



CONTACT

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Recognise any faces here?

In looking at this photo, there may be for some, an acute sense of *deja vu*. Perhaps some of the faces are familiar not only as belonging to others, but you may recall one of them returning your hostile early morning stare out of the bathroom mirror one day 28 years ago.

This photo is of the Yallourn Churches under 19 football team taken in 1953. New Area Administration Manager John Hutchinson provided the photo, names and information, including a mention that all the footy jumpers were the famous blue and white, but varied greatly in shade.

Yallourn unfortunately lost the grand final to Traralgon at Thorpdale by two points with a goal scored with the last kick of the day.

Pictured are — Back: Tom Pritchett (Policeman, Father — ex SEC, deceased); Ron Wade (Marine Engineer, ex SEC apprentice. Son of Bob, ex YPS); Peter "Cocky" O'Neill (Coach, ex SEC, deceased); John Hutchinson (MAA); Stan Green (Electrical Services); Alan Smith (Chief Engineer, North Broken Hill. Son of Keith. Retired from Electrical Workshops); Keith Stevenson (ex SEC apprentice. Brother of Bob, Engineering Services); Gordon Embry (in WA. Brother of Jack, Coal Production); Alan Scott (Transmission Engineer, Services).



Middle: Bob Burke (Father SEC deceased); Keith Borrill (Painter, Engineering Services); Ron Bell (ex SEC apprentice Engineer PANCH. Son of Ted Bell, Briquetting); Don Hall (Qantas, Sydney. Brother of Geoff — TO); Gerry Hughes (Police Sgt., Moe); Barry Kear (Garage Proprietor, Dandenong. Brother of Max—Patrol); Russ

Cannon (DLI Inspector, Ballarat ex CWSY).

Front: Russ Pruden, (News-agent—Doncaster. Father of David ex HPS, now at Monash House); Bruce Scott (Father ex Operations, YPS); John Vella (Foreman, Electrical Services); Fred Milkins (Supervisor, Civil Works, Yallourn); Brian O'Connor (AUC HPS).

A switch to the new

The Commission's new Latrobe Valley computer based telephone exchange is expected to be in operation by next February.

Transmission Engineer Services, Alan Scott, said the new system would reduce the switchboard's manual workload, and provide several facilities that are not available on a conventional exchange.

"The dual computers make it a highly reliable service, and apart from the other benefits it will improve the quality of telephone conversations," Alan said.

One advantage the new system has over the old exchange is that incoming callers will be able to dial direct without having to go through the Commission's switchboard.

There will also be some facility for Commission users to dial direct into the Telecom system.

"So, if for example you want to call Monash House there will be no need to go through the switchboard," Alan explained.

The Morwell and Yallourn switchboard operators will both move into the new exchange, at the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, but the Yallourn system will continue to operate automatically until July next year when it will be replaced.

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Safety award to MB & PI

Morwell Briquetting and Power has taken out Power Generation Department's annual award for the best safety performance.

Newport/Richmond took the honors for the most improved/safety performance.

Yallourn power station had won the best performance award each year since the awards were introduced in 1977.

Acting Power Generation Manager Alan Castelow presented commemorative trophies to Morwell superintendent Cyril Morellato and Newport superintendent Peter Bossen.

The trophies were mounted with plaques listing the achievement, and the two stations will keep them until next year.

The awards were judged by the number of lost time injuries per million man hours, the standard measure for industrial safety performance. Morwell finished on top with a frequency rate of 16.6.



Newport's rate was 26.2, an improvement of 7.8 on the 1979-80 figures, and was also the only station to improve on its target of 26.3.

Alan Castelow said he was disappointed that the Power Generation Department exceeded its overall target of 15.9.

"However, the pleasing aspect is that five of the six power station divisions improved on their previous year's performance," he said.

The targets are worked out by looking at the previous year's

performance and working out realistic projections for the coming year in co-operation with divisional personnel.

The department target for 1981-82 is 15.8.

Above: Alan Castelow (centre) after the safety presentation which saw Cyril Morellato (left) accept the award for best safety performance 1980-81 on behalf of Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, and Peter Bossen of Newport/Richmond for the most improved station.

Ops. Group ball a hit



Above standing: Graham Burgess, Ken Flanigan, Harry Bridge, Evan Rowlands, Peter Jackson, Pat Herley. Seated: Jan Burgess, Val Flanigan, Effie Bridge, Vicki Rowlands, Sharon Jackson, Merideth Dolan.



Above standing: John Lake, Peter Sturk, Dave Souter, Phil Watts, Ted Hargraves, Neville Walker. Seated: Myra Lake, Gea Sturk, Thelma Souter, Joan Hargraves, Liz Watts, Mary Gath.

The new Kernot Hall in Morwell saw its first Latrobe Valley Operations Group ball last month.

This was the first year the ball was not held in its traditional venue, at Yallourn Kernot Hall.

The ball was enjoyed by many personnel from Valley-based Operations Group departments, as well as Melbourne visitors from Transmission Operations and Production Co-ordination Departments.

White Line, a five piece combo provided music to suit everybody's taste and kept the floor full of dancers.

A selection of hot and cold dishes was available, including a number of curries, ham, chicken, and salad.

Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and people are already looking forward to next year's ball.

Club Notes . . .

Main Office Social Club

Main Office Social Club recently held a highly successful Chinese Restaurant night.

Ninety-seven club members and their families turned out to the Wan Loy Restaurant in Traralgon and feasted on a total of 10 varied courses.

Club secretary, Geoff McKay said it was a very successful evening, with everyone enjoying themselves immensely.

The social subsidised the members \$29 tickets by \$14, thus giving members an excellent evening's value for \$15. The club also allotted \$100 towards cost of wine and a lucky door prize of two suitcases, which were won by John De Vries.

Hazelwood Social Club

Hazelwood social club's annual ball at Kernot Hall, Morwell,

proved to be an outstanding success, with 512 guests attending.

Club secretary, Barry Dunn said it was a most impressive turn-out.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Kernot Hall is a venue which can comfortably cope with a crowd of 500. It is an ideal crowd," he said.

Barry said it was the largest crowd ever, and was pleased to note that a number of management identities were among the guests, including Area Administration Manager John Hutchinson and Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce.

Loy Yang social club was also well represented.

The social club provided a 50 per cent subsidy on the \$40 tickets. Music was provided by the Blue Echos who, according to Barry, "Were tops."

Morwell Briquette and Power

Morwell Briquette and Power will hold their 11th annual golf day at Yallourn Golf Club on October 4.

Entries are now open at \$6 a head which includes the entry fee

and luncheon, consisting of cold meat, salad and ice-cream and fruit salad.

Entries are open to both men and women.

Play will begin with a shotgun start, and a number of trophies will be up for grabs.

Bookings can be made at the Morwell Briquette and Power kiosk through either Lex Derham or Bill Barnes on extension 3219.

Tickets are now on sale for "Barefoot Through the Park." Sixty seats are available for each of the two performances, the first being September 29, and the second October 1.

The \$11 covers the performance plus a counter tea for two at the Royal Exchange Hotel before the performance. Tickets are available from Lex or Bill at the Morwell Briquette and Power kiosk.

Loy Yang Social Club

A supper dance has been set down for October 23 at the Morwell Club. Tickets are \$18 a double and bookings and inquiries should be addressed to Glenys Hutchinson on 254.

Two new members have been elected to the social club committee, Klaus Leutjens and Gary Jenkins have taken over from Graham Teese and Ken Kwan. Peter Dyer has been elected vice president.

The Latrobe Valley Association of SEC Social Clubs' annual golf tournament will be held at Yallourn golf club on Sunday, November 22. Individual and team events will be contested. Entry forms will be available from all canteens from the middle of September. For more information, contact Pat Renehan on 3102.

The social club also wishes to advise that Loy Yang tee shirts are available to everyone at all wishing to purchase one. Cost is \$5 for adult sizes and \$4 for children's.



Left: Two of the happy couples who enjoyed the very successful Hazelwood Power Station Social Club ball at Kernot Hall.



AREA ADMINISTRATION

Weekend exercise for Light Horse

Fifteen Commission employees, members of A Squadron, 4/19 Prince of Wales's Light Horse Army Reserve Regiment took to the hills recently for a weekend exercise.

The former cavalry unit, now engaged in long-range reconnaissance work, is made up of three troops, one each stationed in Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale.

The purpose of the exercise was to practise the use of radio and navigation with a network of up to 35 stations covering a total distance extending to 40 kilometres on occasions.

The Traralgon troop set out along the Tyers/Walhalla Road, and down through the Thompson River at Coopers Creek, finally co-ordinating a night rendezvous at Bruntons Bridge, the site where the Commission sponsored 39 E and M Squadron built a foot bridge.

The Bairnsdale troop moved to Sale on the Friday night of the exercise and then departed the following morning for the night rendezvous, where a night-long communications network was established covering an area slightly less than two square kilometres.

All told, 85 personnel took part in the exercise with eight armoured personnel carriers, eight Landrovers and two mark III International trucks. Ron Brooks (acting Secretarial Services Officer), 2 I/C of A Squadron said the exercise went off without any problems, except when one of the Landrovers short circuited in the middle of the Thompson River.

"A few of us were returning from town, and we were about half-way across," Ron said. "The water was about 60 centimetres deep and flowing pretty fast when the fan threw some water right onto the distributor. Everything went dead,

and we were about 40 metres from either bank. We had to climb onto the bonnet and dry things out." Ron said the exercise was a build up to the fortnight's annual camp next April where the Squadron will set off from Sale on an extended long-range reconnaissance trek across the mountains to the Murray River. They will then head for Mildura and will finally arrive at the army training camp at Puckapunyal where the exercise will conclude.

Yallourn depot reprieved

Things have changed in some areas since the August issue of "Contact".

After feeling a little like being in Limbo, members of the Army Reserve forces have still got a home in Yallourn, for at least another 12 months.

A change of plans resulted in the Yallourn army reserve depot being given a reprieve until the 38th Field Squadron Army Reserve and the 39th Electrical and Mechanical Squadron (supplementary reserve) settle into their new home just to the east of the Yallourn Technical College.

