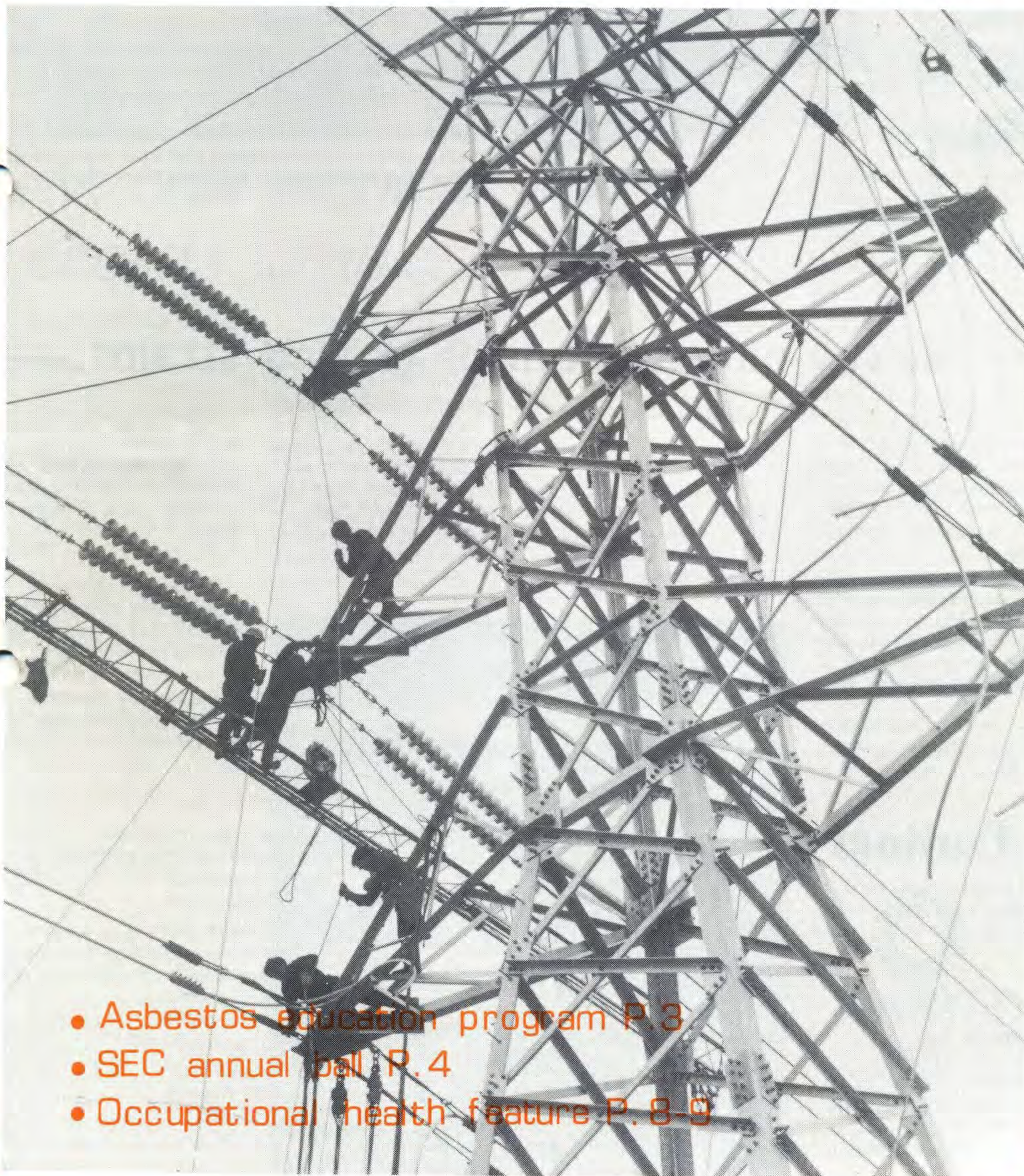




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Work experience

Seven Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand employees currently working with the SEC's Coal Production Department are enjoying their work experience.

The civil, mechanical and electrical mining engineers and geologists are based at Yallourn and Morwell open cuts until the end of October.

They are: Nopadol Santipong, Kiartisan Ekaphan, Somchai Plangpongpun, Sittichai Nilkamhaeng, Songserm Vutipitayaamonokol, Ongart Svangdacharus and Thanakorn Pooltavee.

The Thais are visiting Australia under the Colombo Plan - a Federal Government sponsored scheme to assist Asian countries with technological training programs.

Two West German students, Detlev Dormbush and Thomas Krumrey are also working with Coal Production under an international work experience exchange system.

Manager Coal Production Jack Vines was pictured with five of the Thailand engineers in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell early this month.

— Survey pins to monitor ground strains —

The SEC will begin installing a network of survey pins in Traralgon during the next few weeks, the Commission's Chief Civil Engineer, Ralph Urie said this week.

Mr. Urie said the work was related to the monitoring of regional ground strains which could be caused by the development of the Loy Yang Open Cut.

Survey pins will be installed in the road reserves

of several streets throughout the city.

"It is our intention to establish a base survey network well before extraction of coal from the Loy Yang Open Cut begins," Mr. Urie said.

"At the Parliamentary Public Works Committee Inquiry into the Loy Yang project, consultants for the Commission, predicted that over the next 30 years

ground strains in the City of Traralgon would be considerably less than those associated with Morwell Open Cut experienced in Morwell township, where there have been no harmful effects on community services.

"The consultants indicated movements would occur very gradually and be very small in extent and would not be likely to affect buildings or community services in Traralgon."

Mr. Urie said ground strains associated with Morwell Open Cut had been monitored in the Morwell township over a 28-year period.

"Following the procedures already used in Morwell, all local authorities will be provided with the results of the monitoring survey carried out by the SEC in the Traralgon City area," Mr. Urie said.

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for Operations Group
employees.

Cover

Working 40 metres above the ground is all in a day's work for these five Ascom Pty. Ltd. employees working on the new transmission line from Hazelwood power station to Jeeralang 'B' power station. Story Page 7.

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Asbestos program well under way

The Operations Group asbestos education program is under way in all departments.

Specially trained instructors are conducting information sessions for small groups of employees in various work locations.

The information sessions - which are designed to provide information on a program aimed at achieving the containment and replacement of all asbestos applications within the Operations Group no later than December next year - have received an encouraging response from employees.

A film produced in Latrobe Valley SEC work locations is featured.

An audio visual presentation and written material are also used to provide information on asbestos material, containment and replacement programs, job procedures and the use of protective clothing and equipment.

Sessions relate to the particular asbestos working conditions likely to be experienced by each group and are conducted as near as possible to work locations.

Information sessions are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

WANTED

A three-point linkage grader blade to suit a T-Ferguson tractor. Also a scarifier to suit same tractor. Contact: The Editor, Ext. 3228.



L.V. coal winning records tumble

Coal Production Department this month set an all time high for coal-winning in the Latrobe Valley.

On Sunday, August 5, some 68 400 tonnes of coal was won from Morwell open cut - comfortably passing the old record of 67 600 tonnes set in December last year.

The combined tonnage won from Latrobe Valley open cuts the same day was 120 249 tonnes, setting another record.

These are just two records the department has chalked up in the past month.

