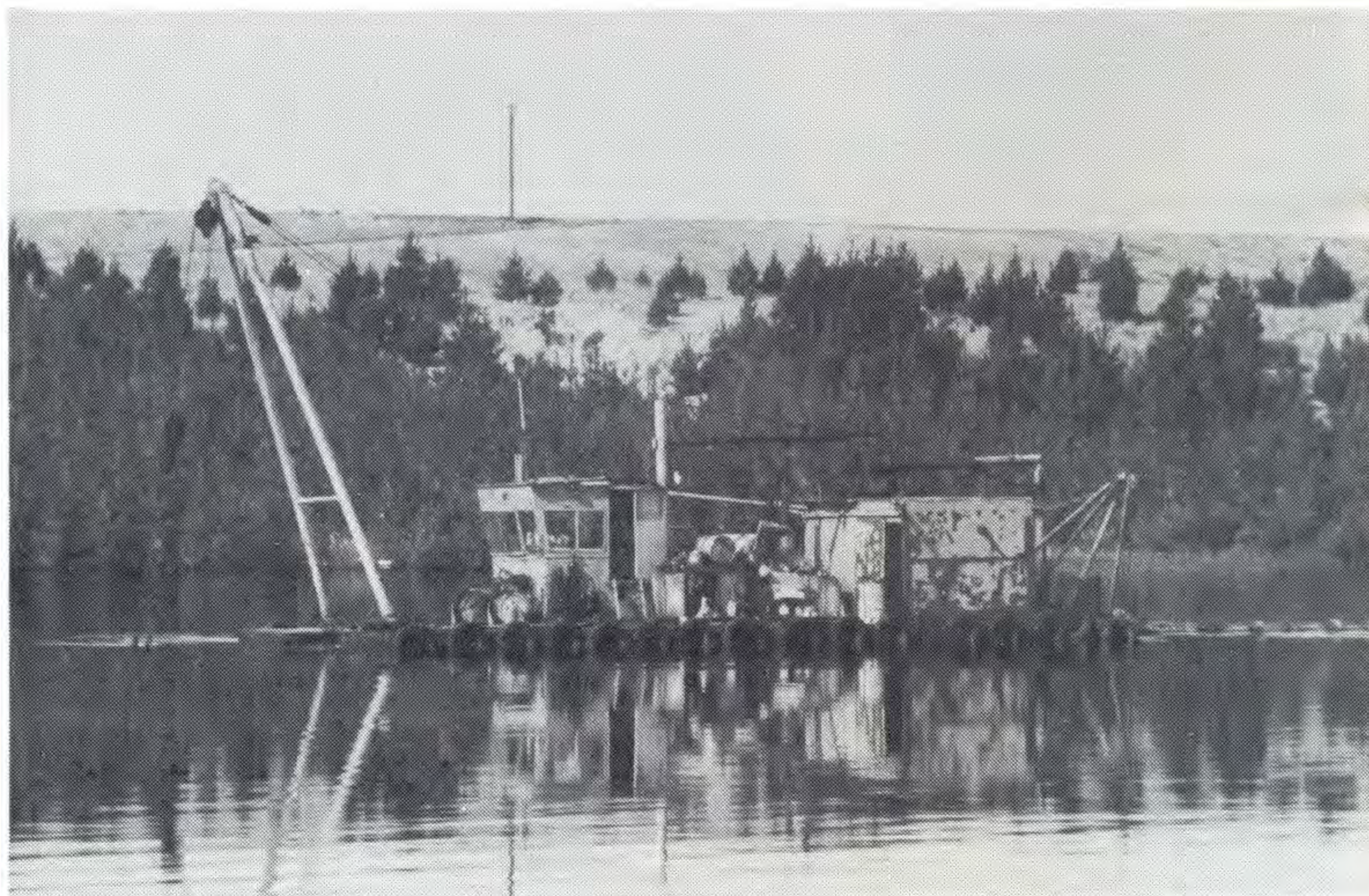
Three \$100 scholarships made to HSC students went

to Debra Leitch (Moe High School), Jeffrey Puts (Moe High School), and Heather Watts (Traralgon High School).

The three first year secondary students who won \$80 scholarships were

Alison Boonstra (Moe High School), Susan Houston (Newborough High School) and Damien Rooney (Marist Sion Regional College, Waragul).

Thirty-six students were awarded scholarships from 174 applications.



De-sludging the Hazelwood effluent pond is not everybody's cup of tea, but for contractors Duncan and Russell, of Melbourne, it's a full time business.

Their large floating dredge began pumping sludge from the effluent pond into the nearby ash pond in March. Working 24 hours a day, the dredge is expected to complete its task by September.

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THERE was plenty to chat about when these five former SEC employees attended the Back-to-work re union in Kernot Hall on April 4. They are (from left) Back Row: Allan Newton, Alec Wiggins, Jack Douglas; Front Row: Ernie Thurgood, and Bert Daubin. Full story pages 8-9.

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Good attendance at Man and Machine art display

More than 500 people inspected the successful SEC-sponsored art exhibition 'Man and Machine' in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre Morwell from March 23 to 30.

Nine paintings were sold during an exhibition which attracted paintings valued in all at more than \$20,000.

The initial exhibition's success ensured its future as an annual event which will develop into a highlight of the Latrobe Valley Festival.

The theme next year will be 'Yallourn, Past and Present'.

Among well known artists who entered works in the exhibition were cartoonist, author and filmmaker, Bruce Petty, from Sydney, former Port Albert resident Mr. Warren Curry now of Toorak, Mr. John Wolseley of St. Kilda and Mrs. Ilma Duncan of Balwyn.

One of the judges was well known SEC artist Gordon Dadge (Supervisor, Training and Safety, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation).