The Naval cadets will also still parade at Yallourn depot.

Last month's "back to" held at the Yallourn Depot was highly successful.

Morwell storekeeper, Alan Cameron said both the "back to" and the Sunday family day saw a really good turnout.

"Commission employees came from as far as way as Shepparton, Bendigo and Mount Beauty," he said.

The special commemorative labelled bottles of Claret, Moselle and Port which were to be sold during the weekend were held up by transport difficulties. However, they arrived later and proved to be in great demand.



The boys on board seem to be hanging on for dear life as the 10 tonne Armoured Personnel Carrier, driven by Ron Culliver, plunges down an embankment during the exercise.



COAL PRODUCTION

New control for Yallourn open cut

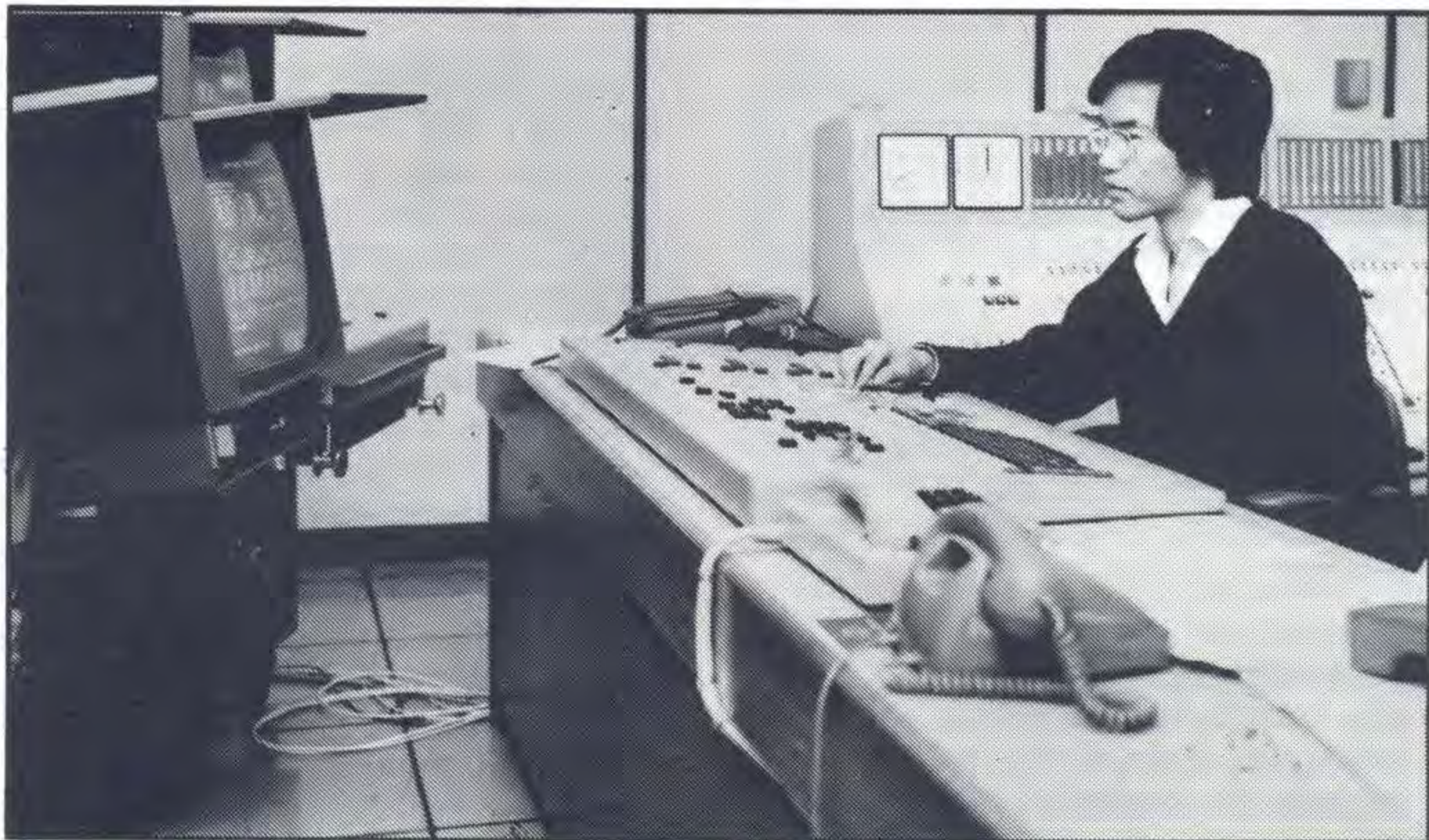
For those of us to whom computers and the likes are still a novelty, the new Yallourn open cut control centre is a wonderland of modern technology. Located just east of the Coal Production and Maintenance office on the north west corner of the cut, the new centre is equipped with a dual computer system and when it comes into full operation, will take over centre control of the cut.

Monitoring, filing of operational data, compilation of records and assistance with planning maintenance to plant are all part of its functions. In the event of plant failures the system is able to identify the causes making the job of planning repairs much easier.

Plant equipment in the open cut such as dredgers and conveyors are equipped with a remote outstation, a small electronic device which receives information from the machines. If a breakdown occurs, this device communicates the information back to the control centre and alerts the operator who is then able to isolate the problem.

Acting Coal Production Manager, Murray MacRae said the new system would save a great deal of time in repairing plant failures.

"The operator will be able to tell the maintenance people precisely what the problem is instead of just



Above: Tim Wang checks equipment in the control of Yallourn open cut remote control and monitoring system.

sending them down to check the machine. This gives them the opportunity to take the appropriate tools or replacement parts with them, and eliminates the possibility of having to make several trips," he said.

The control centre's computer system is equipped with mimic diagrams, video terminals and event printers which enable operators to monitor individual parts.

It is able to process data at a rate of 100 messages per second

without impairing its other functions.

Murray said the centre would also provide control for the train system within the open cut, and for the interconnecting rail link between Yallourn and Morwell.

The eight trains still working in the cut are being progressively phased out as the conveyors come into operation. However, the Yallourn/Morwell link will remain in service.

The new centre is expected to be fully operational by the end of this year.

COAL PRODUCTION CARPORT

The Coal Production change room and day shift muster area at Morwell is soon to be graced with a carport.

Alan Norman, supervisor at Civil

Works said the new building would provide shelter from the elements for the boys while waiting for their transport down to the open cut. When completed, vehicles will

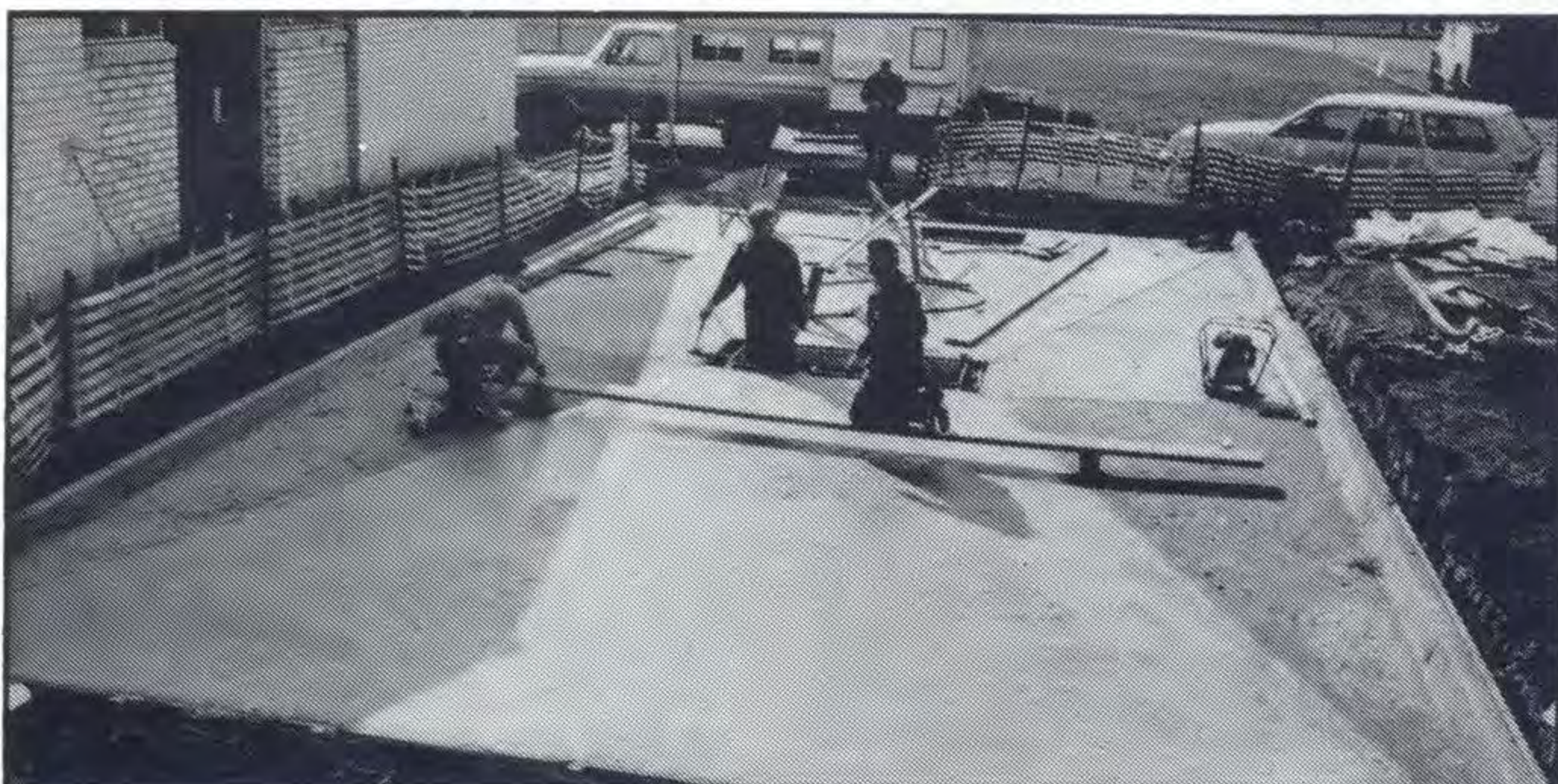
drive straight through, providing the men with immediate access to the change room.