Others included a new monthly production record in July when 3 086 933 tonnes of coal was won from Morwell, Yallourn and Yallourn North Extension open cuts.

The previous record of 3 010 773 was established in July last year.

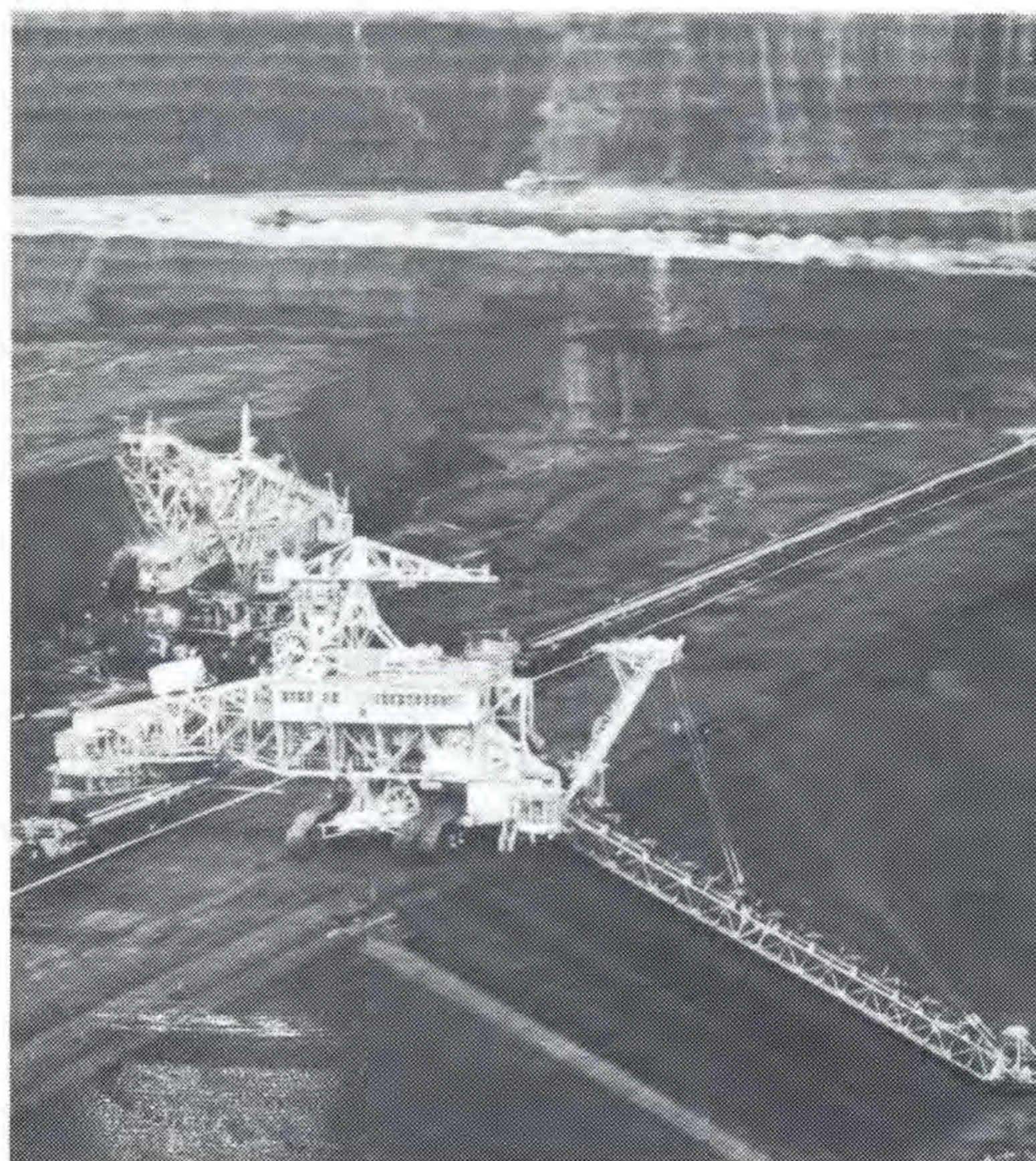
In addition, a new daily output record was set in Yallourn open cut on May 15 when dredgers won 65 477 tonnes, easily bettering the old record of 60 855 tonnes set on March last year.

Manager Coal Production Jack Vines said this week the record coal outputs were made possible by the continuing dedicated efforts, often in adverse weather conditions, of the 1200 Coal Production open cut employees in the Latrobe Valley.

They were ably supported by their workmates in other departments who provided services to the open cuts, he said.

Accident Control Officer Rick Crookes (second from left) demonstrates the workings of a protective mask to Terry Birch during one of the asbestos education program sessions. Looking on are Robert Grima (far left) and Paul Hilditch (far right).

No. 19 dredger winning coal from the Morwell open cut.



ENJOYABLE EVENING AT ANNUAL BALL

More than 180 people attended the annual SEC Latrobe Valley ball in Ker-not Hall in Yallourn on Friday, August 10.

All Latrobe Valley Departments were represented at the ball.

The Ball was hosted by Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce and his wife Judy.

Music for the evening was supplied by Scammell's Band of Yarram.



CONTACT's photographer snapped those pictures of people enjoying themselves at the SEC ball.



A new safety award scheme

A uniform safety award scheme has been formulated by the SEC for its employees.

The new scheme replaces the old safety points scheme introduced in 1971.

SEC Accident Control Officer Rick Crookes says the scheme will reward employees for improvement on Lost Time Injury rates and only plays a part in promotion of safety awareness and is not a substitute for the introduction of an effective accident prevention program.

The new scheme became effective on July 1, this year and all safety vouchers are to be converted by September 30. Any voucher not converted by this date will lapse and become invalid.



Laser creates a world first in the Yallourn open cut

Laser 'planes' are being used in Yallourn to improve the open cut operation.

Yallourn open cut overburden operations superintendent John Harrison has pioneered this exciting world first in laser application.

The use of lasers in construction fields is not new - in fact they have already been used at Loy Yang to control the floor slab operation - but until recently no-one has seen how to apply the technology to bucket wheel excavators.

As a result of John's perseverance, a 'plane' laser has been test operated on a 24 hour a day basis since Christmas to control the level of the bench dug by No. 13 dredger in Yallourn open cut.

A laser beam is a thin beam of light and by means

of a revolving prism can be used to define a horizontal or inclined plane of light.

In the Yallourn tests, a revolving transmitter mounted on a tripod up to 300 metres from the dredger emits a plane of laser light, parallel to the desired bed grade.

A receiver is mounted on an adjustable mast above the bucket wheel.

An illuminated display panel in the dredger cabin indicates to the driver whether the bucket is cutting above or below the required level to an accuracy of plus or minus 50mm.

Its chief advantages over the conventional boning rod method is that it is an

all weather application, easy to set up and it virtually eliminates the possibility of human error.

Control of the dredger operation by this device provides a uniform grade thus eliminating drainage, access and operating problems. The better operating grade also shortens the time taken to shift conveyor tracks.

If the level is uneven, additional wear on the undercarriage of the multi-million dollar bucket wheel excavators occurs, leading to production losses.

John was supported in his investigations by engineer Dave Thomson.

Said John: "In previous tests everyone was trying to put the receiver on the

ground behind the dredger in place of the boning rods. We couldn't see how to make the system work.