The exhibition was officially open by AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.

Encouraging response to new travel service

There has been an encouraging response to the SEC Credit Union Travel Service introduced in Morwell early this year.

The travel service, operated in conjunction with Stewart Moffat World Travel Service, offers members the full range of package tours



Discussing one of the entries in the exhibition are (from left); Gordon Dadge, Tom and Joan Kennedy of Morwell, who had a special interest; the painting was by their daughter Debbie.



Manager Area Administration George Bates (left) assists Latrobe Valley Art Centre Director, Tony Hanning (centre) hang one of the exhibition entries. Looking on is AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.

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Churchill cricket champions

Churchill's A grade premiership win in the Central Gippsland Cricket Association this season had an SEC flavor to it . . . six team members work with the Commission.

They were Team Captain Fred DeBono (Payrolls, Morwell), John Webb (Civil Works, Morwell), John Harrison (Coal Production, Yallourn), Tony Haines (Coal Production, Morwell), Geoff Stewart (Coal Production, Morwell) and Geoff Burke (Power Generation, Hazelwood).

Churchill batted first, scoring 9/159 to defeat Morwell Tigers, 120, in a match played on a rain-affected wicket at the Morwell Oval.

It was the first premiership won by Churchill in its four years in the CGCA.

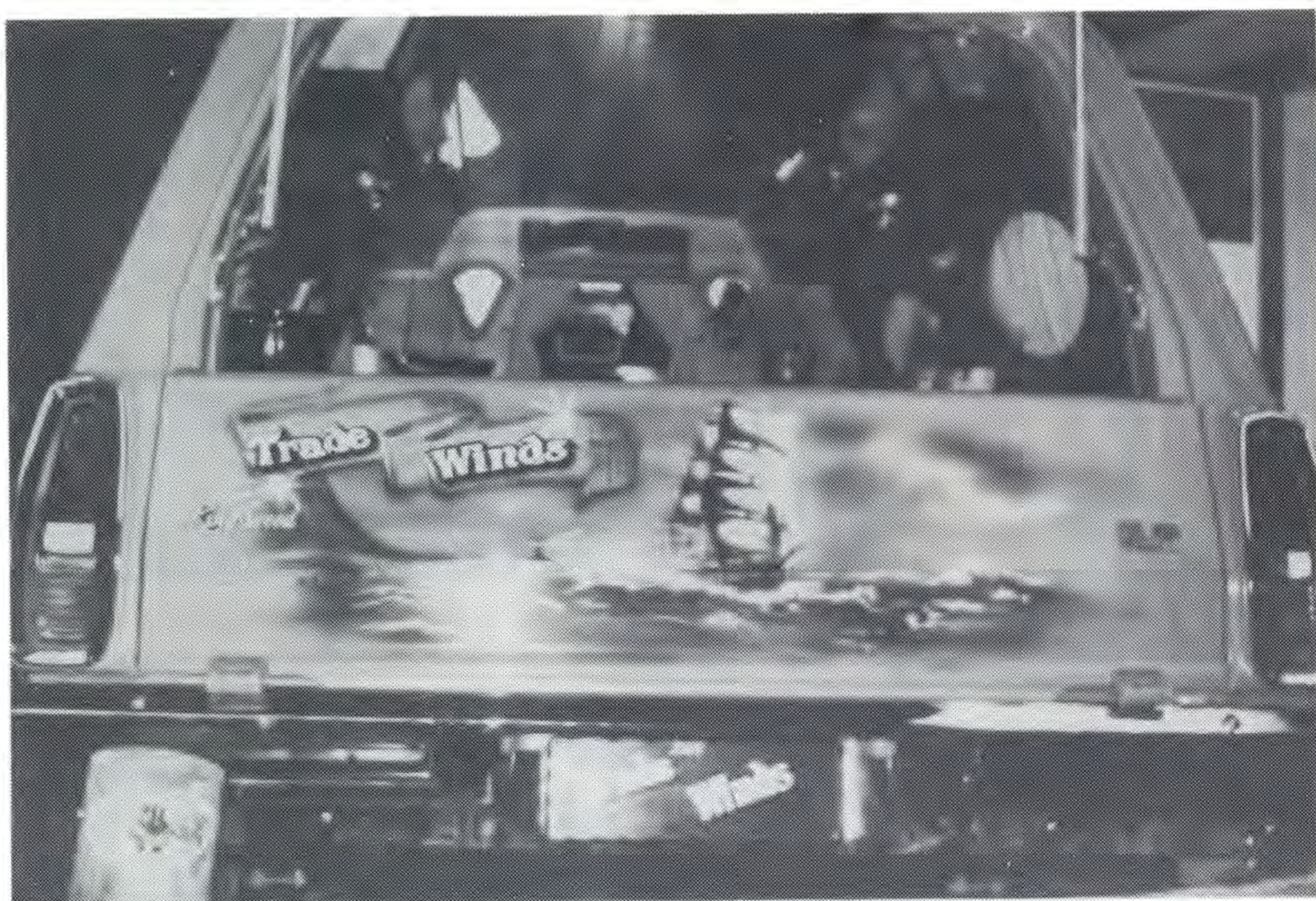
Club president is Tony Haines, Secretary is Phil Caines (Coal Production, Yallourn) and John Harrison is treasurer.

and the facility to arrange individual tours.

A three per cent travel allowance deducted from the tour prices is returned to the member.

Experienced travel consultant Bob Dickins manages the office in the SEC Credit Union office from 12 noon to 5 p.m. daily.

Panel vans are a way of life



The exterior (above) of panel vans are almost as attractive as the Interior (below).