"The building should be completed sometime during October," Alan said.

Open cut planning engineer, Charlie Spears said the design of the building permitted a run-off for the slush accumulated by the men's boots from the open cut.

"There is a below-ground pit where the sediment will collect and be suctioned out in the normal way. The water will be channelled off as the pit has been built into the existing drainage system," he said.

"It can get pretty uncomfortable waiting for the transport into the open cut, and the boys are really pleased that some effort has been made to ensure their comfort," Charlie said.



Above: Dominic Padula, Peter Wilksch, Pat Renehan and Vic Busuttill put the finishing touches to the concrete on the new carport.



ENGINEERING SERVICES

30 years and 11 tractors later

Toby Lehane has been a mechanical plant operator with Morwell Civil Works for 30 years, and during that time he's worn out 10 tractors.

That's not strictly true but it is a fact that Toby (pictured below) has now taken delivery of tractor number 11, a Massey Ferguson.

There was a bit of a delay in the delivery because some modifications had to be carried out on the machine but Toby says he's happy with it.

He joined the Commission in 1951 as a greaser but soon after got his first tractor. They're changed over about every three years and

though he gets attached to them he's always happy to swap the old for the new.

Toby doesn't bother putting a name to his tractors, and no wonder. He's had a few surprises of his own as far as names are concerned.

"Toby isn't my real name, it's just a nickname that's been with me for as long as I can remember," he explained. "My real name is Kevin John Lehane — at least I thought it was until a couple of years ago when I had to get my birth certificate. I got a bit of a shock then because it says my name is John Kevin.

"There must have been a muck-up somewhere because my mother always insisted it was the other way around."

Toby was born and bred in Korumburra and worked there with the Country Roads Board before moving to Morwell and joining the Commission.

In his spare time he likes to do a spot of fishing and chases bream mainly in the lower reaches of the Mitchell and Tambo rivers. Occasionally he heads off to Lake Glenmaggie to knock off a few of those introduced pests, European Carp.

"I once caught one in the Yallourn storage dam in the middle of summer and threw it in the boot of the car. Eight hours later it was still alive — I could hardly believe it," he said.

He doesn't eat the carp. "One look at them's enough to turn you off."

Although he's been with the Commission for 30 years, Toby is only 53 and has no plans to retire until he turns 65. That is unless he wins Tattsлото and by his own admission he's probably got a better chance than most.

"If you take into account my membership in syndicates and the two tickets I buy myself, it works out at about a dozen chances a week," he said.

Even if he does win Toby says he won't be making any big changes, except to do what he wants to do with his time.

He is married with two sons, one is in the Army and the other followed in his Dad's footsteps and joined the Commission.



Commercial Rd. widened

Work presently being done on the Commercial Road extension from Julia Street to the pedestrian lights adjacent number two gate is scheduled for completion by the end of the month.

The work will give east-bound traffic an extra lane, easing congestion for Commission employees arriving at work in Morwell in the morning.

Planning and Co-ordinating Engineer with Headquarters, Engineering Services Department, Tom Stillman, said work was progressing very well.

"It's fairly straight forward. The road will be constructed to 12 metres overall sealed pavement, plus the necessary shouldering."

"The north side railway gate has to be modified and relocated to allow for the road to be widened and also making sure that the gate reaches the centre of the road. The slight hump over the railway on the north side carriageway will be a little worse due to the change of grade on the pavement due to the rail crossing," he said.

A primer seal is being laid on the road in preparation for a conventional seal which will be completed next summer.



"No-foul" idea lays golden egg

Bob Brown, a technical officer with Technical Services, Yallourn W doesn't have to win Tattsлото to supplement the fortnightly pay cheque. He simply has to come up with a suggestion worth \$500 every now and again.

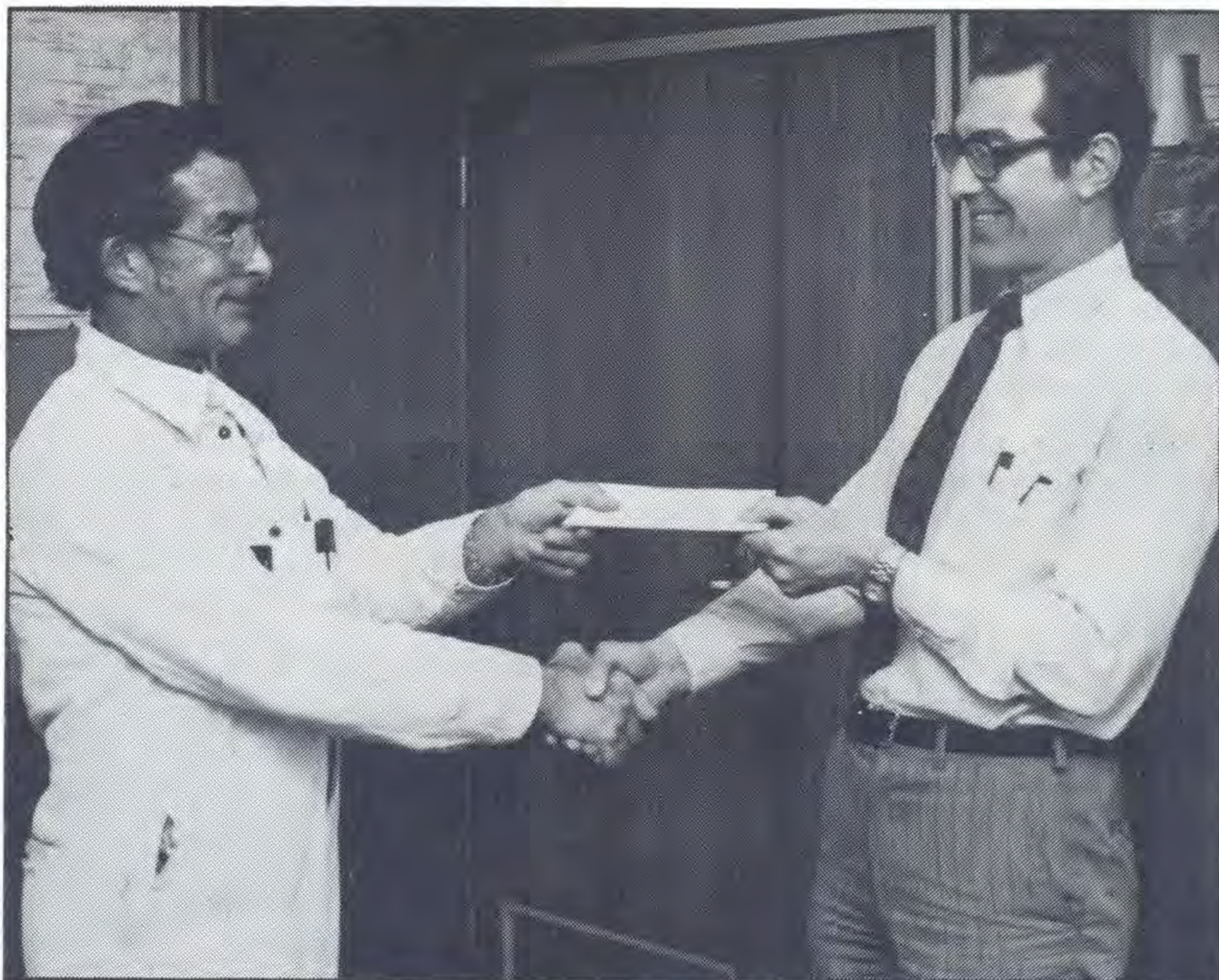
Last month Bob was awarded \$500 under the Commission's suggestion scheme for his contribution in helping to reduce fouling in the Yallourn W water treatment plants.

The fouling was caused by the deposition of suspended matter on the ion exchange resins, resulting in the premature and costly task of refurbishing them.

Dave Swanisbury, a chemist at the Yallourn W Chemistry Lab emphasised the importance of pure water in the running of the units at W.

"Each unit requires approximately 20 kilolitres of water per hour. If a disturbance in the supply lines occur, the demineralization plant ceases to effectively operate, and may cause the plant to shut down," he said.

Bob suggested the installation of a turbidometer, an instrument which would detect turbidity caused by a surge in the supply of water, and would raise an alarm and shut down the plant automatically.



Bob said he had noticed the same problem when he was working with Yallourn power station 12 years ago. E station was plagued by sludge right through the water treatment plant and as far as the reserve feed water tanks.

"I guess it was experience that put me on to this idea," Bob said.

"In 1971 turbidometers were

installed at Yallourn power station, but they had no alarm or shut down facilities as this latest installation has," he said.

A few more suggestions like that and Bob could retire.

Newly appointed Yallourn Power Station Superintendent Laurie Shipp (right) presents the suggestion scheme cheque to Bob Brown.

A rewarding train of thought



Wayne Baston, a leading hand fitter with rolling stock at Yallourn central workshops, is no slouch when it comes to making suggestions and he's discovered that it pays to publicise his ideas.

Wayne, 25, recently won a \$200 suggestion scheme award for designing a security latch.

The latch is set up on the front of an electromatic switch tamper, a device used for levelling railway tracks, and ensures that valuable levelling equipment is held securely in place.

"The device I designed secures the equipment to a transportation trolley. The equipment had fallen off the trolley a couple of times and been badly damaged so there was a need for someone to come up with an effective type of latch," Wayne said.

"I was lucky enough to think of the idea and be awarded the money."

Wayne's device consists of two pad bolts which make it impossible for the equipment to move about during transportation.

The previous lock was simply a latch with a pin through it and quite often the pin worked loose causing the load to jump about because of vibrations on the track.

Wayne Baston (left) and John Laszczyk (foreman), at central workshops, inspect the modification made to the latch on the electromatic switch tamper.

