



Len Kropielinski and his wife Joanne on the left have lunch at the Jungfrau area with Ev Henderson and his wife Audrey. STORY AND PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOB FINDLAY



George Wilgress and Ev Henderson look up at a medieval church in the beautiful city of Berne, Switzerland while Len Kropielinski in the ski jacket and alpine hat gets ready to board the bus for another leg of the tour.

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS IN ZURICH

The Nanaimo Oldtimers Hockey Club participated in the 2nd Annual European International Ice Hockey Tournament held recently in Zurich, Switzerland.

As most of you know, we had four Harmac employees on the Nanaimo Oldtimers Team that recently returned from their European trip. George Wilgress, Ev Henderson, Len Kropielinski and Bob Findlay all participated, with George and Ev on defense, Len in goal and Bob behind the bench as coach. The team did very well by placing second in the 'B' Division, or about 8th out of 54 teams. They won games against Medicine Hat, Davos Switzerland and Charlottetown who were last year's 'D' Division winners. They won a tough semi-final game against the Quebec Aces Oldtimers to reach the finals where they lost their only game to Orillia, Ontario 3 - 1. The Silver Medal will be cherished by the team and the trip was a memorable one as can be seen by the photographs.

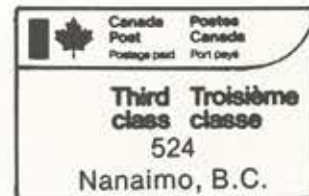


Two students from Nanaimo High School, Kelvyn Richards and Jim Smith, recently spent a day at Harmac, as a field trip that is part of their Grade XII Electricity option. Under the expert guidance of Electrician Tom Derbyshire, they spent the day touring the mill, with special attention to electrical installations.

The picture above shows them listening to Tom explain some of the complexities of the Texas Instruments programmable controller, used (in this instance) to regulate the operations of the baling equipment in the machine room.

Kelvin is on the right, Jim on the left.

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Left to right: Joe Manzini, skip; Ross Waring, lead; Bill Osolin, 2nd; Kio Nomura, 3rd. PHOTO COURTESY OF LEN LESOSKY

BONSPIEL A SUCCESS

The Harmac spring bonspiel, held at the Nanaimo Curling Club on Easter Monday, was a complete success, reports Ken Lesosky. Ken was drawmaster for the bonspiel.

The "A" Event, sponsored by Goodwill Bottling, was won by Skip Joe Manzini, with Kio Nomura playing 3rd, Bill Osolin at 2nd, and Ross Waring lead. Runners-up in this event were rinks skipped by Grant Coghill, Bill Hoskins and Larry Young.

Winner of the Cranberry Hotel "B" Event was the rink skipped by Charlie Burke, with Diana Baker at 3rd,

Maurice Rickerd at 2nd, and Jim Reiber lead. Runners-up were Gary Olson, John Grandin and Bob Gilchrist rinks.

The dance held as an evening wind-up was just as successful, and a fitting climax to a really enjoyable day, according to all who attended.

Drawmaster Ken asked that thanks be passed on to all those who helped with the arrangements. And, Ken says, "Thanks also" to the donors of the prizes, and a special 'thank-you' to Brian Smith, without whose help there might not have been a bonspiel.



Left to right: Jim Reiber, lead; Maurice Rickerd, 2nd; Diana Baker, 3rd; Charles Burke, skip. PHOTO COURTESY OF LEN LESOSKY

FIRST AID COMPETITION

Harmac will again enter a team in the annual First Aid Competition sponsored by the Workers' Compensation Board. The North Island competition will be held Saturday May 28, in Nanaimo.

The Harmac team won this competition last year, and will be going all out to try for a repeat performance this year.

The North Island area, roughly the north half of Vancouver Island, is one of the seven districts in B.C. The winner in each district will go to Kamloops in June to compete in the provincial finals, for the Department of Mines Cup.

Members of this year's Harmac team are Robin Harley (Captain), Wayne Bingham, Ken Carlson, Frank Sator and Peter Swanson. Coach of the team is John Fulla.

First aid competitions with province-wide entry have been held for over 50 years in B.C.



Looking up at carpenters Murray Dunphy and Harry Samm, replacing re-entry deck at #3 Woodroom. The old one had just about reached its allotted time.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those who took part in the recent First Aid Upgrading Course at Harmac. As a result of the examinations the following have these new ratings:

Ken Thaell - "AA"
Rolly Pratt - "A"
Rick Dakin - "A"
Wayne Bingham - "B"

John Fulla was instructor for the course.



From left to right; painters Joe Nadon, Doug Brown, Larry Whittaker and Frank Ballauf.

A BRIGHTER TURBINE ROOM

When the order came to paint the turbine room, Painter Supervisor John Quarnstrom picked Frank Ballauf, Doug Brown, Joe Nadon and Larry Whittaker to do it. When it came to selecting colours, John decided the men who were going to do the job might as well pick the colours, too.

The results are just a little bit different, for a turbine room in a pulp mill. Instead of the usual austere greys, buffs and maybe a bit of black or brown, Harmac's turbine room is a bright blend of pastel blue and green, plenty of gold, and a touch of silver here and there.