LOCAL CLUB AMONG THE BEST

Panel vans aren't just a means of transport for members of the Latrobe Valley Panel Van Club .. they are more a way of life.

The Club, which has 50 financial members, is based in Morwell, but has members from all corners of the Latrobe Valley and Melbourne, and about half are SEC employees.

Club spokesman David Duffy (Civil Construction) says the 24 SEC employees all have a common interest in their home away from home vans.

The Club, which was established in 1967, conducts regular social events, club runs and interstate trips.

Latrobe Valley charities also benefit from the club's social events.

There are three other clubs in Gippsland, at Bairnsdale, Warragul and Traralgon.

The Club welcomes new members, male or female, Panel van owners interested in joining the club should contact David Duffy on Ext 2882 or write to the Club, C/o P.O. Box 245, Morwell.

ELECTRICITY!!!!

Electricity is supplied to Industry, commerce, and domestic customers in all but a small number of very remote areas of the State. The growth in the use of electricity over the past 10 years was 79%.

Study scholarships for two Valley employees

Two Latrobe Valley SEC employees have been awarded SEC scholarships.

They are Glen Drover (Power Department) and Ken Martin (Area Administration).

Glen, an engineer, will study for the Degree of Bachelor of Electro-

Mechanical Engineering at Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education.

Ken, a Commercial Administrative Officer, will also study at the G.I.A.E. for the Degree of Bachelor of Business.

The SEC awarded four engineering and three commercial scholarships.

Two post-graduate scholarships were also awarded for a Master of Engineering Science.

Lookout tower shows effects of storm new cabin on way

The freak storm which swept through the SEC works areas earlier this year extensively damaged the Yallourn Forestry lookout tower cabin on Coach Road.

The damaged cabin has now been removed, for safety reasons, by a huge mobile crane under supervision of Civil Works section, Yallourn.

A new improved steel cabin now being constructed should be ready for use later this year.

The cabin is used by Forestry as a fire lookout post during the summer months.

Caines tops

When it comes to bowls, 31 year old Sandy Caines, of Yallourn North, is tops and he has trophies to prove it.

Highlight of Sandy's year with the Moe Bowling Club was his Mid Gippsland Bowling Association Champion of Champions title he won at Morwell.

Sandy defeated a fellow SEC employee, John Backman (Municipal, Yallourn), 31-20.

He went on to be runner-up in the Group 8 (Orbost to Berwick) Champion of Champions final.

Among his better performances this year have been, Moe Club singles champion, MGBA singles champion, Moe triples title, Moe fours title, and MGBA four champions.

Sandy, who began bowling when he was 21, has had good team-mates in his team events his father Fred (Patrol), brother Ian (a schoolteacher) at Yallourn Tech and Steve Callenberg (Patrol).

Fred also had success this year, winning the events with his sons Sandy and Ian, winning the Moe Club's handicap singles.



Champions all: pictured while competing at Yallourn early this month are (from left) Ian Caines, Steve Callenberg, Fred and Sandy Caines.



Open day bus tours ..six hours non-stop



Part of the large crowd which kept the buses on the move at the Loy Yang open day.



Among the numerous groups to attend the open day were (from left), Stewart Murray, Stephen Osborne, Lisa Osborne, Michelle Graham, Jan and Barry Osborne of Morwell.

Public flocks to Loy Yang project

More than 2,500 people attended the first successful public open day conducted at the Loy Yang project site which was an unqualified success.

Visitors came from as far as Lakes Entrance, Frankston, Yarram and Maffra.

The open day gave the public the opportunity to inspect at first hand the progress made at Loy Yang since work began two years ago.

Guide-accompanied buses left the dredger erection site at 10-minute intervals throughout a six hour period on informative tours which drew a warm response.

Loy Yang, the largest single engineering project undertaken in Victoria, will be brought into operation over the next nine years.

The 4000 megawatt base load station project is currently employing more than 1100 people.

The first stage, includes an open cut and 2000 megawatt power station which is planned to come into service between 1983 and 1988.

The second stage comprises a further 2000 megawatt station between 1989 and 1992.



AREA ADMINISTRATION



\$1,000 TRUST: YALLOURN NTH. SOCIETY

A Yallourn Horticultural Society Commemorative Award initiated by the SEC will provide a lasting reminder of the beauty of Yallourn residents' gardens.

In announcing an annual \$100 award at the Yallourn North Horticultural Club's annual Flower Show, Manager Area Administration, George Bates announced setting up of a \$1000 trust to ensure continuation of the competition for at least the next 10 years.

Organisation of the competition is to be rotated among Latrobe Valley Horticultural Council member clubs at Traralgon, Moe, Narracan and Yallourn North.

Many of Yallourn's keen gardeners have resettled in other Latrobe Valley centres, and the competition will help retain the link between them and Yallourn.

The Yallourn Society successfully amalgamated with the Yallourn North garden Club recently.

First Loy Yang Cup to C. & A.

Civil and Architectural Department comfortably defeated Power Department in the inaugural Loy Yang Cricket Cup competitions at Callignee earlier this month.

C and A scored 146 runs while Power Department could manage only 93.

Top scorers for the winning side were Daryl Peace and Doug Myers, with 25 each.

Nick Fitzsimmons was best of the Power bowlers, taking 3/12.

George Fullward, with 19 runs, top scored for Power Department while John O'Garey took 2/20 to be the best C and A bowler in a match which attracted more than 90 people and was a successful "first" for the newly formed Loy Yang SEC Social Club.

Highlight of the day was the effort of Ron Boyd, who effortlessly kicked a four while fielding.

Man of the Match Award went to 'Flasy' Nick Fitzsimmons, who was presented with a cricket ball wrapped with elastic, because he had the ball on a string all day.