"Then I went to an exhibition showing one of these units applied to a bulldozer. That was the breakthrough. It took three weeks from there."

The first trial was on No. 11 dredger in Morwell open cut on October 23, 1978.

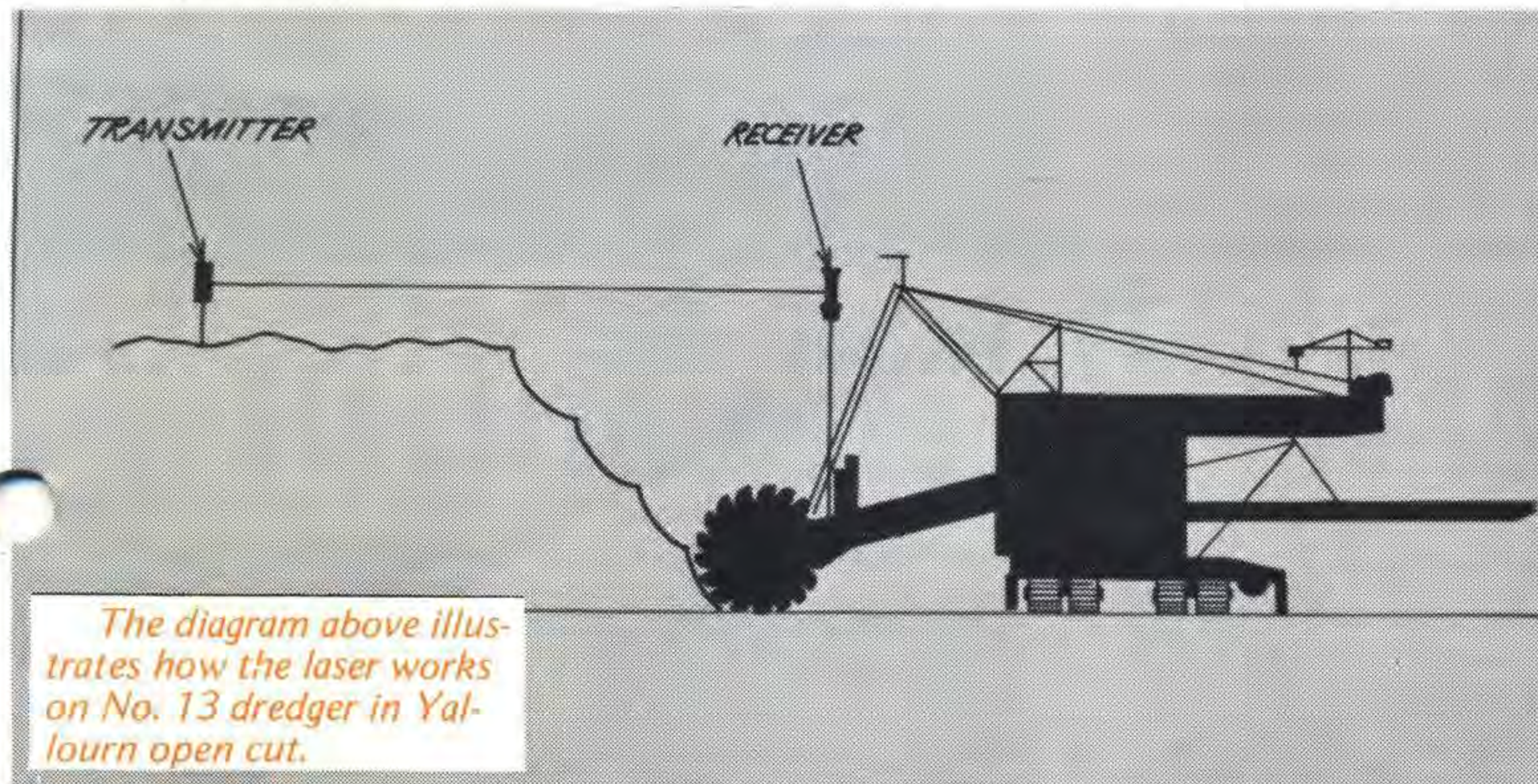
The tests were promising and were subsequently applied to 13 dredger at Yallourn. There is every likelihood that the system will be adopted throughout the SEC's open cut operations.

"I am thrilled at the way things have gone. We are in advance of the West Germans - which is pretty hard to do. The laser's American distributors came to see how we were using it - and they rate it as an excellent application.

"As a result of our tests, UTAH are now adopting the system on a new dredger in their Goonyella mines in Queensland," said John.

The system has the full endorsement of the men on the job.

Syd Redman, an experienced driver in the overburden system, said: "I wouldn't be without it now."



New municipal leaders

Two SEC employees have been elected to lead Latrobe Valley municipalities in the next year.

Ed Keating (senior patrolman) was elected Narracan Shire president and Tony Paul (property assistant) to Mayor of the City of Moe.

Two other SEC employees have been re-elected councillors. They are: Alan Campigli (Departmental Admin. Clerk, Engineering Services) who was re-elected to Traralgon City Council, and Ross Miles (Civil Works, Yallourn) to Moe City Council. Peter Ryan (ESR, Traralgon) to Morwell Shire Council.

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**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

Life governorship to Eng. Services

Engineering Service Department has been awarded a life governorship of the Victorian School for Deaf Children.

The governorship was presented to Acting Manager Engineering Services Max Williamson by Mrs. Shirley Coles, a member of the Board of Management at an informal function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre, Morwell.

The award was made to acknowledge the departments outstanding efforts over 13 years to the SEC's annual appeal for deaf children.

In presenting the awards Mrs. Coles said, this way the highest way possible that the



Board could acknowledge the excellent work carried out by the Department and its employees.

Two of the prime movers for the appeal within the Department Rupe Fraser (Morwell Workshops) and Kevin Scott (Hazelwood power

station) also attended the function.

Money raised by the appeal in the last couple of years has gone towards the purchase of an expensive hearing aid tester which has been named in memory of Ham Ballagh.

All smiles following the presentation of the governorship are (from left), Rupe Fraser, Mrs. Enid Wright, Acting Engineering Services Manager, Max Williamson, Mrs. Shirley Coles and Kevin Scott.

• *HAM BALLAGH was a former SEC appeal organiser who worked tirelessly for many years for deaf children.*

American study tour beneficial

A three week study tour to America by Transport Engineer Peter Elliott could prove beneficial to the Commission.

"The trip gave me the opportunity to look at the latest developments in the trucking field and to visit some strip coal mines."

Peter was the only SEC representative on a 18-man ANZ Bank sponsored tour, aimed primarily at truck and earthmoving operators involved in the Loy Yang project.

"Principally I looked at the application of different types of earthmoving equipment and at ranges of four wheel drive vehicles available in America with potential

application to SEC operations.

"I investigated the latest developments in bottom-dump semi-trailer tippers and their application to earthmoving and briquette cartage.



PETER ELLIOTT

"And following my return, I am seeking to initiate discussions with local manu-

facturers on the possibility of importing appropriate four wheel drive vehicles from America."

The trip took Peter to the American headquarters of Kenworth, Dart, Wabco, Caterpillar and Mack.

Some of the sights that impressed him most were the Caterpillar Tractor Company's assembly plants in Peoria, Illinois where "even a relatively small factory has a floor area of one million square feet (10 hectares), and the "mind-boggling" volume of work in production.