Flights of fancy...

Building an aeroplane is not the easiest of projects to get off the ground but Acting Coal Production Manager, Murray MacRae is not about to let it get him down.

Murray is building his own two-seater plane based on a French design, the Jodel D11. It has a wing span of about eight metres and a six metre fuselage.

Murray, who holds an unrestricted pilot's licence, bought the partly built aircraft in Queensland last November and transported it home on board a trailer.

"There's an incredible amount of work involved in building a plane. All the materials and workmanship must be approved by the Department of Transport before it can be used," he said.

"Before constructing any wooden part, for example, an aileron, you have to make a test piece first, then department inspectors test it by tearing it apart."

Murray said that his aircraft when completed will be capable of flying anywhere in Australia. He's fitting it with long range tanks which will enable it to fly from the Latrobe Valley to Sydney without refuelling.

The plane will be powered by a Continental O-200 A engine, taken from a Cessna which was upended during a storm at Brisbane's Archerfield Aerodrome.

Although Murray didn't know it at the time the Cessna belonged to the same fellow who first started building the Jodel D11.

By the time the aircraft is completed, Murray estimates that it will have cost him about \$10,000.

"It's a worthwhile investment. I like flying, because apart from the feeling of achievement in obtaining a licence, there's also that wonderful feeling of getting off the ground," he said. "You can see things from a plane that you can't see from anywhere else."



Above: It seems a long way from the finished product at the moment, but Murray rests assured that the final result is worth the long, arduous process of constructing his own plane.

While some people start from scratch and build aeroplanes from the wheels up, others prefer to restore planes of the vintage variety.

Howard Jones, a mechanical engineer at Coal Production, Yallourn, is the restorative type. For the past eight years he's been restoring three vintage bi-planes to their original condition.

... lead to fancy flying

Howard bought the Avro 643 Mark 2 Cadets in 1973 at St. George in outback Queensland.

The bi-planes had been stored in a hanger there for many years after being retired from crop dusting.

He bought the planes because

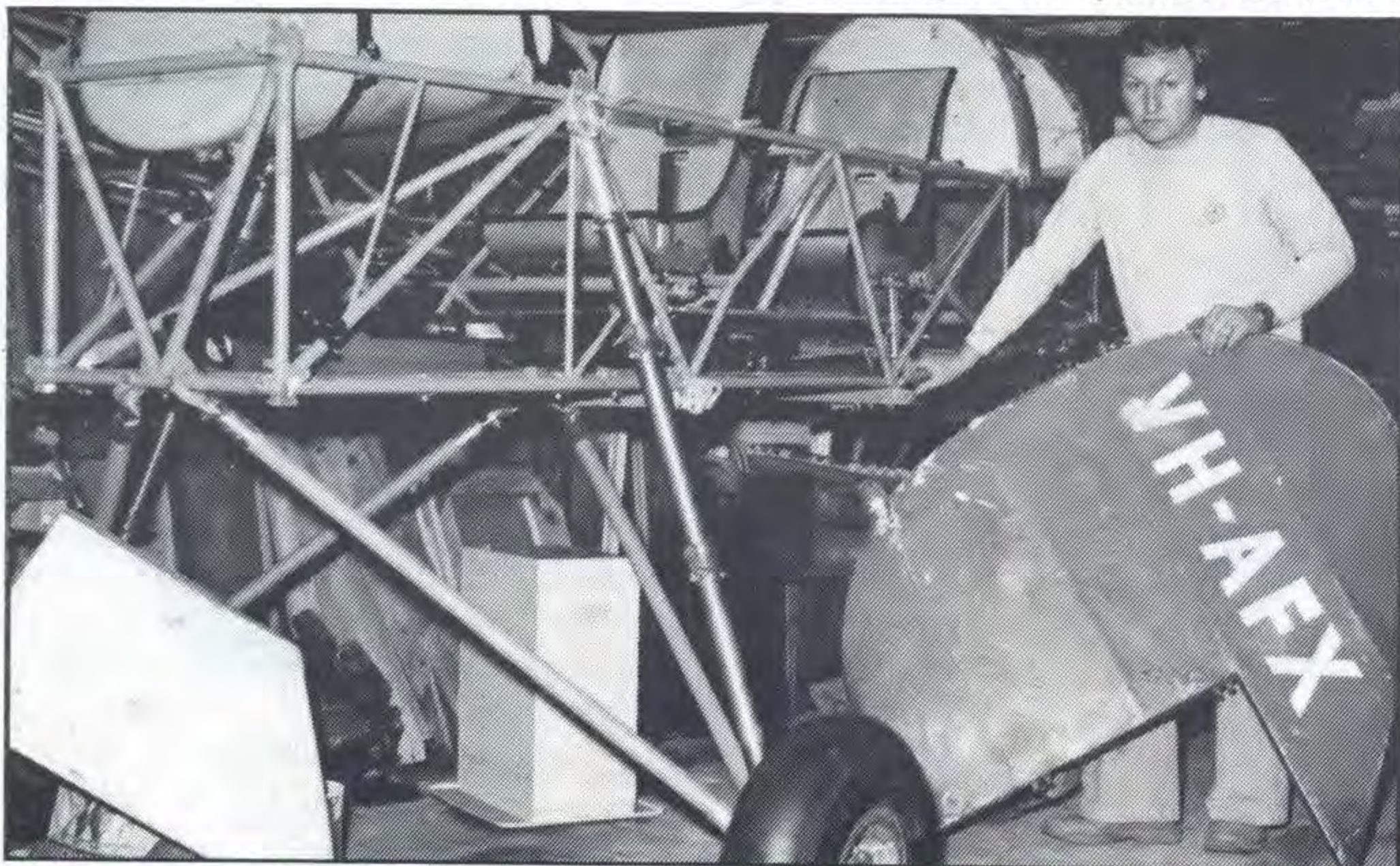
of an interest that had been developing for several years, but it took a lot of detective work to find them.

"After I located them it took me another 12 months to convince the old bloke who owned them to part with them. He finally let me have them for \$4000," Howard said.

The aircraft were incomplete and dismantled and Howard has been as far afield as England and Ireland to pick up parts needed in the restoration work. The first of the planes is now well on the way to being completely restored.

It will probably be another three years before the Avros are ready to fly again, but when they are airworthy Howard will be flying them. He's been flying for 14 years and has his unrestricted licence.

The Avro's are powered by Armstrong Siddely 7 cylinder engines and are fully aerobatic. They were built in Manchester between 1936 and 1938. When they're completely restored Howard estimates that they will be worth about \$30,000.



Above: Howard with rudder section from one of his Avro Cadets. Minus the covering "skin", the intricacy of the steel tube frame of the fuselage can be fully seen.



POWER GENERATION



Clive Williams



Rod Bennet



Laurie Shipp



Laurie Culph

New heads in halls of Power

There are a number of new faces in senior Power Generation Department positions following a series of appointments in the past month.

Of the 12 appointments, two are for power station superintendents, six are for assistant power station superintendents, and four are section heads at Loy Yang.

Laurie Shipp, former Assistant Superintendent at Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, and more recently, Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn W has been appointed the new Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn, filling the position vacated by John Hutchinson following his appointment as Area Administration Manager.

Former Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Hazelwood, Laurie Culph has been appointed to the new Loy Yang Superintendent position, while former Yallourn W Assistant Power Station Superintendent, and currently Senior Commissioning Engineer, Yallourn W project, Alf Obersby, will take over as Loy Yang Assistant Power Station Superintendent.

Col Harvey is moving from Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn to Yallourn W

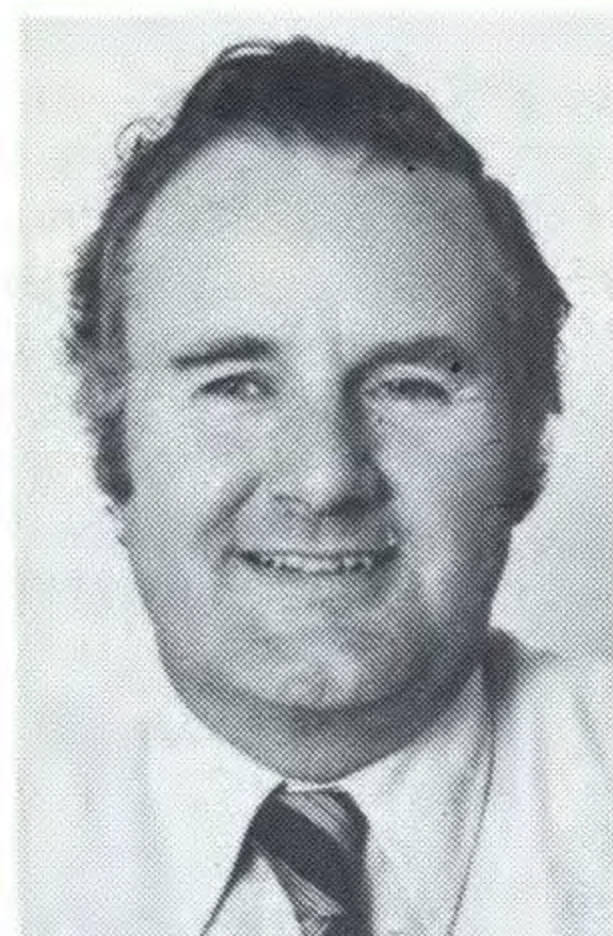
Assistant Power Station Superintendent.

Former Mechanical Maintenance Engineer at Hazelwood, Peter Shaw, has been appointed Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn.

