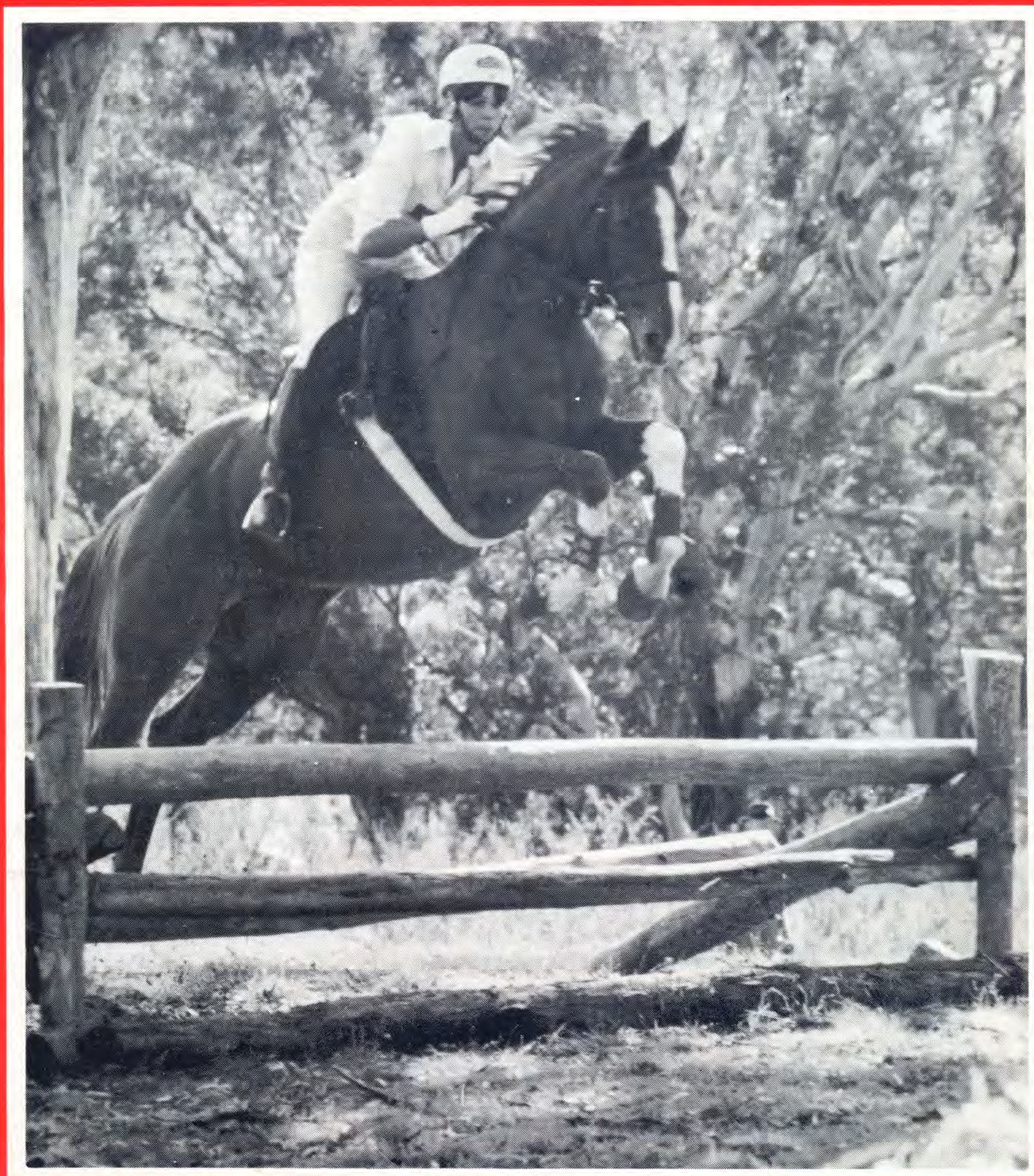




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T.V. donation to intensive care unit

The Latrobe Valley Hospital at Moe is now the proud owner of a brand new color television set thanks to Transmissions Operations' electrical services group.

Group members donated the set in appreciation of the efforts of hospital staff in caring for their workmate John Lightbody who was a patient in the unit for many weeks after a car accident. He later died.

Following a whip-around, the group found it had enough to buy the color television set.

Right: Electrical Services representatives Danny O'Brien (linesman), Ray McWilliam (field services), Peter Dyt (refrigeration), Bob Pheeny (field services), and Electrical Services Engineer Keith Griffiths with intensive care unit staff at the presentation.



Valley volleyballers victorious

The Commission played a leading hand in the recent Latrobe Valley under-20 men's and women's volleyball triumphs at the Victorian Country championships.

No fewer than 11 Latrobe Valley-based Commission employees including coaches Shaun O'Neill (women) and Terry Knox (men) were in the teams which carved their own places in history.



It was the first time Latrobe Valley women had won the under-20's title and it was also the first time the region had taken out both titles in the same year.

The championships also brought double success for former Australian representative player Shaun O'Neill (carpenter, Civil Works Morwell).

After coaching the nine-player women's squad to a 3-0 win over Warrnambool, he captained the men's team to a convincing 3-1 final win again over Warrnambool.

The women's team was skippered by Liz Davis (Loy Yang Administration). The nine-player squad also included Keryn Donchi (Hazelwood laboratory), Janice Bennett (payrolls, Morwell), Sarah Thorpe (Coal Production, Morwell) and Jenny Mosley (Yallourn laboratory).

The men, coached by Terry Knox (engineer, Morwell Briquette and Power), included John Miles (time-keeper, Yallourn W), vice-captain Jim Medew (plumber, Hazelwood), Clinton Rodda (Coal Production, Loy Yang), Peter Trimbath (Power

Generation Hazelwood) and skipper Shaun.

Five of the Commission's representatives were then chosen for the Victorian under-20 squad; Liz Davis and Jenny Mosley in the women's team and Shaun, Jim and John in the men.

The Latrobe Valley under-20 women's squad gained its first flag in its first season with Shaun as coach. Shaun, who toured Japan, France, Alaska and England with the Australian open age group team last year, is ineligible to play under-20 volleyball next season.

Left: Four of the victorious Valley volleyballers Liz Davis, Sarah Thorpe, Shaun O'Neill and Jim Medew.

FOR SALE

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“Dry” demands water cut-back

Moondarra at all time low

The Latrobe Valley is preparing for the big dry.

With water levels in the Moondarra Reservoir at an all-time low for this time of year, the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board has introduced restrictions in all areas it supplies, including the Commission's Morwell, Hazelwood and Loy Yang works areas.

Much needed rain early this month has provided some relief but the LVW&SB has indicated continuing heavy falls will be required through the spring to ensure the Valley gets through the summer without even more severe restrictions.

Engineering Services Manager, Don Bromilow, said the Commission had been observing a 10 per cent reduction in water use for industrial purposes since March this year.

“We will continue to operate at that level but now it is important that these domestic restrictions — covering activities such as watering of gardens, non-essential car washing and the washing down of some paved areas — are observed by all employees,” he said.

“The Yallourn works area is not supplied from the Moondarra Reservoir but I would appeal to all employees to observe similar restrictions and generally conserve water.

“The Water and Sewerage Board has indicated we are facing a



Where the water was — part of the Moondarra Reservoir exposed as water levels have dropped to an all-time low.

potential water supply failure situation unless we receive significant amounts of rain in the next couple of months.

“The restrictions they have introduced are the first level of water conservation measures which could be used to ensure the water supply lasts as long as possible.

“I hope everyone recognises the seriousness of the situation and restricts use of water accordingly.”

The LVW&SB says the volume of water at present stored in Moondarra is less than at the same time in both 1967 and 1968 — the two previous worst years on record.

The Board has conducted storage

behaviour simulation studies which predict that supply from Moondarra could run out early in 1983 if steps were not taken to reduce consumption.

In addition to introducing restrictions, the Board has also decided to install a pumping station to take water direct from the Latrobe River into the main supply pipeline at a rate of up to 40 megalitres a day.

The Board has also accepted a tender for the supply of pipes to be used in a scheme to pump water from the new Blue Rock Dam into Moondarra. The pipeline is expected to be operational late in 1984.

Don said the Commission would be keeping a very close watch on the water situation and would cooperate with the Board in the enforcement of restrictions.