He gave special mention, too, to the Consolidated Mine Company's operation at Cadiz, Ohio. "We visited

two strip mines, ten miles apart, and removing the overburden in each mine were large face shovels with operating weights of 6,300 tonnes, bucket capacities of 100 cubic metres and boom lengths in excess of 50 metres", he said.

"And at the Mack headquarters in Allentown, I was staggered to find the truck assembly plants were operating at a rate of 115 trucks per day", he said.

The busy program included occasional leisure moments, which allowed Peter to take a look at the Indianapolis Speedway (home of the Indianapolis 500), Las Vegas, a flying visit to the Grand Canyon and a day at Disneyland.



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

NEW POWER LINE TO JEERALANG 'B'

A new transmission line to supply Jeeralang 'B' power station is nearing completion.

The three kilometre long-line is being constructed by Ascom Pty. Ltd., from the Hazelwood power station to Jeeralang 'B'.

Ten, 40 metre high double circuit towers have been

erected, along which the 220 kilovolt power lines are being installed.

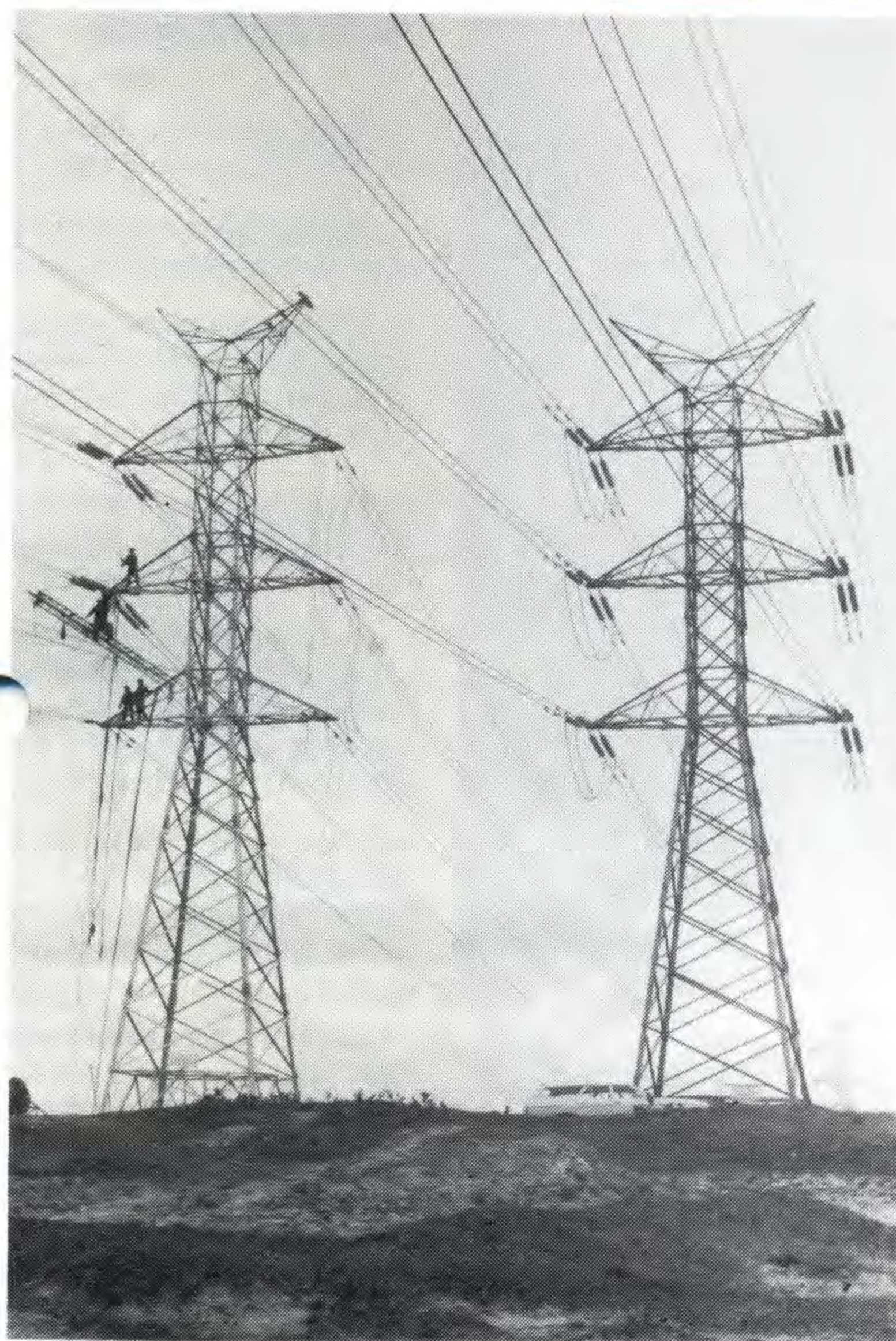
One circuit will connect Hazelwood power station to Hazelwood terminal station the other will be HPS to Jeeralang 'B'.

Work is expected to be completed early next month.

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Working more than 25 metres from the ground up a transmission tower is not everybody's cup of tea, but for these four chaps it's an everyday job.



Electric cars "in the 1980s"

Electric passenger cars should be available to the public at "reasonable prices" in the 1980s.

This is the advice to the Government from the National Energy Advisory Committee.

The Minister for National Development, Mr. Kevin Newman, said the committee had concluded that electric vehicles were now in a phase of rapid development.

A report based on a comprehensive feasibility study into electric cars for intra-city use

has been received from the president of the Association of Consulting Engineers, Mr. H. Richards.

"The ACEA is to be commended for the time and effort it has put into this project, which could well have vital implications for the community's future well being," Mr. Newman said.

He said the Government was interested in encouraging the use of electric vehicles.

They could help reduce Australia's depen-

dence on imported oil and reduce air and noise pollution in central city areas.

He said the Federal Government was making \$10 million available in 1978/79 to encourage a major expansion of energy research and development in Australia.

Mr. Newman said the Government was willing to commit a further \$5 million for energy research.

He said the National Energy Advisory Committee had recently pre-

pared a report for the Government on electric vehicles.

The report concluded: "Passenger cars generally are still in a prototype stage but indications are that they will become available to the general public at reasonable prices in the 1980s."

Mr. Newman said proposals for further research on electric vehicles would be examined by the recently formed National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council.



EXPANDING TEAM ESTABLISHES SEC AS LEADER IN OCC. HEALTH

The days of the 'Band Aid and Aspirin brigade' are over - at least within the SEC's Latrobe Valley operation.

The last twelve months have seen marked developments in the Commission's occupational health team.

The appointment of four senior members to the team and the opening of a new health centre at Morwell reflect a swing away from the straightforward treatment services traditionally associated with occupational health, to the more complex field of preventative medicine.

There are now 15 Valley based occupational health staff, whose concern is the mental and physical well-being of the Commission's 7 800 Latrobe Valley employees in their working environments.

Only three years ago the SEC appointed its first fully qualified nursing sister as a casualty officer in the Latrobe Valley. Now the team comprises five occupational health nurses, five casualty officers, a first aid officer and two first aid instructors, co-ordinated by area health officer Pippa Wren under administrative officer Vern Collings.