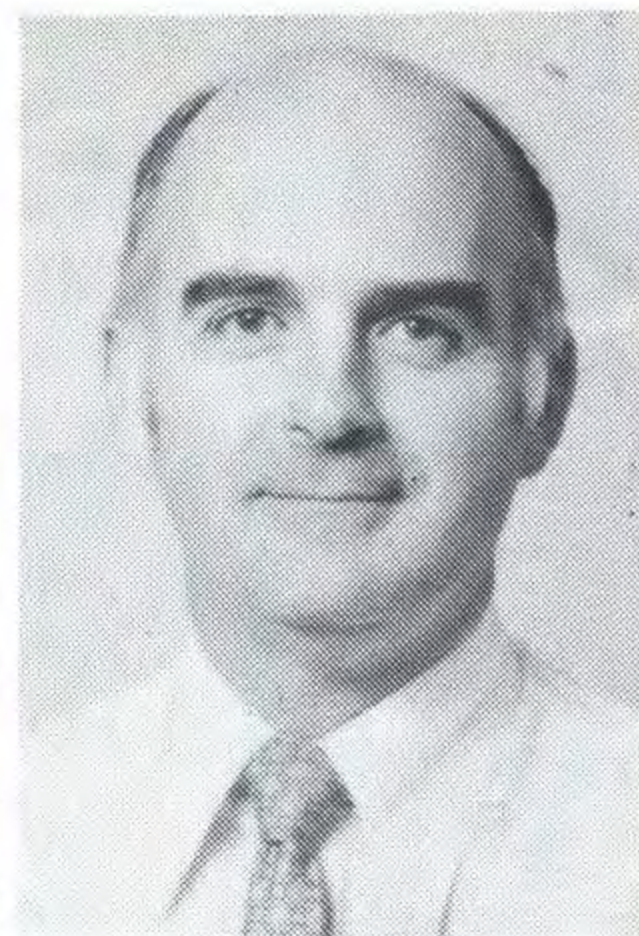
Rod Bennet, formerly Technical Services Engineer at Yallourn W has been appointed Assistant Superintendent, Briquetting and Power, at Morwell, and Peter Euman, previously Assistant Power Engineer, Headquarters has been appointed Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Hazelwood.

Clive Williams has moved from Co-ordinating Engineer, Headquarters to Assistant Power Engineer, Headquarters.

The four section heads at Loy Yang are: Albert Cavanagh who was appointed to Development Engineer from Technical Services Engineer, Yallourn; Terry Cox, appointed Electrical Plant and Controls Engineer from Gas Turbine Engineer, Jeeralang; Greg Hocking has been appointed Operations Engineer from his previous position as Operations Engineer, Yallourn W; and John Jones has been appointed Mechanical Maintenance Engineer from the same position at Yallourn W.



Alf Obersby



Col Harvey



Peter Shaw



Peter Euman



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

Jan's car—a vintage has-Bean

Jan Parniak, electrical fitter, Morwell Workshops, probably wouldn't feel too upset if he was referred to as a "has been", depending how you spell it.

Because, in fact, that's just what he has got — a 1927, 6 cylinder Bean sedan, the only one in Australia. An English car, the Bean was manufactured for a number of years before 1927, but in that year, its last of production, it was fitted with a 2.6 litre Meadows OHV engine developing 13.4 kilowatts or about 50 brake horsepower.

All Beans manufactured prior to 1927 were fitted with four cylinder engines.

Jan has been interested in restoring old cars for more than seven years. His first car was a 1937 Willys. "It was a nice car, but only belonged to the "Classic" category, and not worth that much in terms of money. I sold it to buy the Bean, and even then it didn't bring enough to cover the cost of the Bean."

When Jan bought the Bean, it was in pretty bad shape. It was in pieces, the engine could only be just turned over, and the coachwork was in pretty poor order.

Jan said he did all his own panel beating and machining. He even undertook an upholstery course to renovate the interior which he has outfitted in velour.

"The engine was rebuilt by a bloke who restores only pre-1963 vehicles," Jan said.



Jan had the Bean registered for everyday road use. It has had four owners, including himself, and was first registered to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

"I didn't much like the idea of having to put indicators on it — it spoils it a bit, but I suppose it's for my own safety."

Jan points out that although it is the only sedan in the country, there are about 10 soft-top tourers, but of these only one or two have been restored.

Last May, Jan drove the Bean to Canberra to take part in the Canberra National Rally for vintage cars.

It was a two day run for the Bean which only travels at about 72 kilometres per hour, slightly below its maximum 2500 revs per minute.

In spite of this relatively low engine speed, it still only returns about 2.5 kilometres per litre. "It runs twin Zenith carbies, which the manual says have 32 mm throats, but I can only measure 25 mm," Jan said.

The Canberra run, which involved a full week of activities for vintage car owners was a great success, in spite of the only-to-be-expected mechanical problems. As Jan says, "As long as we drive these old cars, I suppose these little problems will always exist. Nevertheless, without them we wouldn't have anything to talk or laugh about in future years."

Anyone who either has a Bean or who knows someone who has, might be interested in giving Jan a call on 3220 or writing to 2 Avro Court, Moe.

"The quick (cut), brown fox"

"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" is the familiar sentence which contains every letter in the alphabet.

Although "the quick brown fox jumps through the plate glass window at Yallourn Test and Communications lab" doesn't contain all letters, that's exactly what happened late last month.

Apprentice instrument maker, Mick Vandertuin (right) had just arrived at work.

"I walked through the door, and as it closed I heard an enormous crash.

I thought I'd slammed the door

too hard, but when I turned around I saw a bit of a blur and the broken window. The next minute this fox flew past me and dived out the hole in the window."

Apparently, for whatever reason, the fox had crashed through the window, ran down a flight of 12 stairs and when it came to a dead-end, ran back up the stairs and shot straight out the window it came through.

All that was left to indicate the fox's presence was a piece of fur stuck on the jagged glass. It probably woke up the next morning in urgent need of an Aspro.



39th line up a good turn

The Commission sponsored Army Reserve unit, the 39th Electrical and Mechanical Squadron found the opportunity last month to put their training into practice.

The Commission was concerned about the proximity of existing high voltage power lines to trees in the Karingal scout camp, and rather than spoil the environment by removing the trees, it was decided to relocate the lines.

The army headquarters approved the 39 E and M Squadron taking the opportunity to make a weekend exercise of the job.

A four span extension of low voltage line was run into the camp. The Forest Commission donated the poles and the cross arms were provided by salvage at the scouts' expense.

Commanding Officer of the Squadron, Major Geoff Hall (Transmission Operations) said the weekend was successful from two points of view.

"Not only was the job successfully carried out, but it provided experience for some of our blokes who have never done any overhead work," he said.

"We used a lot of man power—digging the holes by hand and erecting the poles with a winch. We didn't have too much equipment, and a lot of initiative was called on. The job was carried out as an army exercise, although there weren't any tactical considerations." Geoff said personnel attended from as far away as Ballarat and Bendigo.

Corporal Eric Margetts (resident linesman, Gippsland Electricity Supply Region), Major Geoff Hall,

(Tests and Communications Engineer), and Lieutenant Bob Woodger (Engineer, Northern and Midland Electricity Supply Region) making progress with the job in hand of running the low voltage line into the scout camp.



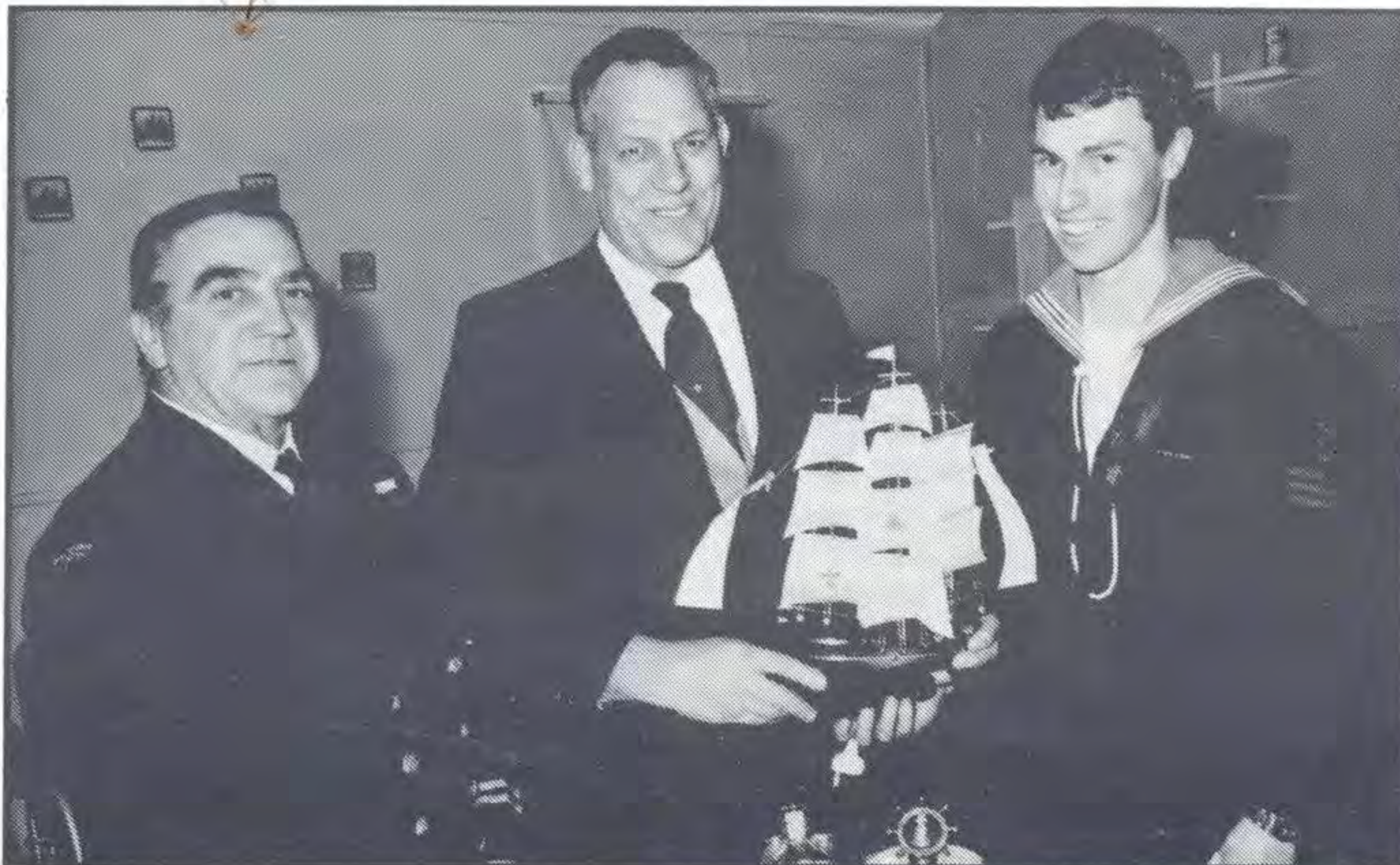
C.P.O. retires

Jim Muir, a shift rigger at the Morwell open cut retired as Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Reserve Cadets Training Ship, Latrobe early last month.