Commission gauges bad news

If there were any doubts that the Latrobe Valley is experiencing one of its driest periods on record, the Commission has the statistics to prove it.

Since the early 1960s the Commission has maintained a network of rainfall measuring points throughout the Latrobe Valley to help in flood design work.

With the help of local landowners, rainfall measurement points have been established from Willung South in the east to Trafalgar in the west.

The Commission provides landowners with the necessary measuring equipment, including gauges so accurate they can “split” a rain drop and measure within one per cent accuracy.

At present there are about 55 landowner measurement points, 16 pluviographs (automatic meas-

uring devices) and other Commission operated stations throughout the Latrobe Valley.

The information coming in from the measuring network is clear — the Valley is dry and has just gone through what is probably the third driest winter on record.

The measuring station at Hazelwood recorded only 117 millimetres of rain during the winter — the driest three month period in the 20 years that records have been kept.

Senior engineer with General Engineering and Construction Department's design division Denis Thompson said that if there wasn't significant rain during spring, 1982 could quite easily be the driest year on record.

“The volunteer rainfall collection points don't only serve to reinforce the prophets of doom,” Denis

said.

“Proper flood design requires a closer grid measuring system than the meteorological bureau requires and hence the need for so many points throughout the Valley.

“For example, extremely critical rainfall figures are necessary to determine run-off in the Morwell River catchment area.

“With rainfall figures and the known geographical features of the district, we can construct a mathematical model which will determine the result of any storm in the area. Knowing this, we can save a great deal of expense in drainage design.

It's a very low cost operation, and with the assistance of landowners who are not only too willing but have their own interest in rainfall figures, the scheme has mutual benefits.

It's more than just a name



Job vacancies — a way up the ladder

So you've just joined the Commission and are looking for the quickest way to the top.

That may not be immediately possible, but according to Personnel Administrative Officer Peter Spehr, there is a wide range of positions available throughout the Commission.

"Internal staff vacancies are advertised in the weekly vacancies and appointments circular," Peter said. "This was commonly known as the 'rainbow sheet' when it used to have different coloured pages.

"It is no longer coloured but it still contains the same information and is circulated to all sections in the Commission and gives all employees an opportunity to apply for the positions advertised.

"Internal wages positions are advertised by notice board distribution through the Latrobe Valley works area, and if appropriate, elsewhere in the Commission."

Peter said a common question concerned the transfer of superannuation between wages and staff. He explained that superannuation was transferrable, but since wages contribution was at a rate of 3¼ percent, and staff contribution at 6½ percent, the transfer from wages service to staff service would be equivalent to half the original wages service entitlement. For example, ten years' wages fund service becomes five years' staff fund service.

Peter said it was essential to remember that only Commission employees could apply for internally advertised positions.

"However, where internal advertising has demonstrated a shortage of appropriately experienced or qualified personnel, the advertisement has then been extended to both local and city press." Peter said, "An internal advertisement will appear concurrently with such external advertisements.

"Another important aspect in applying for a position is to take note of the closing date. Occasionally, in special circumstances an application may be accepted after the closing date — for example when a person has been on leave or absent on special duties.

"However, in these cases an application should be submitted within a reasonable time after the closing date and be accompanied by a letter of explanation.

"Once an application is submitted, an employee can check its progress by directing enquiries to the personnel assistant (employment and placement) on 3644," Peter said. "Further job specification queries about the position can be answered by the person listed at the bottom of the job advertisement."

Peter said that any other questions regarding job advertisements could be directed to him on 3662.

Ray Hough and Ray Houghton may not look alike but they certainly have more than just a name similarity in common.

The two Rays live "a stone's throw" from each other in Yallourn North and have both clocked up more than 25 years service with the Commission.

Ray Houghton (pronounced Horton) has worked with security patrol since 1960.

By coincidence, Ray Hough (pronounced Huff) who moved to Loy Yang at Easter to work as a scheduling officer in the Programming and Measurement Department received his first staff appointment in 1961. That was as a foreman at the old Yallourn power station.

Although neither have worked together, the Rays and wives June Hough and Shelah Houghton have developed a close friendship over the years.

The couples have often shared common interests and similar experiences.

Ray and Shelah moved into their Third Street home in the same week in 1955 as Ray and June took up residence in nearby East Street.

Both couples like old time dancing and have danced the night away throughout Gippsland and in many of Victoria's dance halls.

"I prefer the new vogue type of dancing while Ray is more of a traditionalist," said Ray Hough.

The two Rays are similar in age — Ray Houghton will be 51 on December 19 while Ray Hough will be 50 on November 4.

Two years ago Ray and his wife Shelah climbed Ayers Rock in about 40 minutes.

Last year the other Ray and his wife June repeated the feat.

Both the Houghs and the Houghtons enjoy growing native orchids and ferns.

Ray Houghton has about 29 different varieties of orchids he has propagated over the past couple of years. June Hough is planning to specialise in Crucifix orchids. She began only 12 months ago.

"Both our wives grow ferns. My wife has about 60 varieties," said Ray Houghton.

And the couples do not have to look any further than the telephone directory to realise how close they are to each other. Their names and phone numbers are just five entries apart.

Above: Ray and Ray — that's the Hough variety on the left.



AREA ADMINISTRATION

Princess Anne and Area Administration's Bev Dawson have something in common — and it isn't just their English heritage.

They both devote much of their spare time to training and riding horses. And this love and devotion to horses has paid off for 23-year old Yorkshire-born Bev.

Bev, chief instructor at the Morwell Pony Club for about a year, was promoted four months ago from D to C grade in the Australian Standard of Pony Club instruction.

In addition to teaching students riding techniques she can now also provide further general horsemanship instruction.

Bev keeps a tight rein on her pupils

The pony club, which Bev joined eight years ago, at present has about 40 financial members and welcomes new members.

The club's most active time is summer when monthly rallies attract good entries.

Bev owns a pony called Tony (now aged 22) and a seven-year old thoroughbred called High Song.

It was on High Song that Bev won numerous trophies and ribbons last show season.

She would like to become more involved in one-day eventing (dressage, cross-country and show jumping) and has her eyes on contesting some of the Melbourne one-day events in the summer of 1983.

Actively involved with horses for 12 years, Bev took up teaching at 21 when she passed the maximum age for pony club membership.

Bev, who has been with the Commission five years, early this year moved from Secretarial Services to Land Management section.

Movement to music gaining momentum

It isn't the sort of thing that would make a talent scout for Sir Robert Helpmann pirouette into raptures, but if the program takes off in Valley-based installations it could make life a lot easier for keyboard operators.

"Movement to music" is the new pilot program designed to ease muscle stress in data entry keyboard operators and some typists.

The idea has been adopted at Monash House and from all reports is a great success, with an increase in morale and a decrease in employee absence.

Acting Accounting Officer Tony Boulton said the program was designed to help relieve muscle fatigue and the associated tension which can come from sitting for long periods performing repetitive tasks.

"We could see benefits in the overall well-being of the staff," Tony said. "These girls have limited opportunities to move around and it tiredness is alleviated, the result is an enhanced feeling of well-being, leading to better work relations."

The program consists of two five-minute breaks a day where set exercises are performed to music.

It was decided to adopt a pilot program and six representatives, three from Data Processing (Morwell), one each from Morwell and Loy Yang Typing, and an Occupational Health Nurse recently began an intensive two-day course as group leaders.



Good response to "save it"

The "Save it, don't waste it" article featured in the August issue of "Contact" has resulted in quite a number of entries in the energy savings slogan competition run by Harry Leifman and his energy savings team.

"So far we've received 90 slogans and one suggestion," Harry said, "And they keep coming in every day."

The suggestion was submitted by an employee from the Yallourn drawing office.

"It concerned the number of fluorescent lights left on after hours, and we'll certainly be looking into it," Harry said.

Harry said that even though he was pleasantly surprised with the response to the slogan competition, there was no need for people to rest on their laurels.

"The competition is open until the end of September, and we hope to get a lot more entries before the closing date, so hop into it," he said.



COAL PRODUCTION

Thursday — a good knight not to become board

24.N (2)-N 3 RxNch and mates, may not mean very much to some people, but to John Schumettermaier and others of the Morwell chess club, it is a very nasty position to be in, particularly if they are white.

John, who works in the Yallourn open cut is vice-president of the Morwell chess club, and there are many other Commission personnel who are also members.