They are backed up by two doctors - senior medical officer Jim McCusker and medical officer Ross Lazarus - audiologist Ross Armstrong, responsible for the introduction and maintenance of hearing conservation programs, and occupational hygienist Leo Ruschena, who monitors levels and natures of dusts and toxins in the working environment.

Leo has already made significant impact since his appointment in March with the activities of the Asbestos Task Force. The occupational hygiene program is shortly to be expanded with the appointment of a second hygienist.

These developments establish the SEC as a leader in the field of occupational health in Victoria.

Until very recently the job of an occupational health nurse centred on the first aid service giving on the spot treatment after injury. Now the role of the nurse in industry has expanded and there is increasing concern for preventative health care such as hearing conservation programs, health surveys, work inspections and the reduction of occupational hazards.

An occupational health nurse and a casualty officer operate health centres at Yallourn power station and central workshops and Morwell central workshops and a nurse mans the health centre at Hazelwood power station and Morwell Briquette and Power Installation.



Occupational health concerns the mental and physical well being of workers in their working environment. Medical officer Dr. Ross Lazarus (centre) discusses aspects of working with a centre lathe in the Morwell workshop with fitter and turner apprentice Rob Arizman (right) and fitter overseer Jack Van Schaik.



First aid officer Bill Williams fits a head set on trades assistant Peter Defontaine. Audiometric tests are part of an on-going program to check hearing levels. Ear muffs have been introduced in all the SEC's power stations and other noise prone areas.

Occupational health nurse Kerry Grant discusses safety glasses with first class machinist Bryan Moore at Morwell briquette factory.



Occupational health nurse Nola Tee - the first fully qualified nursing sister to be appointed to the SEC's Latrobe Valley occupational health team - conducts a respiratory test on Ernest Barnes, a boiler cleaner at Yallourn power station.



Pippa Wren (is pictured) with dredger driver Wally Gawron in the cabin of No. 9 dredger in Morwell open cut.

Who's who in health team

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| ■ Senior medical officer | — Dr. Jim McCusker | ■ First aid officer | — Bill Williams |
| ■ Medical officer | — Dr. Ross Lazarus | ■ Casualty officers | — Jim Haley |
| ■ Occupational hygienist | — Leo Ruschena | | — David Anderson |
| ■ Audiologist | — Ross Armstrong | | — Michael Keating |
| ■ Administrative officer | — Vern Collings | | — Harry Bray |
| ■ Area occupational health officer | — Pippa Wren | | — Don McCusker |
| ■ Occupational health nurses | | ■ First aid instructors | — Jack Dyer (Yallourn) |
| | — Nola Tee | | — Jack Mullins (Morwell) |
| | — Kerry Grant | | |
| | — Twanny Bremner | | |
| | — Maree Peters | | |
| | — Heather Ziebell | | |

POWER
GENERATION

Mechanical maintenance section safety representatives are pictured with Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson (back row, fourth from left) in the Hazelwood power station's lecture room.

Cleaners win trophy

An impressive safety record has secured the Sister Greig Memorial Trophy for the Yallourn power station's mechanical maintenance day cleaners.

The trophy was presented to Ted Summerton (Senior Foreman) on behalf of the cleaners by mechanical maintenance engineer Peter Shaw at a ceremony in the YPS lecture room on Friday, July 27, (see picture right).

The 51 person team has collected four national safety awards since 1970 for 100,000 injury free man-hours and it's eighteen months since the group's last lost time injury.

Cleaning the station they are exposed regularly to hazardous situations.



The trophy commemorates Sister Greig the first occupational health nurse in the SEC's valley operations. She was stationed at Yallourn power station from October 1975 till her death, in 1977. She had

a tremendous impact on improved safety standards at Yallourn power station.

The trophy is awarded for significant safety achievements to groups within Yallourn power station.

Exceptional safety record

The SEC's Hazelwood power station mechanical maintenance section has achieved an exceptional safety record.

The 520 employee strong section has not had a Lost Time Injury (an injury incurred on the job resulting in loss of one full day's work) for the past five months.

Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson said this week the section's last LTI was recorded on February 21 this year.

A lost time injury - of a minor nature - on July 25 finished the section's excellent run at 443,000 man-hours.

Mr. Robertson said the section's safety record was most outstanding and provided an example of what can be achieved when people in a group make a firm commitment to observe safe-working practices at all times.

The section is responsible for maintenance of all mechanical equipment at Hazelwood Power Station and includes fitters, trades assistants, riggers, boiler and general cleaners, boilermakers, truck drivers, crane and mobile plant operators.

There are 18 safety groups in the section and their safety records range up to more than six years without a LTI. Nine groups representing 257 men, haven't had a LTI for the past 14 months.

Group 8 boilermakers have worked more than six years since their last LTI and Group 3, Stage 3 fitters more than five years.


**COAL
PRODUCTION**

CHINA 15 YEARS BEHIND IN TECHNOLOGY

China wins more than 618 million tonnes of coal annually from over 1000 open cut and underground mines. It also has an objective to increase its coal production to 1000 million tonnes per year before 1990.

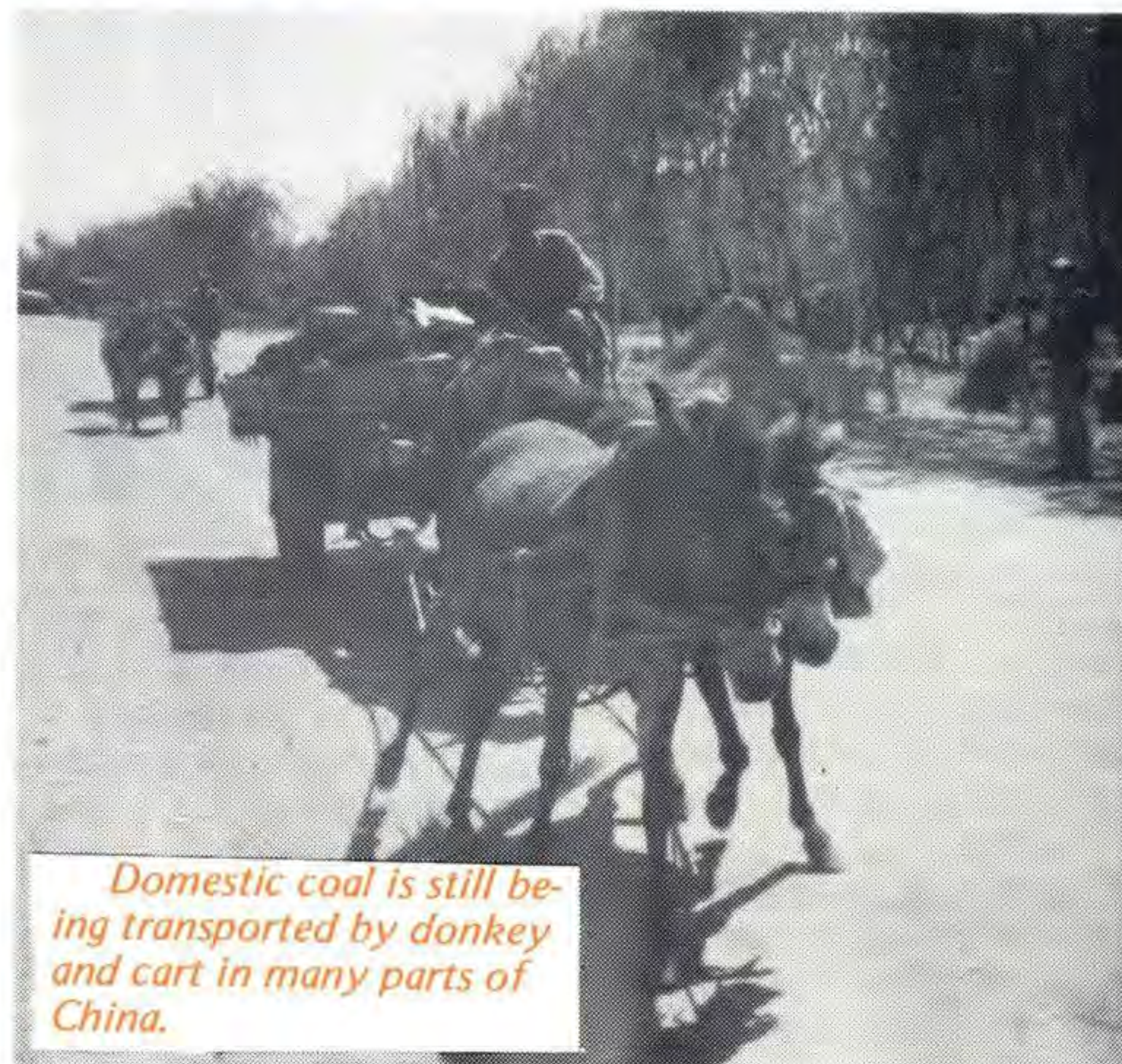
These are just two of the startling facts which SEC's Manager Coal Production Jack Vines brought back to Australia following his four week Australian Government Coal Mission to China.