Umpires were Brian Orton and Bede Gilmour.



Apprentices sign trade indentures

Apprentices who began work in January this year signed their apprenticeship indentures after Easter at a series of open days at Yallourn.

The open days were attended by parents, SEC officers and members of the Industrial Training Commission.

Indentures were signed by apprentices in 16 trades ranging from fitting and turning to gardening.

The open days enable parents to visit their sons and daughters on the job, inspecting working conditions and discussing their progress with instructors.

Full story and pictures in next month's CONTACT.



Having a chat over a beer are (from left); Bill Slade, Harry Stanford, Keith Mitchell, Val Louison, Tim Fogerty, Jack Clayton and Mick James.

EX-COMMISSION EMPLOYEES TURN OUT IN STRENGTH FOR 'BACK-TO'

More than 180 former SEC employees attended a back-to work luncheon in Kernot hall during the Morwell Centenary celebrations earlier this month.

Former employees came from all corners of Gippsland and some from interstate, including Frank McClare who travelled from Western Australia to be present. Eldest former SEC identity present was 85 year old Andy Dyer of Newborough.

And they all appreciated the function and the welcome by AGM (Operations) Clem Joyce, who pointed out that the gathering, as a result of their SEC service, had a collective contribution to the Victorian community of more than 6,000 years.

Mr. Joyce emphasised that the Commission's achievements in recent years were solidly based on the firm foundations laid by the men and women who pioneered SEC operations from the early 1920's.



Enjoying their re-union is this group of former SEC employees (from left); R. Polley, A. Dyer, L. Tanter, K. Wools, N. Ypekaan, M. Elswick, T. Hommel, L. Dyt and N. Mann.



Having a breather following their lunch are (from left) Frank McClare from Western Australia and Perc Robinson of Morwell.



AGM (Operations) Clem Joyce (third from left) talks with Frank Wilson, Reg Wells and Ted Blake.



Former employees (from left); Back row: Nick Ypellaan, Tony DeBommer, Leo Dyt, Front row: Fred Bowley, Andy Dyer and Kacey Woods.



A number of women also returned for the re-union. They included (from left); Mrs. V. McMaster, Nellie Cuttler, Daisy White and Pat Grant.



CONTACT's photographer snapped this picture of former employees lining up for lunch in Kernot hall.

COAL
PRODUCTION

SLEWING CONVEYOR - AUGUST SERVICE DATE

The new \$3.5-million S96 slewing conveyor should be in service by August this year.

Work began on the 495 tonne conveyor in January on a site in the north-west corner of Morwell open cut.

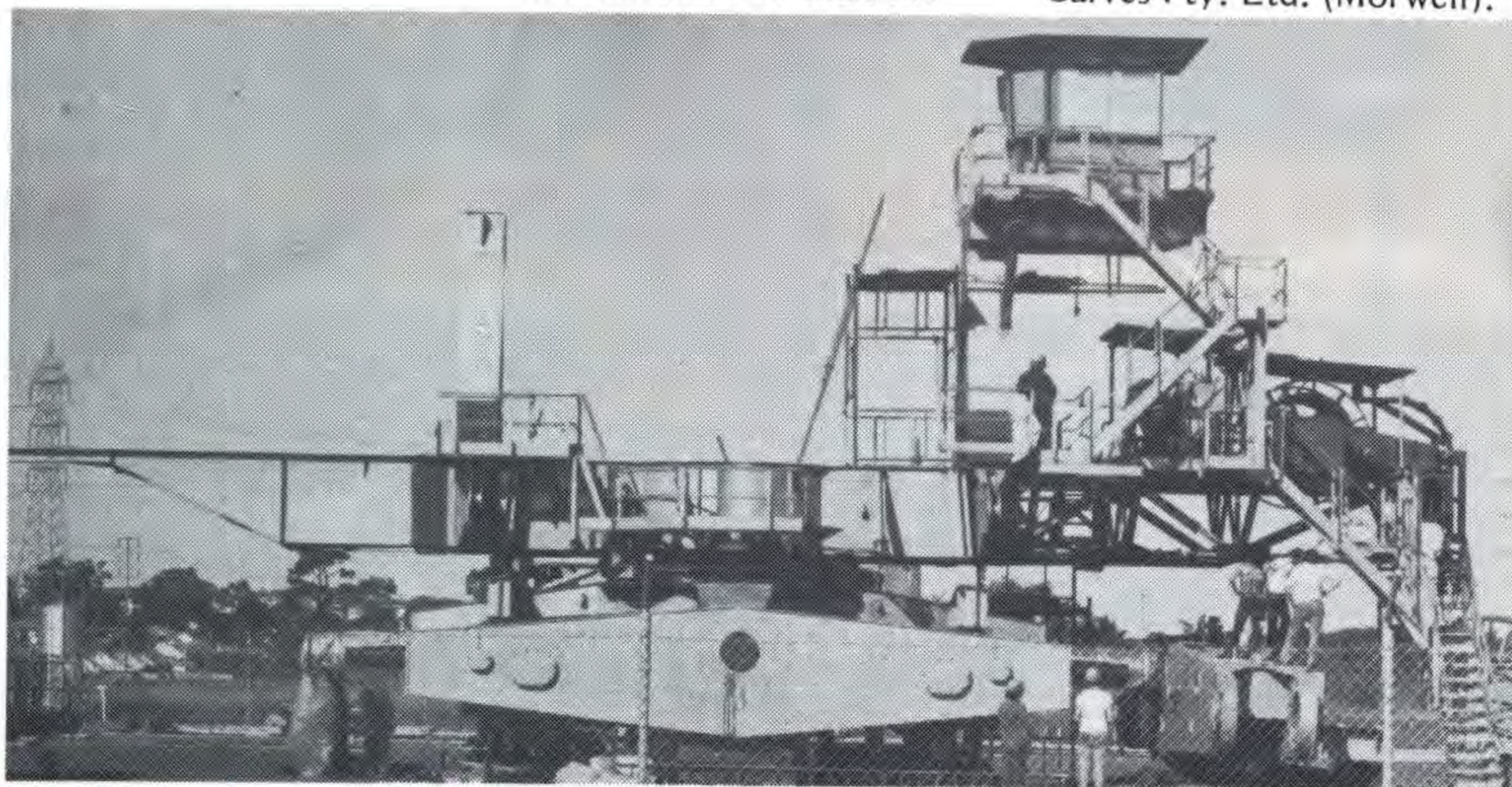
The new conveyor will operate in conjunction with No. 9, 11 and 21 dredgers. It will add flexibility to coal winning operations, taking advantage of its higher out-put rate than the