President, Eddie Wagner works at Hazelwood power station, and treasurer David Montgomery works at Hazelwood terminal station.

The club has only recently joined the Victorian Chess Association, and as members, it can field entries in all official competitions held throughout the state. So far the club has managed to attract 14 paid-up members, and has recently concluded a fiercely contested round of games with Warragul chess club.

"We lost the series 3-1," John



Above: A Thursday night chess club meeting at Ronald Reserve Hall sees Dave Montgomery, Gunther Langst, Theo Van Der Meulen, John Schumettermaier, Wally Lacy, Eddy Wagner, Joe Lapuh and Peter Meteijew checking out the problem board.

said, "But considering they were runners-up to Ballarat in the last country championships, I think we did fairly well for ourselves. In the last game with Warragul, we had ten boards going — we won four and lost the balance."

John said the club was going from strength to strength and approaches have been made to Sale with the aim of establishing regular club competition bouts.

"We also expect to field a team

for the Victorian country championships next year," John said.

Membership for the club costs \$10 for six months entry and \$2.50 for under 18 juniors. However, if only the odd game is required, then a charge of 50 cents a night is levied.

Meetings of the chess club are held at the Ronald Reserve Hall, Vary Street, Morwell every Thursday night. All visitors are welcome.

OPEN CUTS GET NEW FACILITIES

The Yallourn open cut fire service complex will soon be on the move to a new location near coal production maintenance.

The move, prompted by the development of the open cut, is scheduled to begin soon with expected delivery of components for the new site.

The building, comprising seven portable units is being manufactured by Cemac Constructions. They will eventually be transported to the east field in the 1990's.

Acting open cut fire service officer Wally Lennon said the new facilities will offer considerable improvements over existing ones.

"The workshop, storage and wash-down areas will be a big improvement on the present ones," said Wally. "Also our communications will be greatly improved. The system will be much more accessible and we'll be able to keep our finger on the pulse the whole time."

Open cut planning engineer, Stuart Lister said the provision of a mimic board in the fire service office would give personnel up-to-

the-minute information on the fire service systems.

"The board, which is being designed by fuel department at the moment, will indicate direction of flow, pressure, and the position of various valves. Also, a number of valves will be electrically operated. We are aiming at automating the complex as much as possible," he said.

Meanwhile the pre-fabricated modular buildings which will make up the operations' new amenities complex opposite the Morwell open cut control centre have been bolted into position.

Open cut planning engineer John Hartley said the operation went smoothly and internal fittings were now being installed.

"The sewerage and water supplies should be connected by early October and we hope the buildings can be occupied by mid-November," said John.

The buildings have been designed to accommodate up to 200 day labor coal production employees.

New overall record for open cuts

Yallourn open cut's dredgers set a new coal-winning record in July but only just.

A total of 2 346 346 tonnes of coal was won from Yallourn in the month — just 43 tonnes more than June's record-breaking amount.

And Yallourn's contribution gave the combined figure from the three Latrobe Valley open cuts a place in the record books.

The trio produced 3 742 623 tonnes of coal in July. The previous best was 3 425 410 tonnes in March this year.

Morwell open cut contributed 1 375 587 tonnes and Yallourn North extension 20 690 tonnes to the record-breaking month.



ENGINEERING SERVICES

BEFORE

When the old municipal offices went up in a cloud of smoke last month, it wasn't an idea conceived in the heat of the moment.

In fact they went up a few times as part of a carefully planned exercise involving Morwell and Yallourn fire services, and the stores auxiliary fire crews.

The first part of the exercise demonstrated the potential danger of plastic rubbish bins. Two bins, one metal and one plastic, were filled with rubbish and lit. The rubbish in the metal bin eventually burnt itself out, but the plastic bin continued to burn and melted resulting in the first fire as planned.

This signalled the call to both the

Below: "Chook" Churchill helps Ken Shaw on with his breathing apparatus.



Above: The old municipal offices in Yallourn — as they once were.

Morwell and Yallourn fire services crews who were stationed at Yallourn fire services and they sped to the "rescue," and successfully extinguished the blaze.

The next part of the exercise involved a practical demonstration of search and rescue techniques using breathing apparatus in a smoke filled area.

Then it was the auxiliary crews' turn to extinguish the fire, but they

needed a little assistance from the fire services personnel.

Fire services supervisor Chris Salter said the exercise also demonstrated the reaction of asbestos cement sheeting when exposed to high temperatures.

"Quite simply it explodes," said Chris. "Because it gets so hot on the inside and is relatively cool on the outside, an enormous heat differential is created resulting in tremendous pressure and the stuff just explodes into pieces about the size of your fist — not the sort of thing to be around."

DURING



Above: At the height of the fire, pieces of exploded asbestos cement sheeting can be seen littering the ground.

Left: The blaze extinguished, a pile of crumbling ruins now remain.



AFTER

Safety demands joint approach

Teamwork is the key to the development of a high level of industrial safety and occupational health in Australian industry.

That was the message Area Administration Manager, John Hutchinson, delivered to a Victorian Industrial Safety Convention at Monash University.

John said safety and health codes could be negotiated and legislated, but the vital ingredient to ensure success was a commitment from all those involved, from the management through to the shop floor.

"Adversary roles must be set aside and replaced by co-operation ... without it we are almost wasting our time," he said.

Joint management/union groups looking at broader issues relating to health and safety would play an important role in developing both co-operative and effective programs.

Great Potential

"When there are people of good will, the potential of such groups is enormous. In examining key issues together, members develop respect for each other and their points of views, and reach a position of mutual trust," John said.

Adequately trained and properly supported supervisors were essential in gaining the improvement in industrial safety and health performance that was being sought by Governments, employers, unions and the community generally, he said.

"The supervisor often has to tread a fine line — a good, safe working environment relies to a great extent on his or her ability to identify potential problems and to move effectively to prevent or solve them.

"The fine line, of course, is in recognising where line management must become involved," he said.

Equipping the supervisor for the task of improving safety is dependent on the person recognising the fine line and the employer the importance of the supervisor."

John said safety and industrial relations practices were very similar in that both areas required cautious approaches.

"Industrial relations and safety considerations are very much inter-related — with guidelines for one often applying to the other.



Area Administration Manager John Hutchinson presented a paper on Industrial Relations and the Supervisor at the 1982 Victorian Industrial Safety Convention at Monash University.

The convention, with the theme "Technological Change and Industrial Safety" drew attendance from industry, the union movements and the State Government.

This article is based on John's address to the convention.

Communicate because you want to, not because you have to.

Training

John said that in equipping the new supervisor to carry out his role, it was generally recognised there was a need for inter-personal skills, technical information and organisational background.

"Frequently, this has been provided shortly after appointment and there has been little in the way of subsequent training.

"However, I believe training should be tailored to a supervisor's needs, not only at appointment, but should be continued at subsequent stages of his or her career.

"Similarly, accident prevention training has always been a feature of our supervisory training, although again it has tended to be provided on entry rather than over a continuing period.

"Recognising the importance of the role, then it is clearly necessary to equip our supervisors with considerable information concerning current critical areas of health and safety, as well as ensuring they fully understand requirements related to Safety, Health and Welfare Act.

"Adversary roles must be set aside and replaced by co-operation . . ." "The practise of agreeing goals in these areas, measuring performance

"For example, my personal industrial relations philosophy is based on four points which apply with equal strength to safety in the work place.

"They are —

- prevention is preferable to settlement. Develop the ability to assess a situation and read the play;
- action is preferable to reaction. It is far better to approach a shop steward with the problem rather than wait for the shop steward to come to you;
- consult as equals rather than confront as adversaries. This is the opposite of the "if you don't like it, you can lump it" approach;
- talk and meet regularly — not only when there is a crisis. Develop understanding and effective communication links.

and discussing it as part of an on-going process is essential."

Fan mail pours in

The August issue of "Contact" ran a story on the four new guides at the Morwell Visitors' Centre, and judging by the fan mail they recently received from a visiting group they must be doing an excellent job.

The Cowes primary school recently visited the works area, and on returning home they were set the job of writing their impressions for homework.

A short while later, 14 "impressions" arrived at the Visitors' Centre with titles ranging from "The Exciting Trip" to "A Great Day Out".