Jim served with the Royal Navy, and joined T/S Latrobe, becoming an instructor in 1962. He became a Chief Petty Officer in 1974.

Jim was presented with a model galleon and a spirit decanter, by Commanding Officer Lieutenant Ernie Clegg (left), a charge hand rigger at Yallourn Power Station, and Petty Officer, Robert Evans (right).

All officers and instructors at T/S Latrobe are Commission employees.



For Sale

Beach block at Loch Sport near Gippsland Lakes. Measures 45'x100'x160'x80'. North-Easterly aspect — good views. Close to the Lakes national park. Steel garage and 4500 litre tank on site. \$6000 ono. Phone John Brown on 2096 BH.

Three bedroom brick veneer house. Three phase all-electric equipped. Built-in robes in main bedroom. Heated throughout. Wall to wall carpet and vinyl coverings. Kitchen is equipped with a St. George electric stove. All drapes and fittings throughout are supplied. A 9.15 metre by 7.32 metre garage comes equipped with two B. & D. roller doors. The house has an established lawn and a concrete driveway. Genuine sale as owner is going interstate. Price \$46,000. Enquiries should be directed to Eric Margetts, 114 North Road, Yallourn North. Ph. (051) 67 1630.

Wanted

A couple of interested girls are required to play Morwell volleyball competition at division five level. Experienced players are preferred but enthusiastic beginners are welcome to enquire. Phone Maria Northover on SEC extension 3357 or 22 1093 after hours.

A blast from the past

Just a brief glance at the briquette advertisement pictured below would be enough to indicate that it didn't come out of yesterday's paper. In fact, it came out of the evening edition of the Melbourne Herald on Monday, 30th May, 1927, and it's interesting to see what was happening in Australia 54 years ago.

Ross Vinnell, the newly appointed regional accountant at Gippsland ESR in Traralgon came up with the paper from a friend of his who specialises in early Australian memorabilia.

The 18 page broadsheet cost a mere 1½d in those days. Of the 20 or so stories that cram the front page, one of immediate interest is the probability of a telephone link being established between Melbourne and Perth "in two years", which would cost about 60,000 pounds. A link between Perth and Cairns was even mentioned as a possibility.

An editorial on the same page, entitled "The Herald and the Age, Facts for the Public", discussed the battle which had been raging between the two on whether the Age was being sold to the Herald by the Syme family. It seems the Age was insisting that the Herald should have denied the "rumour" before the Age itself did. The editorial says in part:

"In persisting in this assertion it (the Age) again indulges in foul insinuations, displaying once more those traits of bad temper and rudeness which have been the main cause of the decline of its position in Victoria." Editorials aren't like that anymore.

Another front page story concerned a Sydney man who's uncle in South Africa willed him 2,256,000 pounds. In response to the question of whether he was thrilled about it, the man replied; "Not much, I'd rather it was only 10,000 pounds. Being a millionaire has its disadvantages." Some would probably disagree.

A small story concerns a Yallourn man who was shot through the back when a revolver, which another man pointed in the air and attempted to fire, accidentally discharged and pierced his lung. The man with the gun had wanted occupants of a passing car to think they had suffered a blowout. Interesting entertainment!

Those were the days when not only briquettes were cheap, but so were cars, by comparison.

A four-door Oldsmobile cost 410 pounds and a five passenger

tourer with leather upholstery, a mere 290 pounds. Studebakers came complete with roll-up blinds "to convert your smart open car into a snug closed car in the event of unexpected storms."

Entertainment was full of the names that are now legend—Harold Lloyd in "College Days", Buster Keaton in "The General", and Rudolph Valentino blazed across the screen in "The Son of the Sheik."

Australian actor Frank Thring's father, F. W. Thring was the managing director of J. C. Williamson Film Attractions in Melbourne.

Titles of films and plays occasionally bordered on the bizarre—"Six Cylinder Love", "Her Indiscretion" and "Bobbed Hair", tantalised the masses.

And even a little of today's familiarity can be found in those pages of so long ago, with advertisements featuring Rinso, Rexona and Lactogen.

It makes you wonder if Kentucky Fried Chicken will be still around in 2036 AD.

Visit by outside apprentices

It's a fact that the Commission is the largest employer of apprentices in Victoria, but it seems that Commission developments in the Latrobe Valley are also a drawcard for outside apprentices including some whose trade is not even allied to power generation or power station construction.

This was underlined last month when eight award winning apprentices, four from Western Australia and four from Dandenong College of Technical and Further Education visited Hazelwood Power Station and Morwell open cut.

The group was made up of apprentice bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters and fitters and turners, but also included two women's hairdressers.

The apprentices had been judged the best in their field at their respective trade schools.

THE MELBOURNE HERALD, MONDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 1927

You Don't need Other Fuel!

A little handling—then BRIQUETTES for the rest of the night—no chopping, a clean fire and NO SOOT, CLINK, RISE OR GRIT—then it's modern!



Briquettes

for every home

BRIQUETTES need no other fuel to help them burn—you can depend upon Briquettes keeping your home pleasantly warm without the assistance of gritty, sooty fuels or fuels you have to chop. BRIQUETTES will save you money too! BRIQUETTES sell at 6d. per cwt. less than Newcastle coal and 4d. per cwt. less than the best firewood—a direct cut in the high cost of living.

You can depend upon supplies. All fuel merchants have stocks—and can make regular and prompt deliveries—so you need not take other fuels "in the meantime."

Order BRIQUETTES at once—have them without other fuels and notice the big savings in your fuel bill!

PER CWT **2/6**

13 1/2 per quarter ton, 26 per half ton and 51 per ton.—Country Customers add freight. Special rates to Industrial Customers on orders at Yallourn.

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SAVISON CLARK

These briquettes are the most modern... they will do the best work... they are clean and require no chopping... they are the most economical, labour saving and convenient fuel of all.




Service Register

Commission staff and wages personnel who reached significant service milestones during September are included in this register

25 YEARS

Reg Spehr
Irvine Moffat

Yallourn Power Station
Coal, Yallourn

30 YEARS

Leo Bernard
Wollodymr Dedynskyj
Todeusz Regulski
Pat Bartholameusz

Yallourn Power Station
Coal, Yallourn
Yallourn Open Cut
Management, Engineering
Services
Station Operations, Yallourn

Robert Aiken

31 YEARS

Edward McClurkin
Leon Dawson

Coal Transport, Yallourn
Property Services Section,
Area Administration Dept.
Morwell Briquetting and
Power Division
Civil Works, Morwell
Yallourn Power Station
Civil Services

Frank Smith

Albert Ferguson
Patrick Murphy
Robert Howell

32 YEARS

Charles Webber
Leslie Graham
Les Cunliffe
James Benson
Ross Anderson

Yallourn W Power Station
Nursery, Yallourn
Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn Power Station
Coal Operations,
Morwell Open Cut
Secretarial, Patrolman
Yallourn W Power Station
(Management)
Overburden, Morwell
Open Cut

John Allan
Raymond Ellis

Martin Ryan

33 YEARS

Bryan Ware

Coal Operations, Morwell
Open Cut

34 YEARS

Thomas Kennedy
Robert Taffs

Materials & Services Division
Central Workshops, Yallourn

40 YEARS

Keith Taffs

Yallourn Power Station

41 YEARS

Clarence French

Transport, Morwell

Engineer on loan from U.S.

An engineer from the American company, Burns and Rowe, is lending his expertise in construction management to the Commission's developments at Loy Yang.

Don Lyons, who is on loan from his parent company for 12 months, arrived on site in July and wasted no time in studying the organisational structure at Loy Yang.

He said the situation here was quite different to similar projects in the US.

"From what I've seen so far I would say that some things are done better, and others not as well," he said.

"Some of the techniques we use in the US could be adopted here. One thing that is needed is a uniform approach where all the divisions work on a central program."