existing S92 slewing conveyor.

The S96 conveyor was designed by Demag-Lauchhammer, of Germany and is being constructed by Simon Carves Pty. Ltd. (Morwell).

Steelwork was manufactured by Vickers-Hoskins, of Western Australia.

Fuel Department is supervising the contract for the manufacture and erection of the conveyor.



Construction of S96 is well underway and on schedule. It's expected to be in service by August this year.

Japanese experts inspect coal fields

The Latrobe Valley coal-fields were the subject of close overseas attention in a recent survey by the Petroleum Association of Japan.

The party of eight Japanese executives surveying coal reserves in South-east Asia inspected the huge Valley resource during a brief visit to the area this month.

The visit to the Latrobe Valley was organised through an executive from the Victorian Brown Coal Council, Mr. Les Packer.

The Japanese tour leader was Mr. Shigeru Hatayama.

As well as inspecting the Morwell open cut, the Japanese visitors toured the Loy Yang project area.

Changes to bus services

The pick-up and delivery point for all bus services to the Morwell services area will be changed from early next month.

At present the services operate from the car park near the pedestrian lights in Commercial Road.

From Monday, May 7 all buses to the Morwell services area will pick-up and deliver from inside the works area near the old Morwell training centre.

The change is designed to make bus services more convenient.



Four of the Petroleum Association members were pictured at the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre during their tour.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES



Bricklayer Vic Robinson (third from left) receives the safety award pennant from AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce. Looking on are Civil Works Engineer Tom Stillman (second from left) and Service Engineer (Civil) Max Williamson.

Attitude to safety tribute

Civil Works Section, Yallourn is being congratulated in achieving an outstanding safety record.

The 358-man section completed a three-month period, December 19, 1978 to March 19 this year, without a lost time injury.

The excellent run of 175,000 "safe" manhours was the second highest ever achieved by Civil Works Division.

The previous best was by Morwell section, with 202,000 manhours in 1970.

However the latest achievement was a magnificent effort which was commended highly by senior management at an informal function in Kernot Hall.

AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce, Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood and other senior Department personnel paid tribute to the positive safety attitude which led to the award.

All agreed that potential hazards and risks were involved in work carried out by the section which includes carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, forestry personnel and gardeners.

Mr. Joyce presented the National Safety Council of Australia's 100,000 man-hour certificate to section representative, bricklayer Vic Robinson.

ROLY AND THE BEAN (GIANT)

You've all heard about Jack and the Beanstalk and the Giant.

But what about Roly and his giant bean?

Roly Thompson (Boilermaker supervisor, Morwell Workshops) is a keen gardener and his fruit and vegetable crops are usually top notch.

But this year's bean crop took him completely by surprise.

One of Roly's Jane Street, Morwell, neighbours gave him what he believes were New Guinea bean seeds. He planted them last November, and had little to show for it during the first couple of months.

But then they took off and grew and grew and grew some more, until there was little else in the Thompson backyard but giant bean plants.

The beans were enormous — the one pictured with here is 137 cm (55 inches) long, and there were several others only slightly smaller.

Despite their size, the beans are edible, according to Roly's workmates. Though they say it tasted more like marrow than beans.

Not surprisingly, Roly doesn't intend planting another giant bean crop next year.



Showing off his 55 inch bean is Roly Thompson (Morwell Workshops).



500,000 manhours without LTI earns commendation

The Electrical Laboratory section has achieved an enviable 500,000 manhours operation without a Lost Time Injury . . . and the section is still going strong.

To the end of March, the record had been lifted to 577,820 manhours.

The 75-member section includes employees at both Morwell and Yallourn.

At an informal luncheon in Kernot Hall, Yallourn, AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce presented Electrical Laboratory Engineer Brian Clark with the National Safety Council of Australia pennant and certificate.

In turn, Brian presented the pennant to section re-

presentatives, Vicki Cook, John Ambrosini, Harold Bagrall, Marion Melnik and John Barker.

It took a while getting there, but Tests and Communications section was finally presented with its NSCA plaque for notching up a magnificent total of 1,493,000 manhours without a LTI. The 120-strong section's record was halted with a LTI on January 15, 1978.

Clem Joyce, in presenting the plaque to Field Tests Engineer Allan Scott, and commented that the attitude of individual section members toward safety was highly commendable and worthy of every encouragement.



Roy Harbridge (Centre) and Ted Chandler (far right) receive the NSCA plaque from Transmission Engineer Operations Ted Wilkinson.