Some of the offerings, in their original form, included: "The trip to Morwell was exciting. We even had a tour guide to guide us to electric power station." And, "I had an enjoyable day. On the bus I sat with Mrs. Marks who was knitting. Then we saw a film. Then we went to Open Lawn Cut."

Those sort of letters must make being a guide a lot of fun.

Suggestion scheme gets big boost

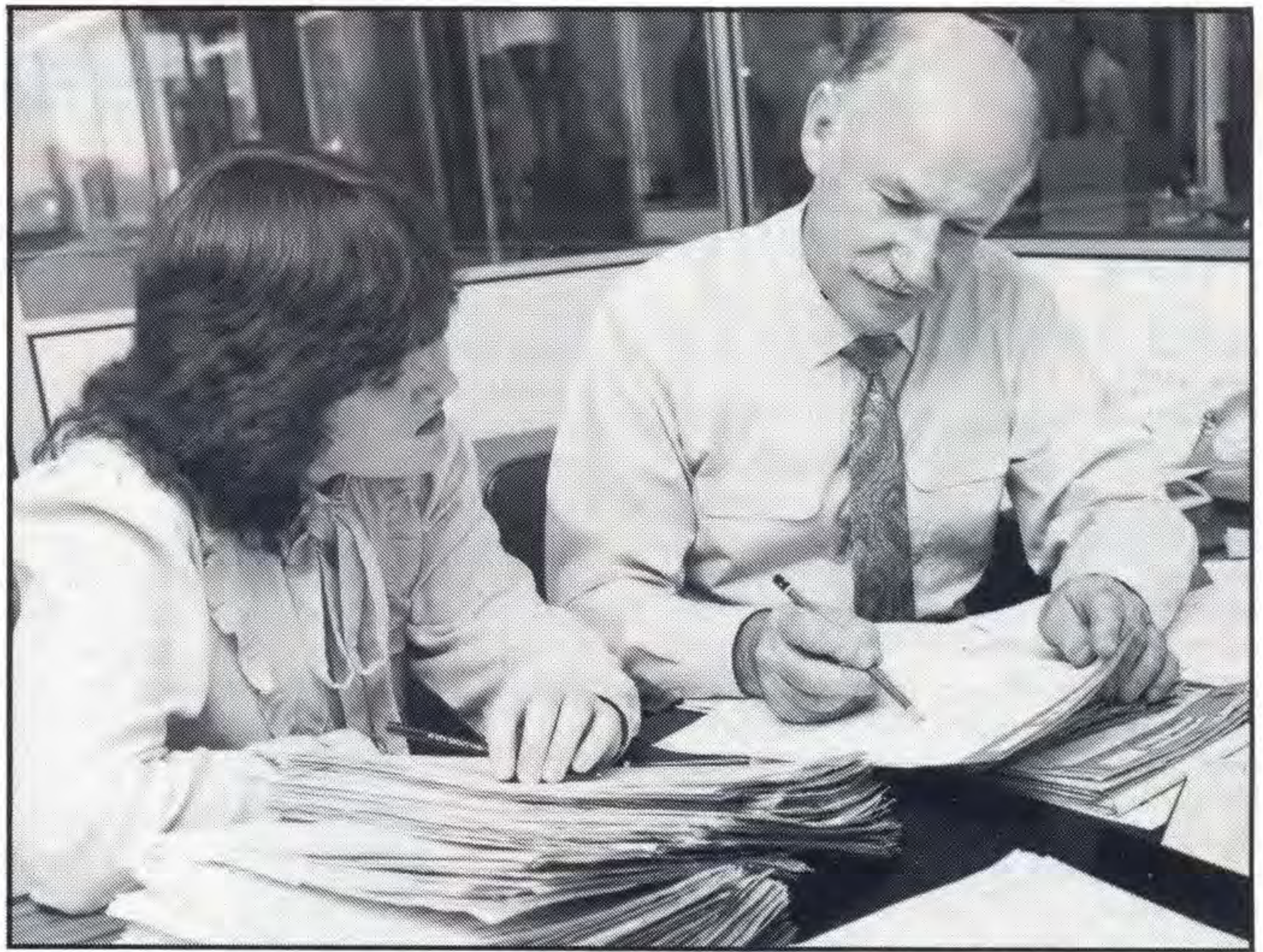
The Commission's suggestion scheme procedure is likely to be improved with the newly introduced weekly Valley visits by Monash House-based Suggestion Scheme Secretary Bert Badrock from Personnel Development and Services Department.

Bert, who has many years technical experience, is trying to streamline the present assessment of suggestions as they come to hand.

"We are having a push in the Valley to help various departments ease the general backlog of suggestions which has built up," said Bert.

"Every suggestion that comes our way must receive due consideration. Obviously, some require greater investigation than others, but each one must be examined on its merits. By being in the Valley, I can assist investigative teams and keep the paperwork down to a minimum."

The suggestion scheme has been in operation, in one form or another



since 1953. Since that time, annual savings in tangible areas for the Commission have averaged about \$1.4 million, with a total of \$193 000 being paid out in awards up to July 1 this year. Of this some \$70 000 has been paid out in "intangible" areas, areas where the costing of benefits is difficult to make in real terms.

"There's no doubt the scheme saves the Commission large sums

of money," said Bert. "Those who make suggestions are motivated firstly by the prospect of making a little extra money, and secondly by the thought that their own efficiency and the efficiency of the Commission can be improved."

Above: Suggestion Scheme Secretary Bert Badrock with his assistant Diane Nash steadily working through the pile of suggestions.

Couple cop great soccer final view

Watching the recent World Cup soccer final from the Madrid stadium's police pen could have proved embarrassing for some people.

But not for Dick Bosma (operations, Hazelwood power station) and his wife Nancy. They were delighted.

The couple were on a three-month tour of America and Europe, the highlight of which was watching 15 World Cup games, including the Madrid final between Italy and West Germany.



The final crowd was so tightly-packed that Nancy, who had caught the flu on arriving in Madrid, began to feel sick and told Dick she would have to leave.

It was then that friendly Spanish policemen came to the rescue and gave the Morwell couple V.I.P. treatment.

They placed Dick and Nancy in the police pen along with 20 other fans of all nationalities, police dogs and guns.

The final was the highlight of an incident-packed long service trip for Dick and Nancy, who retired last year as a tealady at Yallourn W. She was previously laundry manageress and had worked 21 years for the Commission.

The couple had their passports, soccer cup accommodation tickets, travellers cheques and presents from United States stolen at Holland's Schiphol Airport in Dick's hometown — Amsterdam.

Frantic phone calls were made back to daughter Marion in Newborough. She contacted SEC credit union travel consultant Robyn Bail in Morwell who helped ease the couple's predicament with a timely telex to Sydney.

The much-criticised system of allocating tickets for the finals paid off for Dick and Nancy. Tickets were sold as a package along with travel and accommodation. Match tickets were obtained at the Spanish hotels after checking in.

"It was a holiday of a lifetime. If the 1986 finals are held in the States we will be going to them," said Dick who has given 30 years experience to the Latrobe Valley Soccer League.

Wife Nancy was the first female Australian soccer administrator when she was appointed league registrar in 1959.



POWER GENERATION

Ray's family tree branches everywhere

Ray Goldsbrough certainly is a dedicated family man, having traced his family name in different variations, back over 250 years.

Ray, acting Assistant Briquette Distribution Superintendent with Morwell Briquette and Power, has been tracing his family tree for more than 15 years now.

"To begin with I wasn't particularly interested in our family history," said Ray who has discovered that his grandmother was born in a bullock wagon when her parents were travelling through the Monaro High Plains.