He was one of eight Australian experts in a party led by the Chairman of the Australian Coal Association Mr. Dick Austen of New South Wales, who discussed further development of coal winning operations by

the Chinese Government and exchanged technical information on mining activities.

China has both black and brown coal mining, as well as hydro-power. It has some power stations as big as Hazelwood, but the majority are smaller than Latrobe Valley installations. The majority of their coal mines are underground.

However coal is mined from open cuts by small shovels and not huge bucket dredgers as in Latrobe Valley. The difference in workforces in open cuts is staggering. In Morwell and Yallourn open cuts approximately 600 men are employed. In China more than



Domestic coal is still being transported by donkey and cart in many parts of China.

10,000 people work in a similar sized open cut.

One of the small (by China standards 500,000 people) towns in Central China, adjacent to coal mining areas was Loyang. Mr. Vines said, "It was a fascinating coincidence to come across a town in China with extensive coal mining machining manufacture and with the same name as the SEC's new Loy Yang project, south of Traralgon.

The pattern of coal mining development in Australia and China over the past 15 years has been in almost direct contrast.

Australia has had a rapid acceleration in development, while China's technology has suffered considerably from the cultural revolution in which China shut itself off from the outside world and almost all industrial development and technical training virtually stopped.

However, China is now moving towards trading and exchanging ideas with a number of leading industrial countries - West Germany, England, Japan and Australia.

Even the tourist door is being opened in China and as tourist facilities are

developed in various areas the door will probably be opened further, Mr. Vines said.

In some of the towns the party visited, they were the first Europeans seen for more than 30 years.

Recommendations the party has made to the Chinese include:

- China should be more active in seeking training for industrial personnel outside China at all levels of the mining industry.
- Australia could provide training and expertise to Chinese engineers and mine managers.
- China needs an input of modern technology from other countries to bring China up to date with modern mining techniques, and
- China will need to participate in joint ventures with overseas countries to achieve the targets it has set for coal expansion.

The party spent three weeks travelling (mainly by an efficient train service) throughout China looking over open cut and underground mines, giving lectures and talks at numerous locations.



One of the larger coal open cuts in Central China.


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AREA
ADMINISTRATION

Freezing fortnight— great experience

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.... well 22 year-old public relations administration clerk Colin Grant did just that late last month.

Colin took part in an Outward Bound course with 14 other men and women from various parts of Australia.

The only Victorian on the course, Colin described it as a "challenging adventure and a great experience."

As well as learning to ski Colin survived a freezing fortnight living in the snow-bound Kosciusko National Park near Cooma.

It was the second Outward Bound course he has taken part in.

The purpose of Outward Bound is for the participants to leave the comfortable anchors of home, friends and routine and risk the different and unfamiliar in search of a better understanding of their resources and capabilities.

• *Colin Grant (left) discusses the course with Gippsland Outward Bound representative Mike Answerth (Public Relations).*



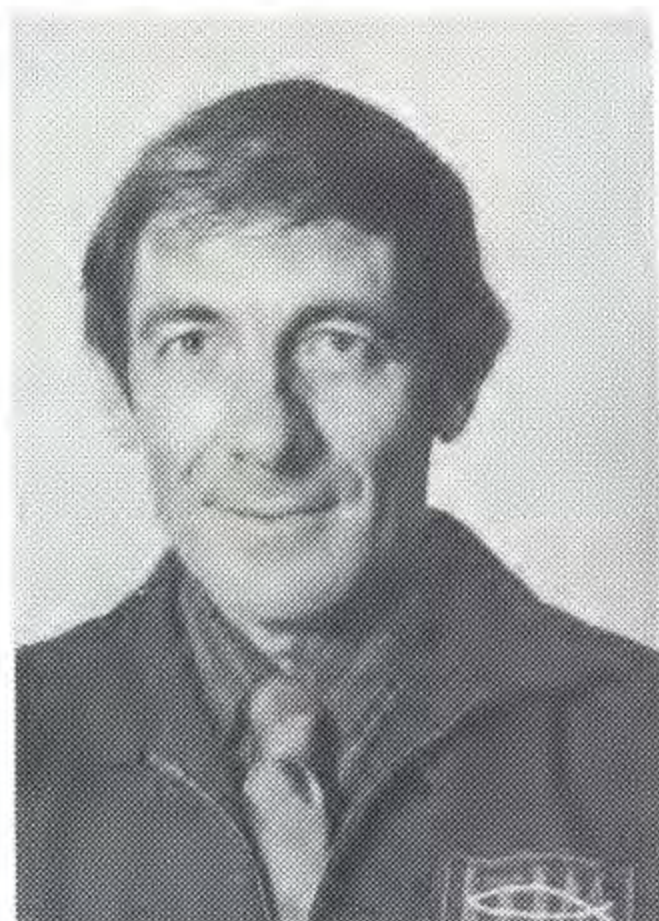
Tour proved invaluable

SEC Industrial Chaplain Bruce Burn recently returned from an eight week working holiday in America, which included three weeks at the Johnson Institute in Minneapolis.

Bruce is only the second Inter Church Trade and Industry Mission chaplain — and the first SEC representative — to attend the Johnson Institute, one of America's most respected training centres in the field of alcoholism and chemical dependence.

He was awarded a scholarship to attend the course, which included a week work-

ing as an intern in a rehabilitation hospital.



BRUCE BURN

"I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity

of attending. It is an outstanding institution. The Institute was interested in my position with the SEC as there are no industrial chaplains in the US and Canada," said Bruce.