Common Services rewarded for "safe" record

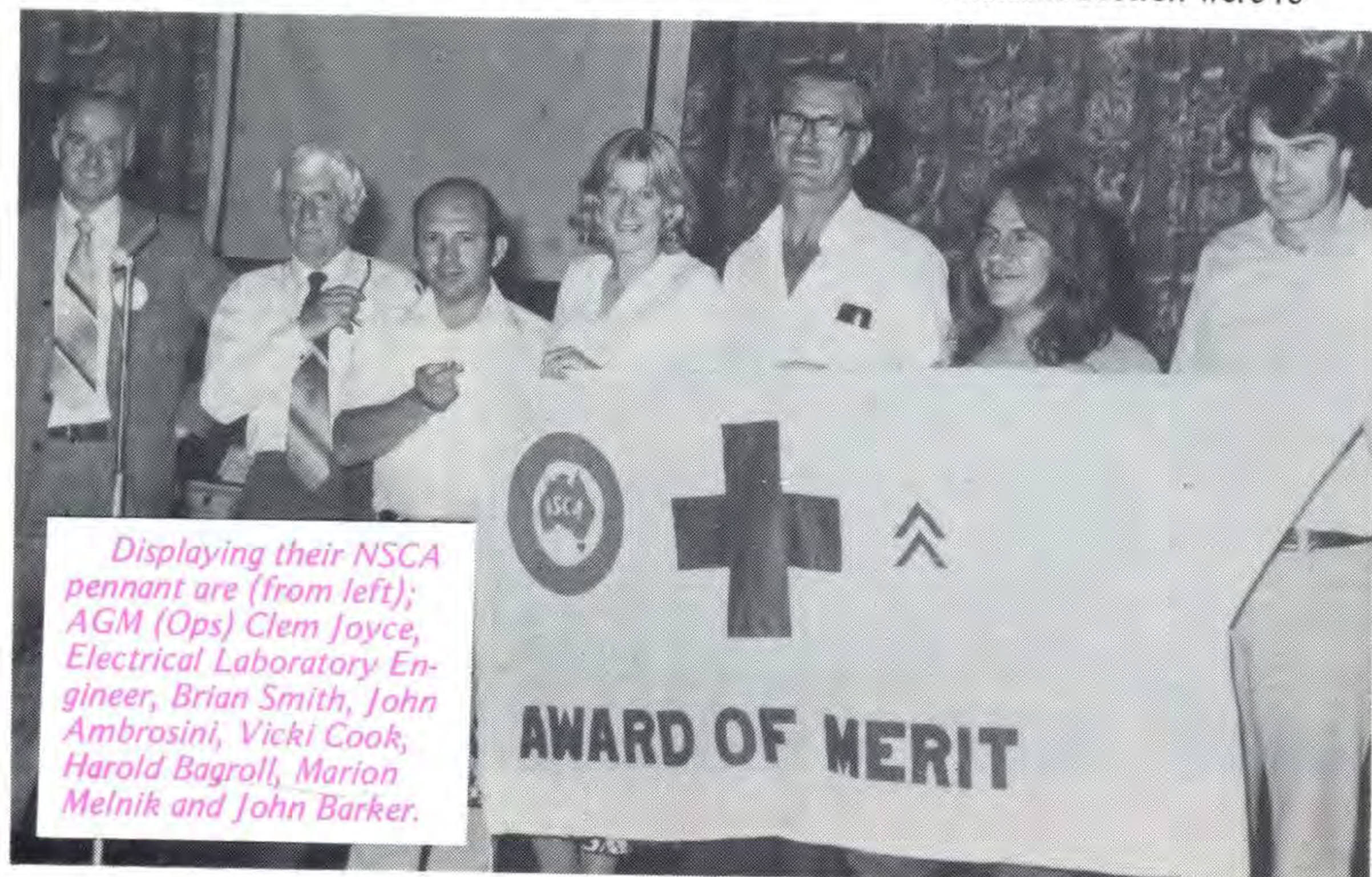
The 30 members of the Common Services group of Stations Section were re-

warded for 12 months free of accidents at an informal function at Churchill on March 23.

The group, which is made up of the cable jointing gang at Hazelwood and employees in the Yallourn transformer repair bay, is still adding to its total, which has now reached 13 months without a Lost Time Injury.

Transmission Engineer Operations Ted Wilkinson presented group representatives Ted Chandler and Roy Harbridge with a safety award plaque.

In presenting the plaque, he made special mention of the potential hazards involved in the daily duties of group members. This made their achievement all the more notable, he said.



Displaying their NSCA pennant are (from left); AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce, Electrical Laboratory Engineer, Brian Smith, John Ambrosini, Vicki Cook, Harold Bagrall, Marion Melnik and John Barker.



POWER GENERATION

Commissioning tests underway on precipips.

The third set of electrostatic precipitators to be installed at Morwell power station began operation this month.

The installation program, designed to reduce dust and ash emission from the station, began late in 1977 and is scheduled for completion early next year.

The improvement following the installation of precipitators has been noticeable immediately.

Commissioning tests for number one boiler precipitator are scheduled to begin late in May.

Foundation work has begun in preparation for installation on numbers seven and eight boilers. These sets are due in service in October and November.

The precipitators, which extract dust and ash particles from boiler gases before they are discharged to the atmosphere, replace mechanical collectors at the station.