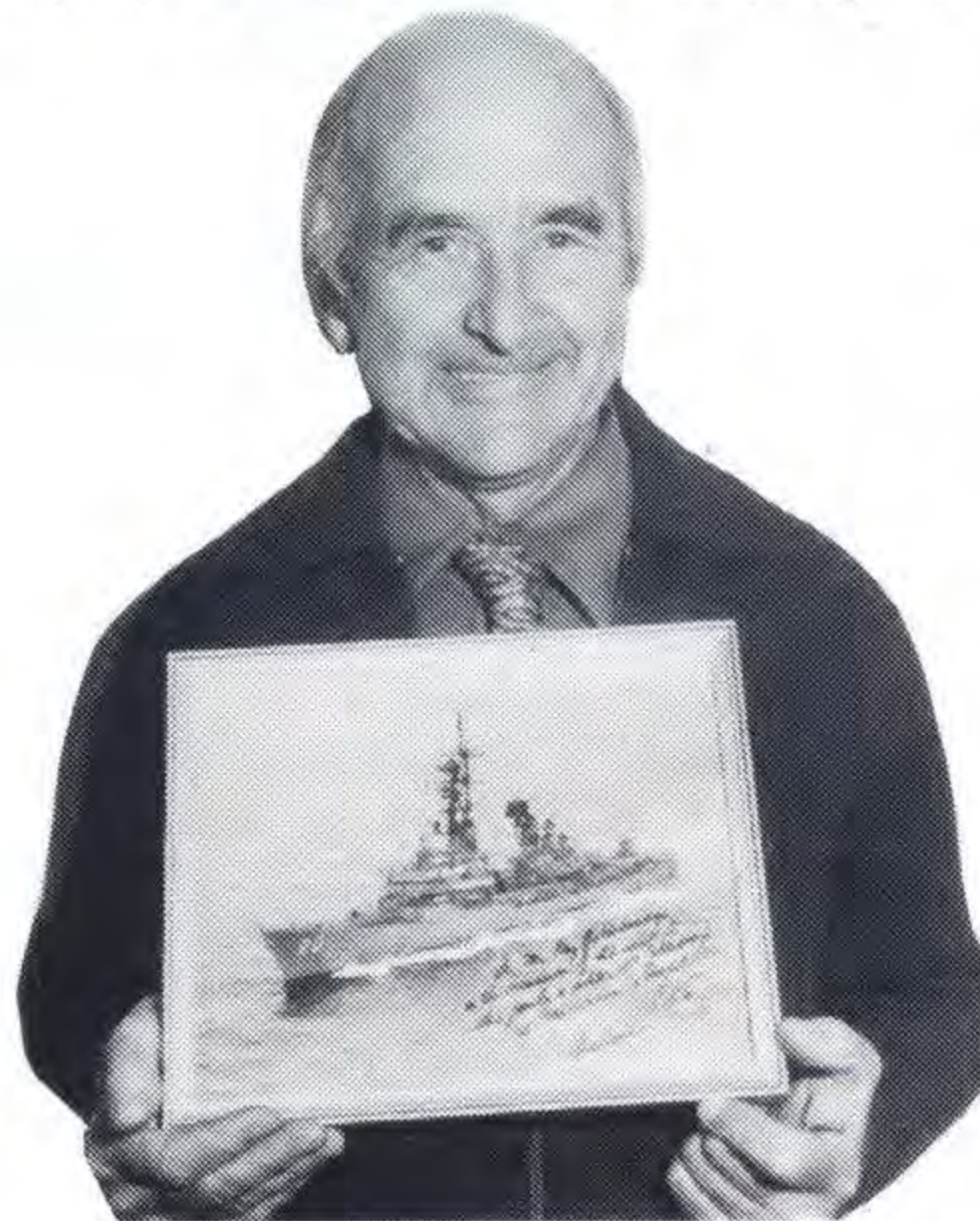
"However, my father received a letter from a Judge in Maryland in the United States saying he was a relative of his, and then later, during the war I heard that a relative of mine in Sydney had a copy of a book detailing our family history."

The book, "Memorials of the Goldesborough Family", had been published by private subscription and a copy was owned by the Maryland's Judge, thus leading him to Ray's father.

"By this time I was becoming interested in my grandfather's life, as he was rarely mentioned, being considered a bit of a black sheep."

Ray eventually traced down his grandfather's birthplace to Hurworth in what was then County Durham, just across the border from Yorkshire.

"I wrote about 20 letters and finally got a list tracing our ancestry back to 1618. This was during the Catholic persecutions and the family split, with some escaping to



Above: Ray with yet another branch of his family tree; an autographed photo of the USS Goldsborough, named after a distant relation.

Yorkshire and the remainder emigrating to the United States."

Ray has personally traced direct links back to 1739, beginning with George Goldsbrough.

"It's real detective work — you find confusion arises between birth and baptism dates, and so many christian names are the same, you have to make really fine distinctions to sort them out," Ray said.

"Memorials of the Goldesborough Family" traces the origins of the village and parish to near Knaresborough on the River Nidd, Yorkshire. The village was named after a Saxon princess who was the daughter of a minor King Ethelbright. Her name could've been Godwin, Godensburg, or Goldsborough.

Then, in 1086 a Norman knight, Hubert was granted the Goldsborough lands by William the Conqueror and was given seven serfs to help him work the estate. He took the name De Goldsburg. "Memorials of the Goldesborough Family" traces directly back to a Hugo De Goldesburc who owned the land in 1165-66.

Other derivations of the name include Goldsbro', Gouldesburgh, Gouldisburgh, Goldsborough, and of course, Goldsbrough.

Work on Yallourn W char collectors halfway

Installation of char collectors in stage one of Yallourn W power station has reached the halfway mark.

Each of the 12 precipitators in stage one is to be fitted with a char collector and Flakt Australia has recently completed the sixth unit.

The collectors are being installed to reduce the amount of char passing through the precipitators, which cannot handle the material. The collectors are positioned ahead of the precipitators, so that by the time the flue gases reach the precipitators they have only to remove the fine ash.

Centrifugal separators remove

the char and it falls to the bottom of a collection hopper where it is mixed with water and pumped to the Yallourn North ash pond along with all other products of boiler combustion.

Power Station Superintendent, Norm Bowles, said the collectors were proving successful.

"We've observed the performance of the six installed collectors and it's most encouraging to see large quantities of char being removed.

We're now looking forward to installing the remaining six."

The \$8 million project is expected to be completed by June next year.

A STAR IS EUAN

It's not often that an assistant unit controller gets the chance to be a movie star.

But for Euan Patterson of Hazelwood power station that's exactly what did happen.

Euan has been enrolled at the McMillan School of Rural Studies in Leongatha pursuing a course on relief milking, and the ABC was interested in doing a program on the course for its documentary series "Country Wide".

So, one Saturday late last month, Euan spent three hours being followed around his Commission work area by an ABC television crew, who compared his day to day life as an assistant unit controller with his "hobby" of relief milker.

"It wasn't too bad," Euan said. "But it took some getting used to at first."



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

The way we were

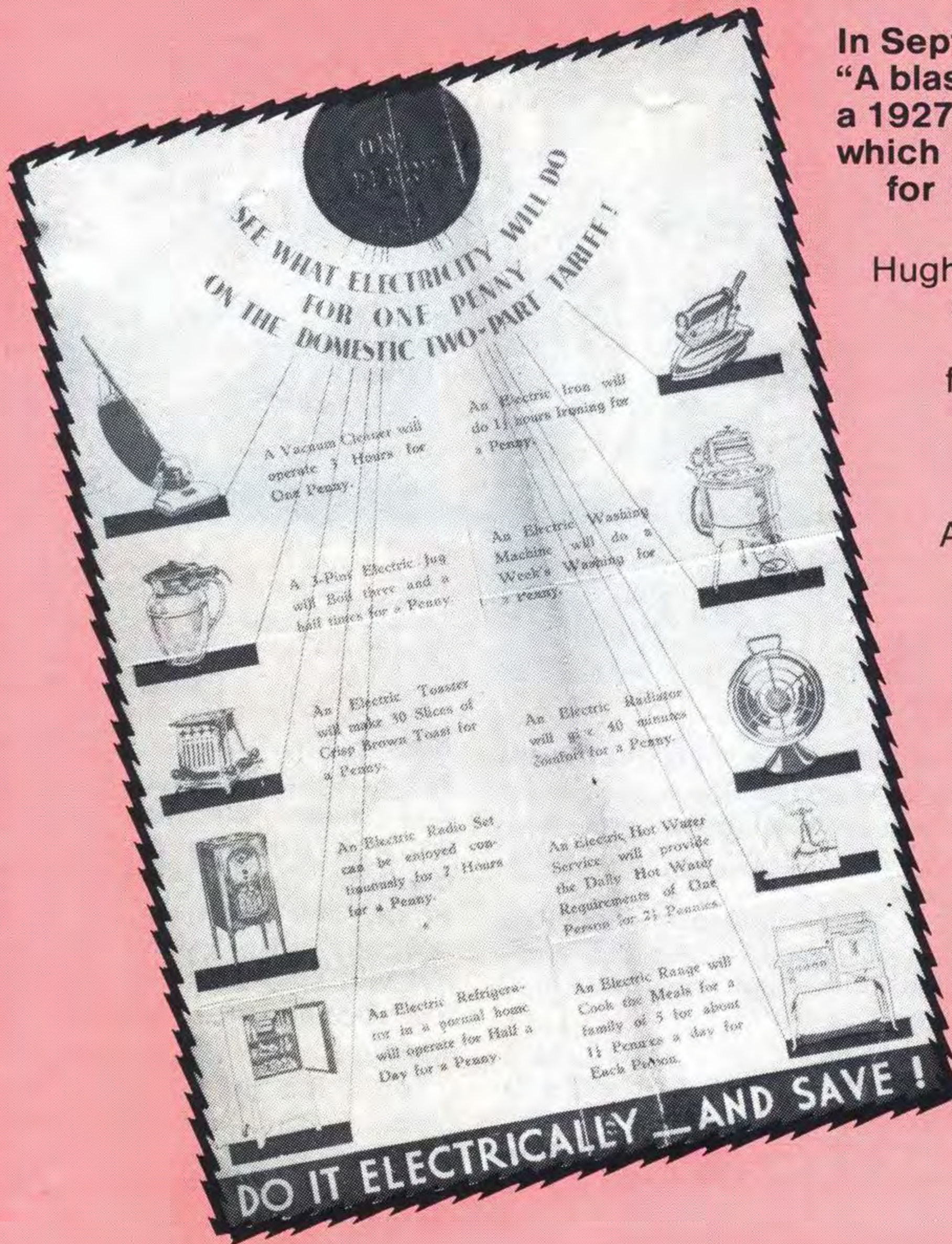
In September '81 Contact ran a story—"A blast from the past" which looked at a 1927 edition of the Melbourne Herald which also included an advertisement for briquettes costing a mere two shillings and ninepence.