His visit took him inside power producing organisations in Ontario and Toronto, Tennessee, California and British Columbia

.... and the trip gave him his first chance in several years to visit his brother, a United Church minister at a retirement village for 7000 people at Sun City, south of Los Angeles.

Golf championships

Entries for the 1979 SEC Social League Golf Championships at Yallourn and Moe Golf Clubs close on October 17.

Tournament spokesman Rod Doig said this week more than 300 entries were expected for the popular five day tournament.

All SEC employees and retired personnel are eligible to play in the tournament which hits off on Monday, November 5.

Entries are available from all SEC Social clubs or from Rod Doig, Ext. 3663.

World's first briquette throwing champ'ship

The world's first briquette throwing championship will be held on the Yallourn North football oval on Saturday, October 6.

To be conducted by Yallourn North and District Lions Club, the championship will be the highlight of the Club's community fair.

The championship will be divided into four sections, men, women, girls and boys. Section champions (first, second and third) will receive gold, silver and bronze briquette as trophies.

Other features of the fair will be a sweet drop from an aeroplane, craft display, model train exhibition, merry-go-rounds, cake and plant stalls, spinning wheels and horse rides.

All proceeds will go to charity.

LOCAL DOGS TAKE OUT AUST. TITLES

Two Hazelwood power station employees and a welder in the Morwell workshops have created history with their dogs, after successes at Boolarra Dog Trials in July.

Joe Langenakker, leading boilermaker, is the first person in Australia to win a tracker dog title for a Shetland Sheepdog (Timmy); unit controller Eddie Wienand, who successfully entered his German Sheepdog (Kelly) for the advanced tracking title, became the first man in Victoria to win for two dogs the title of

Australian Obedience Trial Champion, a rare achievement in Australia (Rex, another German Sheepdog, qualified for the title two years ago); and Clyde Lobley became the first Victorian to successfully train a miniature Schnauzer (Fritz) for the tracker dog title.

Fritz and Timmy are also breed champions.

All are members of the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club, which Joe helped establish in Morwell in 1971.

The club now has more than 160 members on its



books, and more than 40 turn up to train on Saturday mornings.

Joe and Eddie are both certified instructors of the Kennel Control Council of Victoria, and novice judges — the only judges outside the Metropolitan area.

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Pictured with their champion dogs are (left to right) Joe Langenakker and Timmy; Eddie Wienand and Kelly and Clyde Lobley and Fritz.

Plovers make new home in car park

Tractor drivers, cyclists and pedestrians in the Morwell works area should prepare for attacks from zealous plover parents.

One pair of spur winged plovers has already set up their nest on the old Morwell visitor's centre car park. They have laid three eggs which they are now guarding with traditional ferocity.

The bird spotter was communications officer, John Stalker.

"I first noticed the pair of plovers when I was coming into work on Monday morning, August 6. They were obviously thinking about nesting and were picking around in the gravel.

"The first egg arrived on

Tuesday, with one more on Wednesday and another on Thursday.

"They've chosen a wide open area - I suppose it's easy to see danger approaching.

"They've already played chasey with a tractor driver when he was mowing the lawn," said John.

The plovers have been residents of the land between wing five Administration building and the communications section for at least twelve months.

John last watched plovers on their nest during the construction of Hazelwood power station when a pair laid their eggs between relay houses five and seven.

Thinking of travel



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One of the two plovers sits contented on its nest as a Commission petrol truck thunders past, less than 30 metres away.

SERVICE REGISTER

COMMISSION staff and wages personnel who reached significant service milestones during August are included in the register this month.

25 YEARS:

Ernest Walker	Transmission Services
Bertie Abel	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Ray Whelan	Transmission Operations
Horst Berg	Transmission Services
James Barnes	Civil Works, Yallourn
Guiseppe Pedrolini	Civil Works, Morwell
Ray Wright	Yallourn open cut
Jim Knight	Morwell open cut

30 YEARS:

Charlie Carlton	Materials and Services, Yallourn
Bosco Magazinovic	Personnel, Yallourn
David Warford	Area Lines, Yallourn
Frank Burney	Morwell open cut
Wladyslaw Bauman	Yallourn open cut
Drago Djordjevic	Yallourn open cut
Ivan Ivanic	Electrical Workshops
Jan Holaj	Transport Workshops, Yallourn
Jan Jasinski	Civil Works, Yallourn
Michael Kotiw	Civil Works, Yallourn
Wasył Laducka	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Paulo Maliko	Yallourn power station
Michael Muc	Yallourn open cut
Michael Pastuszyn	Yallourn open cut
Allan Geisler	Yallourn 'W' power station

31 YEARS:

Keith Guthrie	Finance, Morwell
Louis Elliott	Yallourn power station
Sydney Stredder	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Bill Hancock	Yallourn open cut
Norm Giblett	Civil Works, Yallourn
Ray Brown	Yallourn open cut
John Tullio	Yallourn open cut

32 YEARS:

Bob Reid	Yallourn open cut
Wilfred Parr	Yallourn open cut
John Bradbury	Civil Works, Yallourn
Frank Fennell	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Bill Ricketts	Yallourn power station
Bob Jobling	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Noel McAuliffe	Hazelwood power station

33 YEARS:

George Huxtable	Yallourn open cut
Bob Brisco	Transmission Operations
Roy Campbell	Morwell open cut
Tom McAlister	Yallourn power station
Jack Metcalf	Yallourn open cut
Geoff Taber	Civil Works, Yallourn

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LOCAL DOGS TAKE OUT AUST. TITLES

For Joe and Eddie, it is a hobby that threatens to take over their lives. They train their dogs half an hour each evening and weekends, are devoted to coaching, competing, judging or stewarding at championships in the Valley and in Melbourne - all on a volunteer basis.

Neither can figure the origin of the saying "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". "Any dog, no matter how old, can be trained - if the handler goes about it the right way. My daughter started training a Samoyed when she was eight - it had its first title by the time she was nine," said Joe.

Eddie said: "We regard training dogs as a hobby - and a service to the community. Dogs in the community are becoming a problem because they are not properly trained. We are not curing the problem - but we believe we are helping."

Eddie and Joe are particularly impressed with the success of Clyde Lobley.

"We're experienced. He's not. He got his dog through first time - and with excellence - which is unusual, particularly with this type of dog. A tracker dog title for a sheltie is rare, but this is rarer. His secret is determination and a close bond with his dog," said Eddie.

Says Clyde: "I didn't start training with the idea of entering trials. I had a dog prior to this one who was disobedient. Eventually I had to get rid of him. I wasn't going to have another dog. When I did get Fritz, I was determined he wasn't going to go wild."

FOR SALE

1975 sw Ford Cortina, with mag wheels, 76,500 km, 12 months registration. \$4,500. Contact: Robyn Hurley, Ext. 3794.

35 YEARS:

Bill Drummond	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Neville Crane	Yallourn power station
Stan Falls	Yallourn power station

37 YEARS:

John Kingsley	Yallourn power station
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38 YEARS:

Eric Lamb	Morwell open cut
Keith Forbes	Yallourn power station
Ray Pyke	Civil Works, Yallourn

39 YEARS:

Charles Kitney	Yallourn open cut
Stan Ellis	Yallourn open cut

41 YEARS:

George Kimberly	Yallourn open cut
John Bye	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation

44 YEARS:

Frank Smith	Mechanical Services
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retirements



COL BENSON

Well known and popular SEC employee Col Benson retired from the Commission recently, 20 years - to the day - after his father Sid, also a Commission employee, retired.