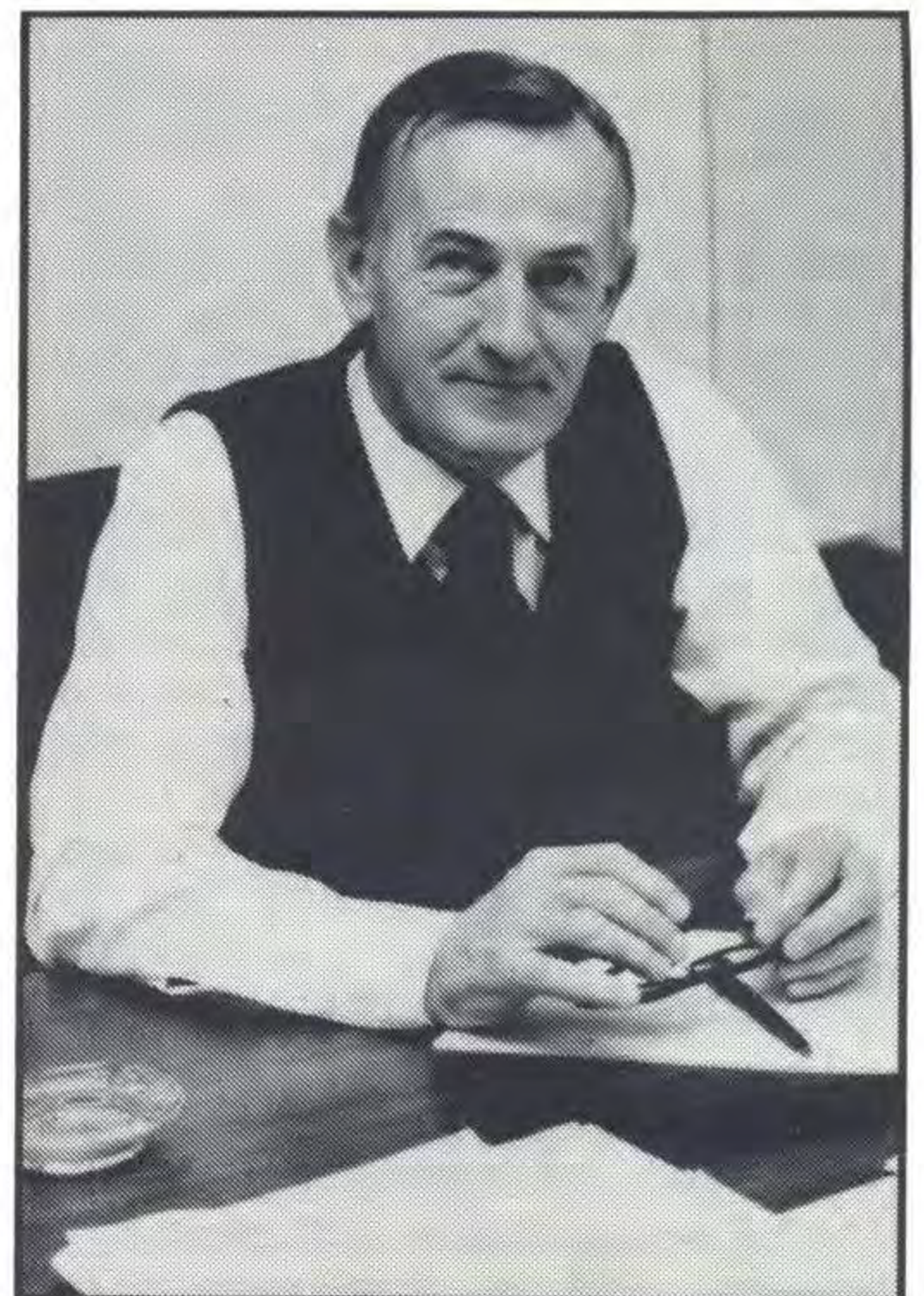
Don is in Australia as a result of new organisational changes which resulted in the Commission adopting the latest overseas practices and techniques in construction contract management and design.

Don is one of 11 overseas experts who have been loaned to the Commission on contract from their parent companies.

Before he accepted the opportunity to work with the Commission, Don was working on three 540 megawatt coal fired plants in Louisiana.

"The big difference there was that they have to transport coal from Wyoming which is 240 kilometres away," he said.

"You have a wonderful situation here in Victoria with the development sites right in the area of such enormous brown coal reserves."





retirements



MAX WHITMORE



Max Whitmore first joined the Commission in 1952 as a labourer. During his 29 years as a Commission employee, Max occupied various positions, retiring as a supervisor (technical) grade three.

Max, who lives in Morwell is a keen bowler, and no doubt is also looking forward to his planned holiday on the south coast. Max was presented with a wallet of notes at a small retirement function.

BILL CHALMERS



After more than 11 years of service with the Commission, Bill Chalmers is looking forward to a trip to his hometown Leeds, England. Bill joined the Commission in 1970 as a labourer and was reclassified to operator grade three at Morwell Briquette and Power in 1977. Bill was presented with a wallet of notes at a sendoff with Power Station Superintendent, Cyril Morellato.

FRED WILLIAMS



At a function held jointly with Bill Chalmers, Fred Williams retired from the Commission after more than 23 years of service. Fred joined the Commission in 1957 as a labourer with Coal Production Department, and occupied a number of positions including dozer operator, coal conveyor driver, front end loader driver and cleaner. Fred retired from the position of mechanical plant operator grade five, operations section, Morwell Briquette and Power. Fred is planning a trip to Western Australia via South Australia, and returning via New South Wales. Fred was presented with a wallet of notes.

IRENE SAVAGE



Following her retirement from the Commission on August 8, Irene Savage is planning to fulfil her interest in travel. She is all set for an overseas trip in the very near future.

Irene retired from the Commission after 27½ years service. She began in 1950 as a charworker in the Main Store and was reclassified as a leading hand cleaner in 1961. Although retaining this classification, she became a familiar face in the Morwell canteen.

Canteen supervisor, Eric Billington presented Irene with six crystal glasses, a crystal caraffe and a crystal ash tray at a function in the Morwell canteen.

VICTOR QUATTRIO



Area Services Officer, John Archibald presented Victor Quattrio with a bowling ball case, a digital clock and a wallet of notes at a sendoff when he retired from the Commission last month after 26 years service.

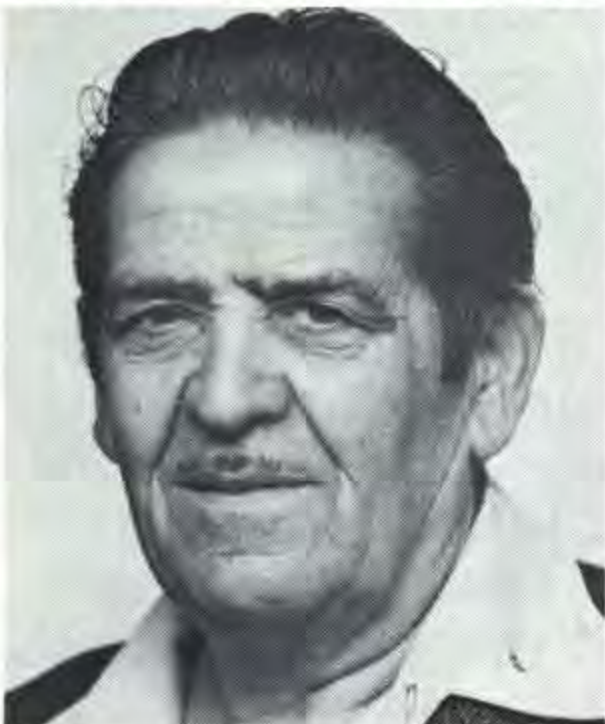
Victor joined the Commission as a Trades Assistant in 1955, and retired from the position of driver with materials and services. He intends to live locally and will no doubt pursue his great love of bowls.

BILL CROSSMAN



After more than 41 years of service, Bill Crossman retired from the Commission as Departmental Engineer, Power Generation. Bill joined the Commission in 1940 as a laboratory assistant at the Yarraville terminal station. Bill, who is retiring to Melbourne, intends to buy a new caravan and catch up on his fishing. He was presented with a car fridge at a sendoff held by Power Generation for him.

EMMANUEL DE GUARA



"Manny" Emmanuel De Guara retired from the Commission last month after 22½ years service. He joined in 1951 as a pick and shovelman, and retired from the position of leading hand disposal unit operator.

"Manny" was presented with a wallet of notes by Assistant Coal Operations Supervisor, Brian Ryan. Manny, who lives in Morwell, is planning a trip to Queensland sometime this year, and he may take a further trip to his homeland Malta sometime next year.

ROY CAMPBELL



Roy Campbell, Supervisor Grade three, Overburden Operations Section, retired on August 14 after nearly 35 years service. At a farewell in the Morwell Coal Production canteen, Coal Production Superintendent, Bob Lethlean presented Roy with a wallet of notes.

Roy joined the Commission on August 19, 1946 as a labourer in Yallourn Open Cut. He became involved in the change from train transport and spreader disposal to conveyor transport and tripper/stacker disposal. Roy was in charge of No. 10 dredger from the time it came into service until his retirement.

BRONISLAW DULJAS

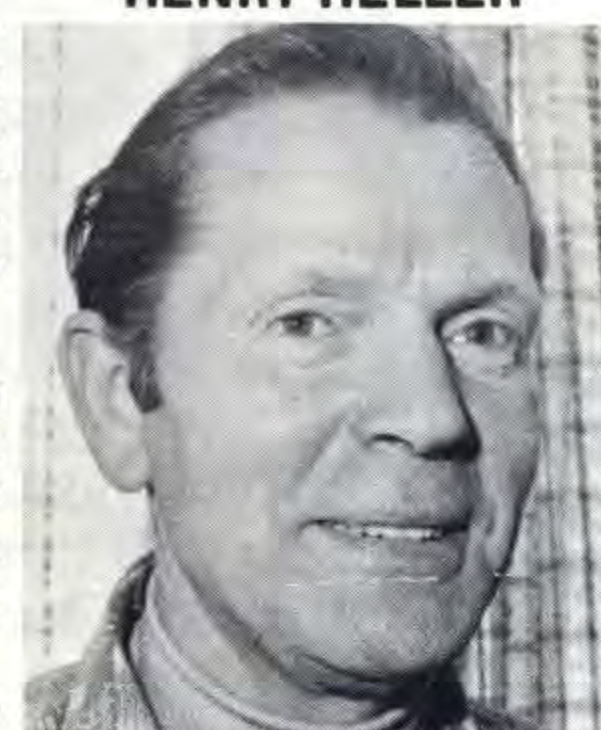


Bronislaw Duljas retired from the Commission last month after 21 years service. He joined the Commission in 1960 as a pickman in the Yallourn Open Cut, and worked his way through a number of classifications to the position of Operator Grade three on the 3 by 7 shift at Yallourn W Power Station.

Fuel Distribution Officer, Ross Simpson presented Bronislaw with a Black and Decker drill and a pair of lambswool seat covers. Station Operations Engineer, Len Van Donk spoke on behalf of station management.

Bronislaw plans to live locally and occupy his time with gardening and fishing.

HENRY HELLER



Henry Heller has left for a trip to Queensland following his retirement from the Commission after serving as a special class electrician. Henry joined the Commission in 1956 as an electrician and after a number of years progressed to his specialist qualification. Power Station Superintendent, (Yallourn W) Norm Bowles presented Henry with a movie camera and stand at a retirement function.

In retirement Henry plans to continue living in Moe.