Hugh McGregor of the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, Morwell recently unearthed an old advertisement from behind a photo mounted in a frame which glorified the purchasing power of the penny in relation to electricity.

A vacuum cleaner would operate for three hours for one penny and a refrigerator would operate for half a day for the same price in a home. An electric radiator would operate for 40 minutes for a penny and an electric washing machine would do a week's washing for a penny.

These costs might seem inexpensive but the basic wage in those days was less than £4/0/0d a week.

It just goes to show how far a penny did go in those days — about as far as a dollar goes now.



Switch rises to the occasion

It was a matter of up, up, and away when the components for the new Yallourn telephone exchange arrived in Yallourn early this month.

The Dimension 2000 computer-based exchange is identical to that already in service in Morwell and Loy Yang.

It will be located next door to the existing exchange in the Tests and Communications building in Yallourn. The new exchange was hoisted, piece by piece, through a gap left in

the south end of the building. Once the equipment is installed, the gap will be bricked up.

Communications Major Projects Engineer, Stan Brown said that once installed, the equipment would go through the usual commissioning procedure and this should be completed by October 15.

"However, it won't be up and running in the Latrobe Valley system until sometime March next year," Stan said. "Even though there was about 800 metres between the new and old facilities in Morwell when we made the connection into the system, and there is only about three metres between them here, it is still going to take the same time to re-route the lines. The equipment will be installed and commissioned but there is about three of four

months of hard work ahead of us."

During that time the Yallourn manual switch facilities will be moved over to the Latrobe Valley Control Centre in Morwell, and all radio facilities will also be moved across.

The new exchange will provide Yallourn with the same facilities now available at Morwell and Loy Yang. A feature of the new system will be the facility to program appropriate phone to reach anywhere within the proposed State-wide SEC communications network simply by dialling seven digits. Each zone will be prefixed by three numbers, and provided the dialler's phone has been programmed for that purpose, he will be able to reach part, if not all the network.

Club Notes...

Morwell Staff Social Club

With the second issue of "Castle Chit Chat", the Morwell Staff Social Club newsletter, in circulation already, the Club certainly seems to have been injected with a new lease of life.

Last issue of "Contact" ran a photo of the new committee and it seems they're dead keen to get things off the ground.

The 70 tickets for the Chinese banquet at the Inn of Happiness in Morwell earlier this month lasted about half the morning they went on sale.

A great night followed with everyone enjoying the food and drinks covered by the \$10 a head entry. The food was of an exceptional standard, and entertainment was provided by Rod Doig doing Chesty Bond imitations, and then returning to his normal posture.

It is believed that Rod will be repeating his uplifting performance at the extra night planned for September 10 (also booked out).

The keen response to both nights suggest the future success of the Morwell Staff Social Club is assured.

Other activities under consideration are a possible bus trip to Melbourne for a live show, restaurant, trots, a barbecue following a car rally, and possibly an Indian or Mexican restaurant night.

If you're not a member and you want to join, then check with any of the following committee members:

Bill Hall (3640), John Hallyburton (3740), Tony Dickinson (864 2540 Loy Yang), Rod Doig (3663), Alan MacRae (3265), Bob Speed (2162), Dael Prowse (3657), Mike Ritchie (2169), David Madden (3805), or John Hayden (3620).

Main Office Social Club

Just champion! That's how survey officer Fred Agius must have felt mid-August after winning the Yallourn main office social club table tennis title.

Harold Bridge presents winner Fred Agius (left) and runner-up Bill Ypelaan with their prizes.



Fred beat Bill Ypelaan (Civil Drawing Office) in a best of five games final. Fred got the edge in the fifth game to run out a worthy 21-17 winner.

The winner received a \$30 voucher from Sportsman's Roost, the runner-up a record voucher from Roxy Music.

Both players were making their first appearances in the final of the competition which has been held for three years.

Last year's winner, Peter Dany, did not enter this year while beaten finalist Gary Gooding was knocked out this year by Bill Ypelaan.

Following hot on the heels of the table tennis competition is a pool competition which has attracted about 30 nominations.

The competition will take place in the main office canteen, with rounds being spread over two months. Each contestant will have two cracks at making their way through the eliminations. First prize will be a \$20 gift voucher, and second prize will be a \$10 gift voucher.

On a not-so-sporting note, about 90 members of the main office social enjoyed a Chinese night at the Wan Loy Restaurant in Traralgon recently.

Thanks to the generosity of the restaurant proprietors the social club was left with 10 casks of their own wine which they decided to raffle. Reg Walley won a big fluffy dog in another competition.

Morwell Briquette and Power Social Club

Morwell Briquette and Power social club is starting a happy hour every Wednesday at the Morwell Bowling Club and Recreation Centre in Hazelwood Road. The evening will feature not only cut price refreshments, but will also see the drawing of the "Bonanza Lucky Draw" each week.

There will be 39 prizes up for grabs in the first week, plus a bonus of an electric appliance for one of the lucky winners in the first draw.

Tickets will be sold at three for a dollar and there is no limit on the number that can be purchased.

Drinking will assume a pre-budget flavor with 15 cents off mixed drinks, and six ounce glasses of beer selling for 35 cents.

Everyone is welcome so go along check out the extravaganza.

Social club members were recently entertained by the skill of Eddie Charlton and Paddy Morgan at the Gippsland Institute in Churchill. Eddie and Paddy are playing a competition around Victoria as part of a Toyota-Lions Club fund raising drive.

At Churchill, Eddie won five frames to two from Paddy who is trailing in the overall competition 64-79.

Canteen manager Lex Derham said the playing was excellent, with some superb trick shots being played by both contestants.

EARLY RISE FOR DREDGER MEASURERS

Setting off to work at 3.30 a.m. is not everybody's cup of tea.

But for SEC construction officer Jack Brown it was essential recently that he be on the job before the crack of dawn.

Jack, SEC contract supervisor for No 15 dredger erection, needed to be at the construction site early in the morning with Terry Bittner of the SEC survey group at Loy Yang to measure the "flatness" of the ball path on the digging unit platform.

The measurements had to be made before the sun came up to ensure they weren't affected by expansion and contraction of the platform.

It was the second time this Winter that Jack and his colleague had made the early start — they measured the digging unit under-frame ball path about a month earlier, along with SEC supervisor Rudi Hess and engineer David Crawford.

Measurements are taken every nine degrees (40 in total) around the ball path which is made up of ten segments bolted together to form a circle.