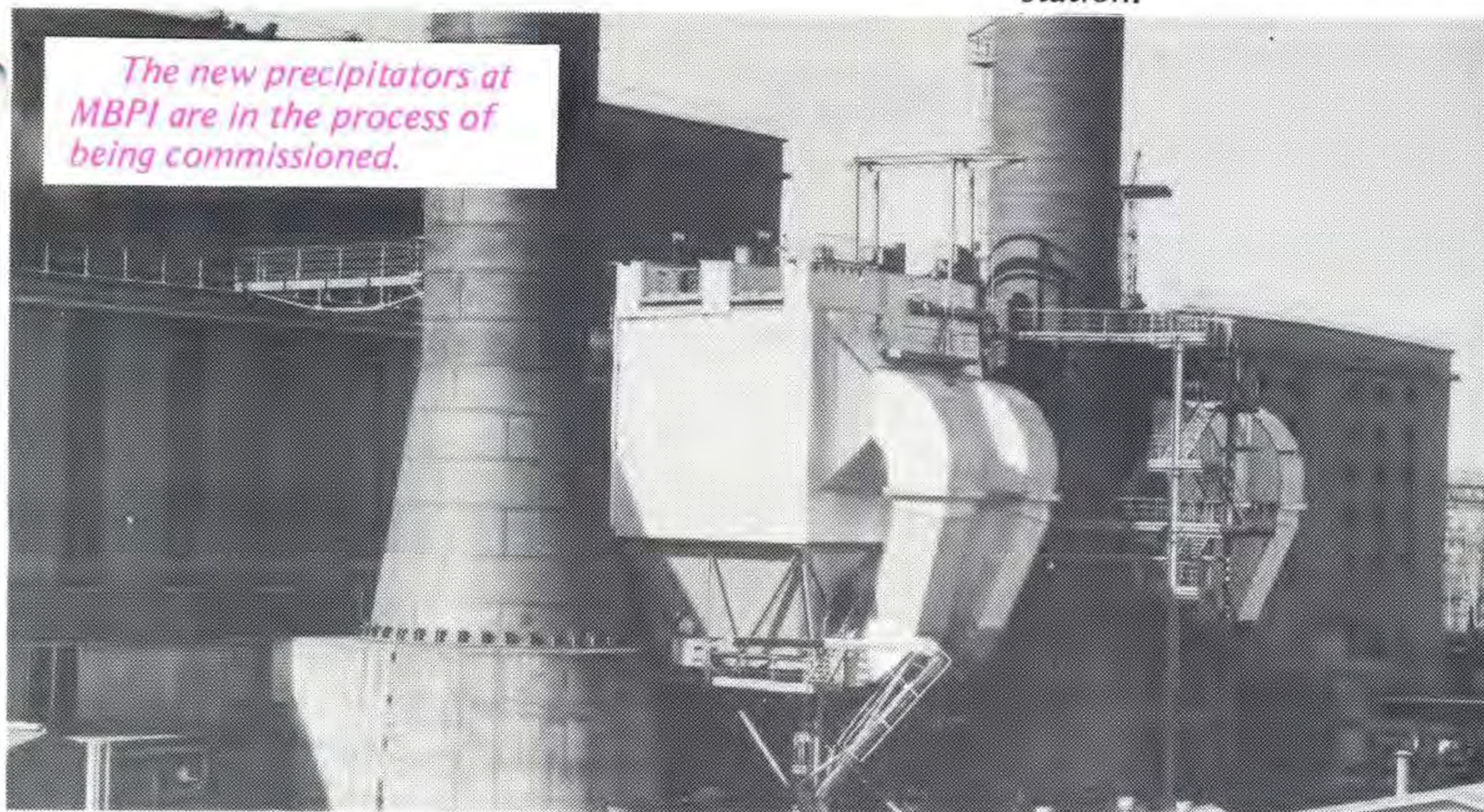
Cleaners' 4th award

For the fourth occasion in nine years, the Yallourn Power Station's Day Cleaners group has operated for 100,000 manhours without suffering a Lost Time Injury.

Their latest effort was from February 1978 to February this year.

The 51-man group total is still climbing and to the end of March it had reached 113,276 without LTI.

At a function in the YPS lecture room, Acting Power Station Superintendent Col Harvey presented the National Safety Council of Australia certificate and plaque to senior foreman Ted Summerton.



NAN IS REALLY ONE OF A KIND

Nan Bosma (Yallourn 'W' Tearoom) really started something when she became a foundation member of Newborough Soccer Club's ladies auxiliary in the 1950's.

Nan — the first woman soccer administrator in Australia — has held a multitude of Latrobe Valley senior and junior league positions, ranging from delegate to team coach.

She is now in her twentieth year as junior league registrar and is a member of both the junior and senior boards of management.

While with the Newborough club Nan was involved with the ladies auxiliary, social committee and was assistant coach of a junior team.

She later switched to the Yallourn club where she coached a team, helped transport players to matches and kept all junior records.

In 1959 Nan was appointed the new junior leagues's registrar.

The junior league honored Nan with life membership in 1969 and the senior league did likewise in 1975.

Two years ago Nan further cemented her relationship with Latrobe Valley soccer — she married the senior league secretary, Dick Bosma.



SERVICE REGISTER

COMMISSION staff and wages personnel who reached significant service milestones during March and April are included in register this month:

March

MARCH

25 YEARS:

Kevin Barnes	Yallourn power station
Bill Bennett	Yallourn power station
Robert Anders	Hazelwood power station
Ron Wardman	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Giovanni Demartin	Hazelwood power station
Harolf Pappas	Hazelwood power station
Ken Powell	Hazelwood power station
Bruce Dawson	Secretarial

30 YEARS:

John Lawson	Power Generation, headquarters
Robin Millar	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
John Bielajs	Finance, Yallourn
Frank Mazur	Field Tests, Latrobe Valley
Douglas Tee	Morwell Open Cut
Antoni Liczak	Yallourn power station

31 YEARS:

Bill Slade	Yallourn power station
Alfred Rawlings	District Lines, Yallourn
Ron Allpress	Coal Production Headquarters, Morwell
Ian McArthur	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Norman Ross	Yallourn Open Cut
Herbert Cameron	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Kenneth Hender	Yallourn Open Cut
Cliff Bower	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation