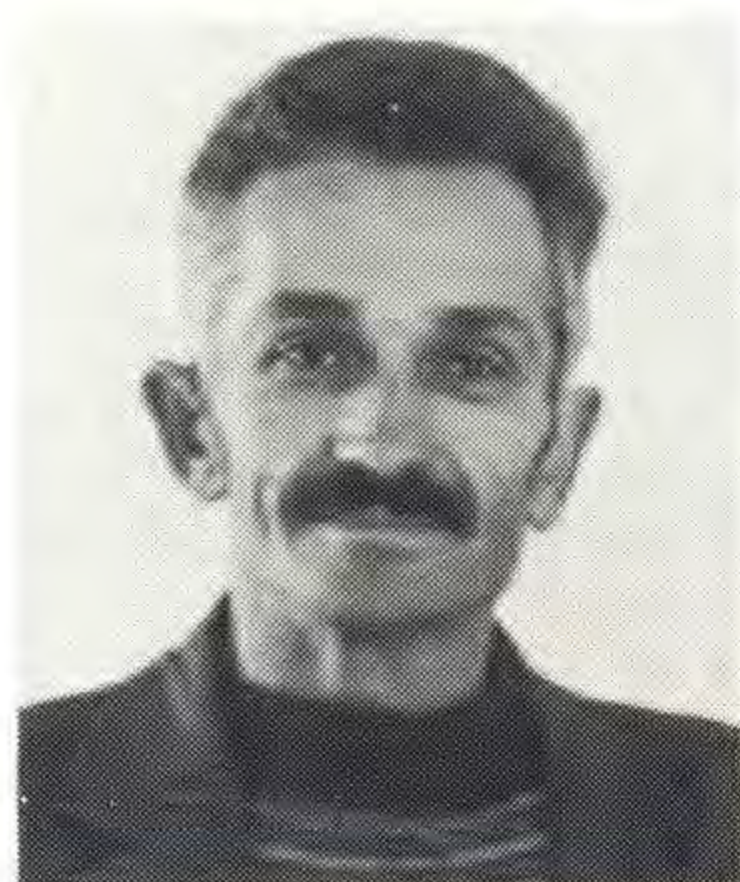
Col's 48 years service began as a lad laborer in May 1931 at Yallourn he then progressively advanced his career through various classifications to leading hand painter.

In December 1967 he was appointed temporary foreman with building maintenance, Yallourn power station and then to paint advisory officer, General Services, Yallourn in June, 1969.

He transferred to fire services section as Technical Service Officer in Civil Services in July, 1976, the position he retired from.

One of the Latrobe Valley's best known footballers, playing many games with Moe and Yallourn, Col has retired with his wife Jean to Moe, where he intends to enjoy his hobbies of bowls and following football.

At an informal function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood presented Col with an electric sander, a gold watch, a lamp stand, a barometer, and a specially mounted fire brigade bell on behalf of his workmates.



VIN DIFRESCO

Vin Difresco's retirement ambition is to visit his mother in Italy.

He retired in April after 23 years service with the Commission.

At a farewell reception in the Morwell Briquette and Power Installation canteen, Morwell Briquette and Power Installation Superintendent Cyril Morellato, presented him with a wallet of notes from his workmates.

JOHN WOSZCZEJKO

After 30 years service with the Commission, John Woszczejko has hung up his hat.

John, arrived in Australia in 1949 and joined the Commission as a building laborer at Yallourn.

In 1951 he was appointed trades assistant at Yallourn workshops and he progressed through positions as cleaner, greaser, dried coal conveyor attendant and assistant press driver, before moving to Morwell workshops in 1970 where he worked as a coal conveyor attendant and bunker attendant.

He was appointed operator grade 3 in 1974, a position he held until his retirement.



At an informal office farewell, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation Superintendent Cyril Morellato, presented him with a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

John's retirement plans are to spend more time with his family and enjoying his hobby, gardening.

WASTYL JACKIW

Wastyl ("Bill") Jackiw has retired from the SEC after 30 years service.

"Bill" has held many jobs in the course of his long career with the Commission. He joined in 1949 as a building laborer at Yallourn.

He held posts as sewer worker, pipe joiner and pipe layer before moving to Yallourn Briquette factory in 1956, where he worked as cleaner, greaser, bunker attendant, coal conveyor attendant, electrical press driver and steam plant attendant.

In 1969 he was appointed trimmer at Hazelwood power station. In 1978 he took up the position of grade one operator, which he held till his retirement.

At a farewell function in the Hazelwood power station lecture room he was presented with a wallet of notes from his workmates.



Vin joined the Commission in 1956 as a building laborer at Yallourn.

He worked as a cleaner and trades assistant at Yallourn power station before moving to the Briquette Factory in 1959. He worked at a number of jobs before becoming an electrical plant attendant in the wet section of the factory in 1963, the position he retired from.

In his retirement Vin plans to spend more time fishing.

valley visitors



Our picture shows (left to right) Warrant Officer Bernie Henne, Cadet Corporal Kevin Swash, Pilot Officer Brian Swash, Capt Wayne Deniske of the USAF, Cadet Col Ken Bitski, Civil Air Patrol and Cadet Lt Col Mike Phillips, Cap cadet under officer Gordon Simpson and Flt Lt John Butler.

American airmen exchange visit

Three American airmen toured SEC installations in the Latrobe Valley early this month.

They were the guests of the Latrobe Valley Airport-based Air Training Corps.

Accompanying them were Morwell Power Station operator, Brian Swash and Bernie Henne, of the apprentice training school — who were wearing their other 'hats' as officers in the 26 Flight of the Victorian Squadron Air Training Corps, which is based at the Latrobe Valley airfield.

Brian is instructor and pilot officer and Bernie a warrant officer in the 35-member corps, many of whom are children of SEC employees.

While in the Valley they viewed the audio-visual program in the Morwell Visitors Reception Centre, toured Hazelwood Power Station and the open cuts before an aerial inspection of the area that took them as far as Wilson's Promontory.

Said Brian: "They were overwhelmed by the reception they got at the SEC. They were particularly impressed by the size of the dredgers in the open cuts — we had to pull them away by the scruff of their necks."

The American visitors were on a 19-day visit to Australia, under an international air cadet exchange scheme.

New heating system - economical

Commission geologist Bob Gaulton is no stranger to hot water — his work brings him into regular contact with the hot artesian water found in Morwell open cut.

So it came as no surprise to find that Bob has installed a Hydronic (hot water) heating system in his new home at Yallourn North.

Bob says he is delighted with the efficiency and economy of the system — which is the latest of eight similar units to be commissioned in the Gippsland region.

A 2250 litre cylinder located in the Gaulton garage provides the reservoir of hot water used to heat the house. Water is heated at night, taking advantage of low off-peak electricity rates.

When heat is required a thermostat automatically pumps hot water to radiators located throughout the house.



The Hydronic system also provides the normal hot water requirements for the kitchen, bathroom and laundry.

Margaret Gaulton inspects the large cylinder which contains 2250 litres of water. Insert: Bob Gaulton.