"Measurements for No 14 dredger, now winning overburden in the open cut, were taken during the warmer Summer months. The first measurements for No 15 dredger



were taken in chilly three degrees centigrade temperatures," said Jack. Following verification of the levels, the platform was expected to be rotated and placed on top of the digging unit underframe by the end of last month.

Meanwhile, construction of the dredger's other unit, the loading unit is progressing satisfactorily. The ball path seat is at present being machined.

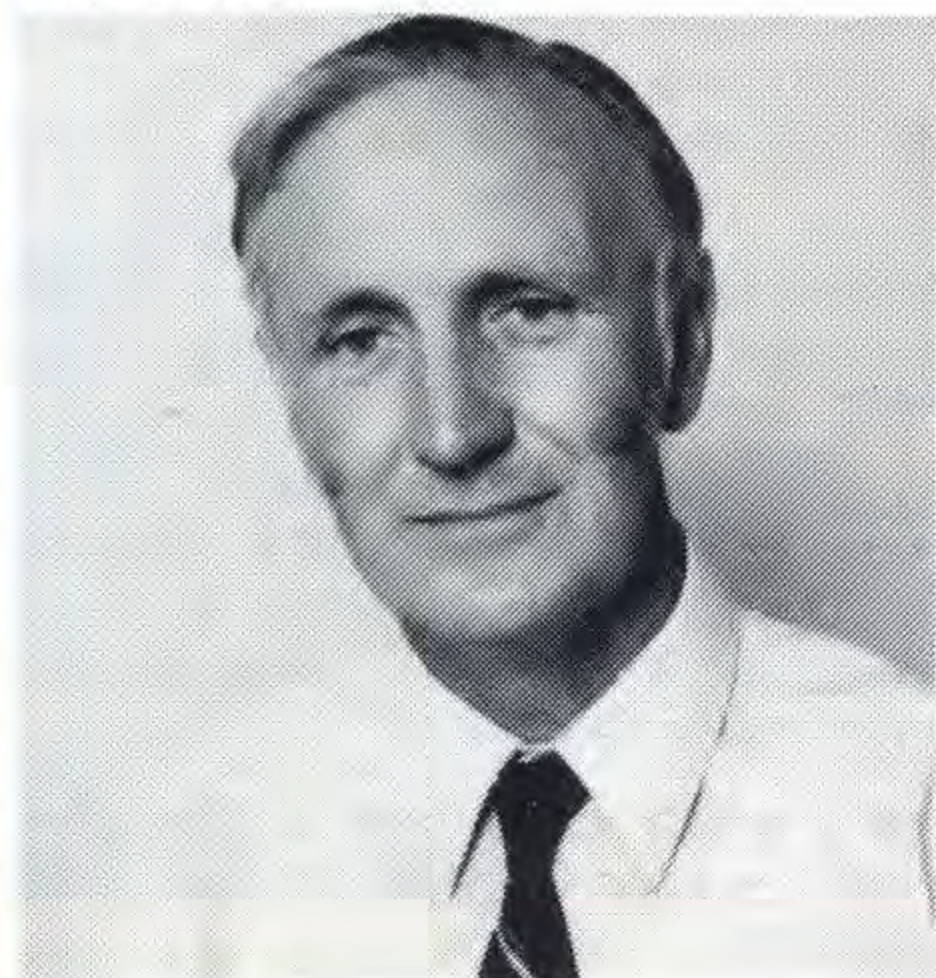
When the platform is firmly secured to the digging unit under-frame, the tower can be built up. The ballast boom should be fitted in early November, with the dredger due for completion in August next year.

Above: Jack Brown (left) and David Crawford watch as Transfield fitter Agostino Agostino (measuring) and T/A Muammer Sun carry out tests.

Home sweet home for Charles

Charles Dodd can now call Loy Yang "Home Sweet Home".

This month Loy Yang's industrial chaplain moved into his own on-site office.



The office, located between Thiess Bros second chimney construction site and the new Loy Yang model centre, is clearly marked "Industrial Chaplain".

Charles can be contacted by telephone on 6009 or 74 4602 (AH).

Industrial chaplaincy has been part of the Latrobe Valley for about 15 years.

The Valley chaplaincy consists of a body 10 churches working closely together for a common goal. The group ranges from the Salvation Army to the Catholic Church.

Chaplains are interested in

everything that is going on in a mixed society, but with particular reference to the work place," said Charles.

Pressures both outside work and at work are areas of concern to chaplains.

"Chaplaincy hopes to promote positive experiences at work — we are interested in better relationships, the discovery of work satisfaction and the opportunity for promotion through increased skills," added Charles.

Charles who was on the Thomson Dam construction site for five years, can be contacted through the SEC receptionist by the main door of the Construction office.

Service Register

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

25 YEARS

Ron Stewart	Fire Services
Tony Kind	Workshops, Morwell
Ellis Baker	Yallourn Power Station
Jim Samson	Yallourn Power Station
Reg Weaver	Yallourn W Power Station
Dennis Hallinan	Yallourn W Power Station
Erwin Baver	Yallourn W Power Station
Peter Rowe	Morwell Briquetting & Power
Harry Hoogendoorn	Morwell Briquetting & Power
Ron Hardy	Morwell Briquetting & Power
Frank McDougall	Training Group, Power Generation

30 YEARS

Jack Wilkinson	Stores, Morwell
Len Millar	Yallourn Open Cut
Bernard Murphy	Workshops, Yallourn
Bill Short	Workshops, Yallourn

31 YEARS

Wollodymyr Dedynskij	Yallourn Open Cut
Tadeusz Regulski	Yallourn Open Cut
Pat Bartholomeusz	Management, Engineering Services
Bob Aiken	Yallourn Power Station
Leo Wise	Yallourn W Power Station

32 YEARS

Leon Dawson	Property
Norm Casey	Patrol
Bob Howell	Civil, Yallourn
Albert Ferguson	Civil, Morwell
Ted McClurkin	Yallourn Open Cut
Pat Murphy	Yallourn Power Station

33 YEARS

John Allan	Patrol
Ross Anderson	Morwell Open Cut
Martin Ryan	Morwell Open Cut
Jim Benson	Yallourn Power Station
Bill Cunliffe	Yallourn Power Station
Ray Ellis	Yallourn W Power Station
Michael McDade	Newport 'D'

34 YEARS

Bryan Ware	Morwell Open Cut
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35 YEARS

Bob Taffs	Workshops, Yallourn
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37 YEARS

Dick Gray	Patrol
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41 YEARS

Keith Taffs	Yallourn Power Station
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THEIR TARGET IS '84



Danielle Laws-Herd and father/ coach Keith, Officer-in-Charge of the Morwell Atmospheric Science Group are right on target. Danielle has just returned from the Pacific Schools Games in Brisbane where she bettered her personal times in three swimming events.

Competing against school children from all over Australia as well as New Zealand, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and New Guinea, Danielle reached the finals in the 50 metres backstroke where she recorded 32.9, her best individual effort. She also recorded personal best times in her legs competing in the 4 x 50 freestyle (28.8) and the medley relay (backstroke — 31.85).

Keith who has done a level one coaching course, said that in the last 18 months, Danielle has constantly improved her times.

"It's a bit difficult to remain objective with your own, but on times alone there's no doubt that Danielle is really improving," said Keith.

"She's presently aiming for the Target '84 squad which will give her access to specialist training in Melbourne and at that stage I'll bow out. On the basis of the times she recorded in Brisbane, it looks like she is already close to qualifying for the squad."

Keith also coaches a small junior and senior class of swimmers at Churchill Leisure Centre for the Churchill Amateur Swimming Club.



retirements



Jim Ireland

Jim Ireland was presented with a wallet of notes and a number two golfing wood when he retired from the Commission as a patrolman recently.

Jim joined the Commission 32 years ago as a T/A with the construction branch at Yallourn power station. He was appointed patrolman six years later.

Jim intends to stay locally and concentrate on his game of golf.



Jim Rowlands

Jim Rowlands recently retired from the Commission after 27 years, and was farewelled by colleagues at a function at the Visitors' Reception Centre.

John joined the Commission in 1955 as a boilerhouse engineer at Yallourn power station. John retired from the position of planning and co-ordination engineer, section leader, Hazelwood power station. John will spend his retirement doing some fishing, gardening, home renovations and a bit of interstate travel.