32 YEARS:

Bob Whitford	Yallourn power station
Bruce Hutchinson	Personnel, Morwell
Fred Badenhope	Coal Production Headquarters
Ken Cooper	Finance, Morwell
Norm LeLievre	Finance, Yallourn
Frank Hiscock	Finance, Morwell

33 YEARS:

Donald Foster	Hazelwood power station
Vern Collings	Personnel
Claude Whitbourne	Public Relations
Bill Vanderfeen	Stations Morwell/Hazelwood

36 YEARS:

Donald McAlister	Yallourn power station
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38 YEARS:

Maurice Rodda	Central Workshops, Yallourn
John Hill	Yallourn Open Cut

39 YEARS:

Ken Woff	Secretarial
James Shaw	Civil Works, Yallourn

41 YEARS:

Ronald Ralston	Yallourn Open Cut
Gordon Taylor	Hazelwood power station

44 YEARS:

John McDonald	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Keith Parker	Yallourn "W" power station

April

25 YEARS:

Andrew Durrand	Coal, Yallourn
David Adams	Yallourn power station
Keith Dyer	Yallourn power station
George Good	Yallourn power station
Ronald Dawson	Morwell Briquette and Power Installation
Voldemars Purcens	Hazelwood power station
Norman Hancock	Yallourn workshops
Anthony Borg	Yallourn power station

30 YEARS:

Walter Joyce	Coal, Yallourn North Extension
John Slattery	Coal, Yallourn
Royston Thompson	Area Administration
John Abbott	Hazelwood power station
Reginald Lestrangle	Transport workshops, Yallourn
Herbert Holden	Coal, Yallourn
William McAuliffe	Coal, Morwell
James Webb	Civil Services, Yallourn
Norman Wilson	Materials and Services, Yallourn
Lindsay Ryan	Coal, Yallourn
James Frost	Finance, Morwell
Robert Pollock	Hazelwood power station
Charles Kibble	Materials and Services

SERVICE REGISTER

April

31 YEARS:

Leonard Sidebotham	Yallourn 'W' power station
Raymond Nestor	Coal, Yallourn
Dennis Harris	Hazelwood power station
Kevin Cox	Yallourn power station
Ronald Grant	Coal, Yallourn
Raymond Draper	Coal Headquarters, Morwell

32 YEARS:

Frank Potter	Coal, Yallourn
Roland Paul	Yallourn power station
Kenneth Ellis	Civil Services, Yallourn
Colin Grix	Materials and Services, Yallourn
Edward Chandler	Transmission, Morwell

33 YEARS:

Sydney McCartner	Yallourn Transport
Roy Wiggins	Civil Services, Morwell
Thomas Thompson	Area Administration

35 YEARS:

Stan Aitken	Public Relations, Morwell
Ian Hamilton	Mechanical Services, Yallourn

38 YEARS:

Raymond Cousins	Coal, Yallourn
Robert Gardner	Yallourn power station

39 YEARS:

Kenneth Rhodes	Transmission, Morwell
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41 YEARS:

Fredrick Stott	Morwell Briquette and Power Installation
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43 YEARS:

Alan Hawken	Yallourn power station
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VERN FULTON

After more than 20 years service with the Commission Vern Fulton called it a day on February 25.

Vern began with the SEC in October 1959 as a trades assistant in the Morwell central workshops. He transferred to the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, also as a TA, in May 1960. He then moved on to a chart attendant in August 1973, the position he retired from.



NORM DAVEY

A three week holiday in New Zealand is among the early retirement plans of Norm Davey and his wife May.

Norm who retired from the Commission on April 2 after more than 38 years service, also plans to enjoy his hobby of playing bowls. The Daveys' will continue to live in Newborough.

Norm began with the Commission in 1938, but left soon after and returned to the commission in December 1941 to work as a laborer with Coal Transport, Yallourn.

In February 1948 he was reclassified as a loco driver, then worked as a Junction House attendant and ditch bunker loader driver until July 1961 when he was promoted to a foreman.

His final promotion came in October 1968 to an overseer, the position he retired from.



In retirement Vern intends to return to England and visit his parents, during his visit he will also be holidaying in Europe before returning home to live in Morwell.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation's training centre, Assistant Power Station Superintendent Laurie Shipp presented Vern with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

110,000 km OF POWER LINES

The SEC network comprises 110 000 km of power lines. Each average working day 8 km of lines are built, a power pole goes up about every eight minutes, and a new transformer is installed every 50 minutes. Throughout Victoria about 120 additional customers are connected to the State supply system every working day — an average of about one every four minutes.

Brown coal production in the SEC's open cuts at Yallourn, Morwell and Yallourn North is about 30 megatonnes a year.

valley visitors



Television personality and former Young Talent Time star Sally Boyden visited the SEC recently with her family.

Sally was in Morwell to take part in the Latrobe Valley Festival.



S-E Asian visitors look us over

Banking officials from India and Indonesia (pictured above) enjoyed a day visit to the Yallourn, Morwell and Loy Yang works areas during the month.

They were Mr. M. Kosasin, from the Bank of Indonesia, and Mr. P. Ramachandran, from the State Bank of India. They were accompanied by a Bank of New South Wales official.

Their tour included inspections of Morwell open cut, briquette factory, Hazel wood power station and cooling pondage, the Jeeralang gas turbine station and the Loy Yang project area.



A group of six English Rotarians who spent six weeks in Gippsland toured the SEC works area on March 26.

Hosted by Morwell Rotarians, Bob Lethlean (Coal Production) and Val McGoldrick (Yallourn 'W') the group was led by Norman Brooker, of London.

They toured the Morwell and Yallourn works areas as well as Loy Yang.