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Level crossing smash, Driver killed, Leslie Saward

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West Essendon, Niddrie, adopted a pan service charge of \$15.73 per annum. Sen-Det. D. H. Farley, of Sunshine CIB, said yesterday.

Level crossing smash



HYPHEN LOST LABOR SEAT?

A lively and fiery declaration of the poll climaxed the shock defeat of Labor in the Lalor electorate, but it might not be all over.

Legal action is being considered by 71-year-old Mr. Reg Pollard, who lost the blue ribbon Labor seat, which he has held for 17 years, to Mr. Mervyn Lee, the Liberal candidate.

The crowd which gathered outside the electoral office (Hampshire Rd.) to hear the Lalor returning officer, Mr. A. Walsh, declare the poll, on Monday, grew into a jeering and heckling mob as Mr. J. D. Brosnan, assistant State Secretary of the DLP, spoke on behalf of the DLP candidate, Mr. Jim Marmion.

Many of the interjections came when Mr. Brosnan claimed that a united Labor party would have held the seat.

Before the recount, Mr. Lee was in front by 1369, after receiving 20,411 of preference votes. Prior to distribution of preferences, Mr. Pollard had 43,222 primary votes to Mr. Lee's 29,202.

Mr. Pollard said at the declaration that close consideration was being given to a factor which could affect the validity of the poll.

He said a strange feature of the election was one of the nominations accepted in the name of Michael Owen Mansbridge Wood, whose name appeared last on the ballot paper under the surname Wood.

A Melbourne newspaper published Wood's address as 39 Percy St., St. Albans.

"A person, apparently the same, appears on the electoral roll in alphabetical order, as required by the Commonwealth Electoral Act, it would appear next under that of the Liberal candidate Mr. Lee and before that of the DLP candidate, Mr. Marmion.

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"The election result would, then have been different," Mr. Pollard said.

Mr. Pollard then extended his personal good will to Mr. Lee.

He said he had cause to differ on two decisions of the Lalor electorate returning officer, Mr. Walsh, but realised Mr. Walsh was in the unfortunate position to have to make these decisions.

Mr. Pollard rendered thanks for the courtesy and

Driver killed

The dramatic picture above, was taken by The Advocate's photographer minutes after a collision between a semi-trailer and a goods train at the Somerville Rd. level crossing at Brooklyn on Monday afternoon.

The driver of the truck, Leslie Saward of Macrina St., East Oakleigh, was killed instantly.

Ambulance men and police worked for half an hour to free Saward's body from the mangled cabin. The truck's unladen trailer was carried 100 yards along the line by the impact.

Police believe Saward waited for one train to pass then started to cross, but did not see the goods train approaching from the other direction until it was too late.