SPORT



Rene shows them how it's done

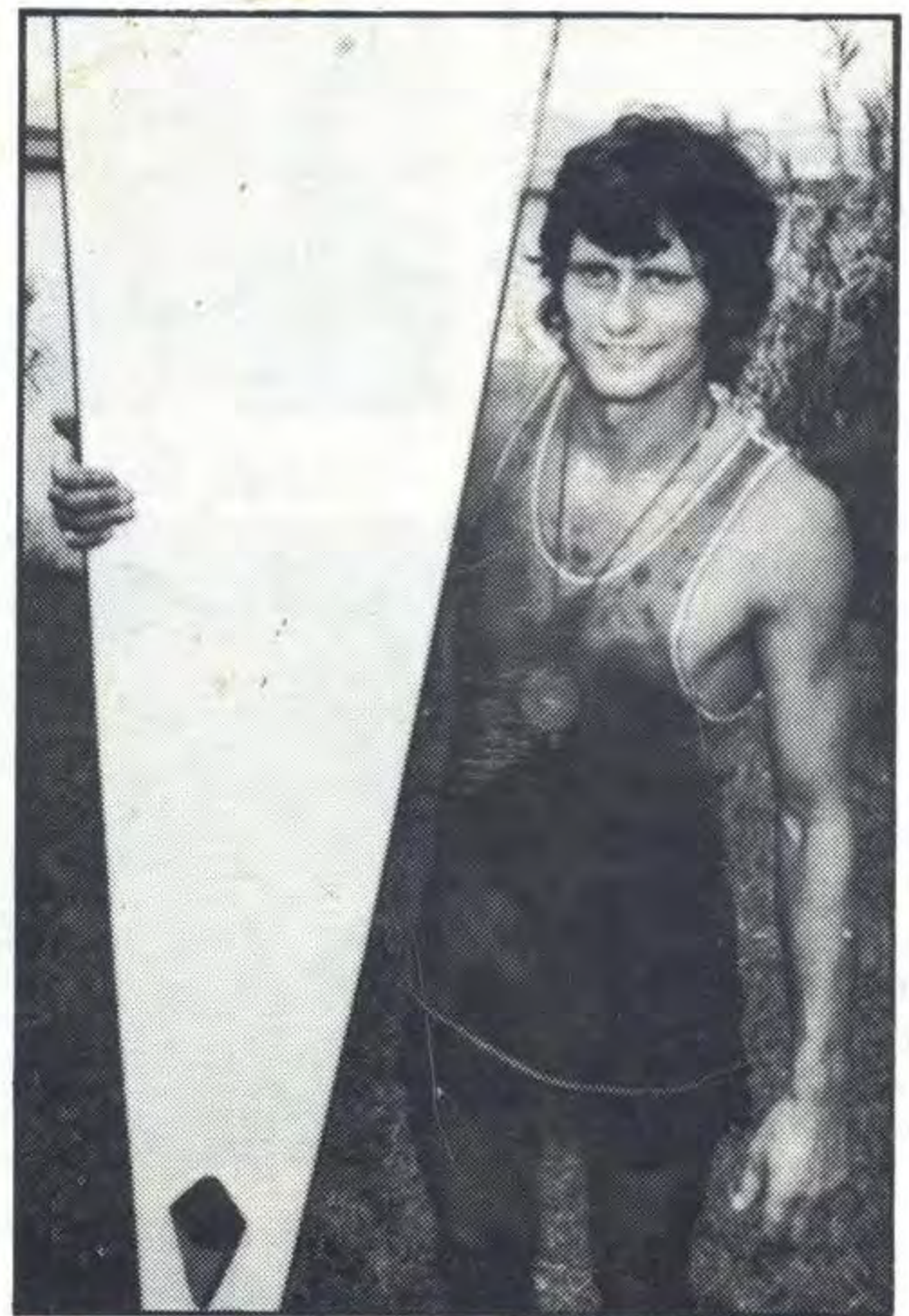
There's a certain sense of self-satisfaction felt when we put our money on a bet and it pays off. It draws us closer to sharing the actual achievement with the winner himself.

There are probably a lot of people at Hazelwood power station who feel that way now with the news that Rene Mol (Hazelwood fitter), cracked a big win during the World Grand Prix Kayak competition in Scotland.

The months of hard training, and the feverish activity surrounding the fund-raising drive to get Rene to Europe finally paid off.

In his first race in Spain, Rene came 26th, which may not sound too impressive until the other 974 who finished behind him are taken into account.

From there, he recorded, among others, a fourth, a third and two seconds.



Above: A winner's winning smile from Rene. An earlier photograph, but no doubt reflecting the way he felt after his Scottish win.

Then, in the 100 kilometre race on the River Tay in Scotland earlier this month, Rene, and partner Jim Sloan from Albury, came in eight minutes ahead of the field to take out number one.

The race was divided into four sections over two days.

"We won it quite convincingly," Rene said in a taped interview from Scotland with local radio station 3TR.

"The conditions are quite unlike those in Australia, much rougher, and we wouldn't consider using racing canoes in that sort of water back home. Due to the conditions, the team overall is not doing all that well," he said.

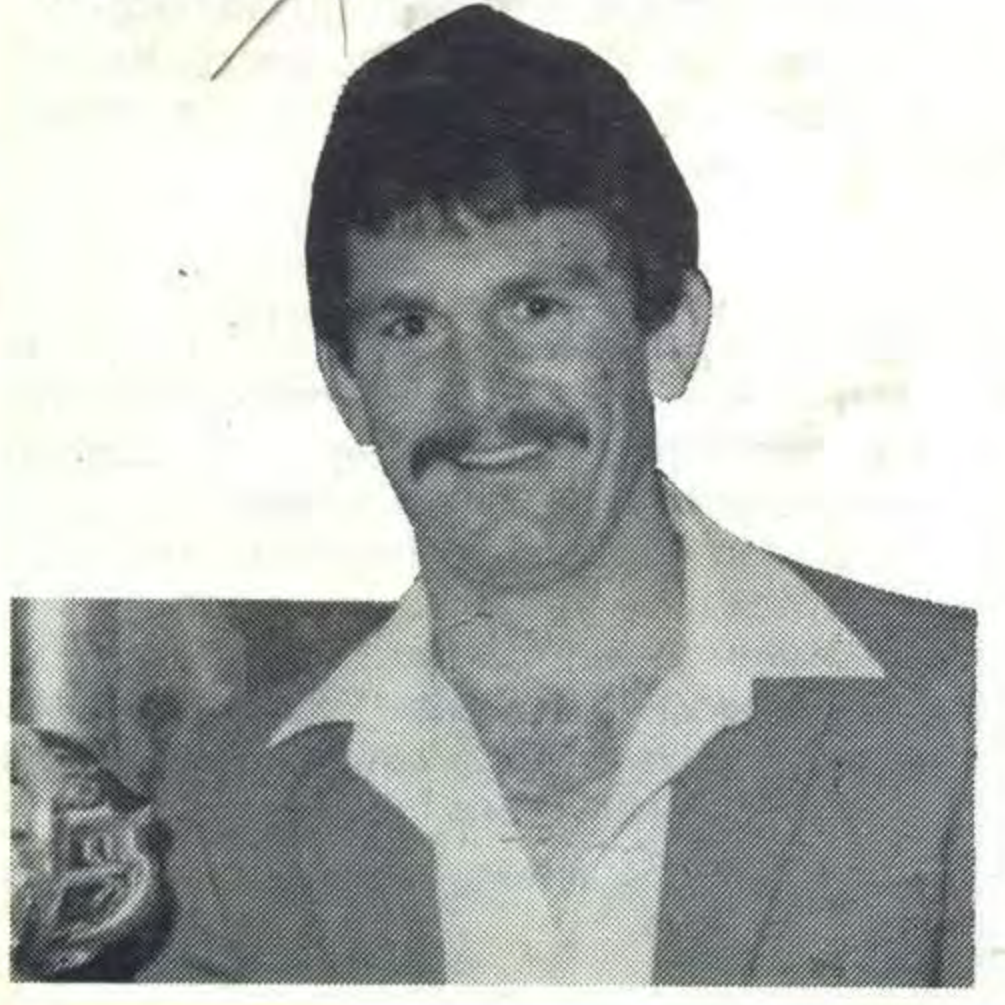
Rene was scheduled to race in Ireland shortly after his Scottish victory, and then he competes in Denmark a little later.

Not only Hazelwood, but everyone congratulates Rene and wishes him further success.

Award kicks off new era

In July, Yallourn-Yallourn North Football Club played its last game at the famous No. 1 oval. It was the end of an era for one of the Latrobe Valley's oldest and proudest clubs.

On September 8, a new era for the club began on a high note when captain coach, Ray Mildenhall, won the Rodda Medal and Trood Award for being the best and fairest player in the Latrobe Valley Football League.



Ray, a trades assistant at Coal Production Maintenance, Yallourn, has played two seasons with the club after playing with Woodville, a South Australian Football League team.

The LVFL award was the first league award Ray has won, but he has won many at club level. He was Yallourn-Yallourn North's best and fairest player last year.

He won the Rodda Medal by four votes from Bairnsdale centreman, Bruce Cowell, and rates it as one of his biggest thrills in football.

"I guess it would have to be the highlight of my time in football, seeing it's the first time I've won a league award," he said.

"It means that I've finished the season on a high note but I'm disappointed for the club that we just missed out on the finals. I suppose you could say it was my turn to do well this year. Next year it's the club's turn and I'm sure we'll be there when the finals come around."

Entries open for LVSC golf day

An important day coming up for all Commission golfers is the Latrobe Valley Association of SEC Social Clubs annual golf tournament. The tournament will be held at the Yallourn Golf Club on Sunday, November 22.

Individual and team events will be contested with 27 holes for A, B, and C graders, and an 18 hole event for D graders and ladies.

An optional 9 holes may be played in the afternoon by the D graders if there are sufficient interested.

The \$6 entry fee covers lunch, with bar facilities being provided from 4 p.m. on.

Entry forms can be obtained from Pat Renehan, extension 3102.