Jack Scully

Collecting gemstones will keep Jack Scully busy now that he's retired from the Commission after more than 36 years service.

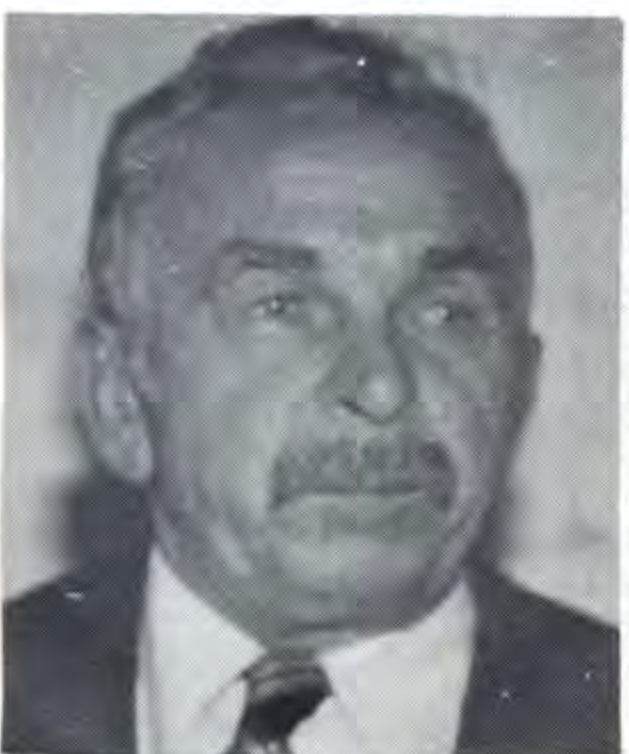
Jack joined the Commission as a boiler-maker in the workshops in 1946. He retired from the position of welder special class at Yallourn power station.

Jack also intends to do a bit of travelling around Licola looking for Jade to add to his collection.



Michael Peck

Michael Peck recently retired from the Commission after more than 23 years. He joined the Commission as a first class panel beater and retired from the same position at Yallourn transport workshops. Workmates presented Michael with a stereo cassette radio. Michael intends spending a lot of time with his grandchildren as well as putting in some work in his garden.



Eugene Lochki

Eugene Lochki recently retired from the Commission after ten years service. He joined the Commission as a T/A at Morwell Central Workshops in 1972, and moved to Hazelwood power station the following year.

Eugene was presented with a wallet of notes by workmates at a sendoff. He will get on with a bit of gardening and is thinking about a possible trip to Poland.



Sam Brymner

Sam Brymner was presented with a drill stand and a wallet of notes by Technical Services Engineer Albert Cavanagh at a retirement farewell function recently.

Sam joined the Commission in 1952 as an electrical fitter with Coal Production Department, Yallourn, and retired from the Commission as a technical services officer Grade four.

Sam will continue his interest in genealogy and following the development of heraldic crests.



Mark Lavery

Mark Lavery recently retired from the Commission after 12 years of service. He joined in 1970 and retired from the position of operator grade one at Morwell Brique and Power.

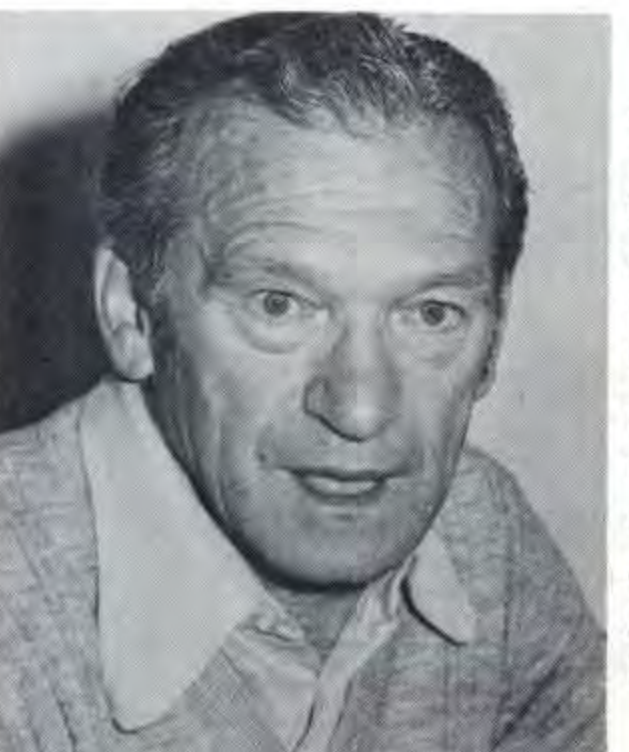
In his retirement, Mark intends to stay locally with a possible holiday to New Zealand, which will give him an opportunity to take full advantage of his favourite hobby, photography. He is also interested in gardening and a bit of fishing. He was presented with a wallet of notes by Power Station Superintendent Cyril Morellato.



John Gallagher

John Gallagher retired from the Commission after 37 years service recently. He retired from the position of foreman fitter.

At a sendoff he was presented with a wallet of notes by Assistant Coal Production superintendent Bruce King. An extremely keen gardener, John will be kept busy with not only his own, but with whatever neighbors' gardens he can be let loose in. He is also an active fisherman and apiarist.



Jake Van Maurik

Jake Van Maurik recently retired after more than 27 years service with the Commission.

He retired from the position of leading hand welder special class over 20. Workmates at bay 5 Yallourn workshops presented Jake with a picnic hamper, a mohair rug, and a dried flower arrangement for his wife.

Jake firstly plans to take a trip around Australia and then a possible trip to Holland.



Steven Callenberg

Steven Callenberg will be making plenty of music now that he has retired from the Commission. Steven joined the Commission in 1960 as a cleaner at Yallourn power station, and retired from the position of patrolman late in August. Patrol supervisor Ray Houghton presented him with a wallet of notes at a small sendoff by workmates.

Steven has recently bought a new electronic organ and will spend a lot of time brushing up on his playing.



SPORT



Three good sports score top awards

Football fever is almost over for another year but for three Commission employees the 1982 season will be one to remember.

John Kimberly, Col Brick and Brian Hodgson have all taken out best and fairest awards in local competitions.

John, a foreman with mechanical maintenance at Yallourn power station, won the Mid-Gippsland Football League senior best and fairest award when he polled 21 votes, five clear of three other players on 16.

John, a centreman, was only the fourth Thorpdale player to win the award. The club hadn't produced a best and fairest winner for 14 years.

Col Brick, a clerk with financial accounting, had a great year at centre half back with Churchill reserves to take out the MGFL second 18 award.

Col polled 16 votes to score by just one vote from the runner-up. He also won the club best and fairest award.

Churchill, after finishing the home and away matches at the top of the ladder, lost both the second semi and the preliminary final.

Brian Hodgson, a T/A at the Morwell Briquette and Power boiler-makers' shop, had a great year ruck-roving with Cowwarr in the North Gippsland League, winning the best and fairest with 20 votes.

Right: Col Brick (right) celebrates winning the reserves award with Churchill Football Club President Laurie Cleary.

Below: John Kimberly receives a congratulatory handshake from League president Bill McConville. Thorpdale coach Shorty Alexander is pictured left.



Gray's painful career

Gray Malone's injury interrupted football career passed a long-awaited milestone in mid-August.

Gray, a commercial officer with payrolls, played his 200th senior Latrobe Valley Football League game for Traralgon when he ran out against Sale.

But, like Everest, 200 games has been a difficult peak to conquer.

In 14 seasons with Traralgon, Gray, nicknamed Fluffy, has missed about 90 games through injury.

Worst of a bad bunch of injuries was the fractured cheek-bone he suffered early in his career.

But a broken ankle, which caused him to miss 13 weeks in the 1973-74 seasons, a five-times fractured nose and various muscle injuries, have taken their toll.

Now Gray, who missed the last two games of this season with a knee injury, is contemplating hanging up his boots.

This season has been particularly frustrating. Gray played in just nine of the 18 league games and has broken his nose twice.

Why so many injuries?

"It must be my style of play. I am a tenacious player, and I try and compensate for my lack of height," said 32-year-old Gray.

Despite his injuries, Gray still has an impressive record. He has played in eight LVFL grand finals, finishing with four winners' medals.

The 200 games milestone automatically qualifies Gray for life membership at Traralgon.