According to the men in the steam plant, it's absolutely A-OK, much more pleasant and cheerful than before. And better than that, according to clean-up man Jim Martin, who spends as much time there as anyone, it's not only a nicer place to work, it's a whole lot easier to keep clean!

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Jim Martin, in front of one of the [now] light gold turbines.

SUMMER RELIEF STUDENTS

This summer, as in the past, Harmac will employ University and college students for vacation relief. The exact number has not been decided at this point, but it is expected it will be close to 100, approximately the same as last year.

The students may be employed in any department, according to need and qualification. Usually they work for a period of four months, May through August.

According to Employee Services Assistant Bill Calder, the program serves both parties well. It enables more regular employees to take their vacations in the popular summer months, and it provides the students much needed employment, and the pay cheques they need in order to further their educational plans.

For the most part, the students are from Nanaimo and district, attending Malaspina College, the University of Victoria, or U.B.C. Many are sons or daughters of regular Harmac employees.

Students employed on Summer Relief, and who are returning to University or college to complete programs of education, are eligible to apply for MacMillan Bloedel Summer Relief Bursaries. Last year, two of the bursaries were awarded to summer students at Harmac.

OLD TIMERS

Retirement stories on long-service personnel have become a regular Conveyor feature. Readers may also be interested in occasional news of some of the old-timers who retired a few years ago. For instance --

A lot of Harmac men will remember Ernie Stevens, Central First Aid, who retired in 1973, Ernie and wife Hilda are doing fine, and have just celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. "It was a wonderful party," says Ernie.

He also says "Hello" to the boys, and "tell them I'll be out to see them, one of these days."

WHERE'S MY PICTURE?

The Conveyor's camera is getting to be a pretty familiar sight around the mill, and quite a few people have had their pictures taken. Some of the pictures have appeared in the Conveyor, and some not. Not yet, at any rate.

There are reasons for this.

Partly, it's due to the wish to always have a supply of interesting and usable pictures on hand. This means taking a lot of them, in all parts of the mill, and making a selection for each issue. Obviously, all cannot be printed.

There's also the matter of picture quality. Most of the Conveyor's pictures are taken 'on the job', in whatever conditions happen to exist at the moment, and preferably without holding up production while special lighting is obtained and people are carefully posed. In such circumstances, some pictures turn out well, but a fair number don't.

So to those who have posed so obligingly and haven't seen the results in print, please be patient: the picture may be in the "waiting" file, and may still turn up.

And speaking of being obliging, those responsible for producing the Conveyor each month are truly grateful for the excellent co-operation they have received everywhere they've been. From managers, supervisors, foremen, right down the line to the most junior helpers, everyone has been most pleasant and helpful.

For this, the Conveyor's sincerest thanks.



A feature of the 1977 Harmac Accident Prevention Program is the periodical high-lighting of a specific safety topic. In March and April, the topic was Care of the Back; for May and June it is to be Hand Safety, and Pinch Points.

For each topic, as it comes up, an educational and publicity program is arranged, to ensure that all personnel are made aware of the particular risks involved, and what steps they should take to avoid them.

To emphasize protection against back injuries, the April program included a series of talks and demonstrations by Steve Duffy (pictured below) Accident Prevention Officer for the Workers' Compensation Board, Education Section.

Speaking to groups all over the mill, Steve outlined the reasons why back injuries are among the most common causes of lost time accidents, and showed how a proper understanding of body mechanics can help to avoid this type of injury.

He also distributed copies of an informative and highly relevant booklet entitled, appropriately enough, "Back Talk".



W.C.B. Accident Prevention Officer Steve Duffy, and Elizabeth, the very slim "model" who travels with him whenever he's lecturing on back problems.

HARMAC ROVERS



Back row, left to right: Harb Shahi, Bob Nelson, Colin Palmer, John Grandin and Pat McMann. Front row, left to right: Laurie Gray, Gary Adams, Brian Roberts, Ray Van Ingen, Brian Ferguson and Bryn Roberts. Members not in the picture - Roy Davies, Mark Simpson, Roddy Simpson, Jack Beaudin, Larry Young, Jim Gilchrist.

Story and Pictures by J. Grandin, Instrument Department

Harmac Rovers have completed a successful '76 - '77 season in the Nanaimo and District Senior Soccer League. Although they didn't achieve league standing, the Rovers are always a tough, competitive team. Team organizer, John Grandin is very optimistic about the Rovers' future for next season.

Outstanding team members were Colin Palmer (who was transferred from Nanaimo United for a undisclosed fee), Brian Roberts and his brother Bryn, Gary Adams who was top goal scorer, and the star of the side Laurie

Grey, who's playing at midfield was an inspiration to watch. Award for determination goes to Brian Ferguson whose leg caused him to be carried off the field more times than everybody in the whole league.

Who says soccer is a dangerous game? The team played 21 games and suffered only 2 lost time injuries, a record equalled by the other teams in the league. Harmac is running a summer soccer league featuring four departmental teams - Harmac Heavies, Maintenance, Machine Room and Steam Plant. The league will play through May and June and is open to all Harmac employees.



Welder Nick Foglietta, plying his trade on the floor of #8 Digester.

PICUTRES COURTESY OF DOUG McLAREN
Digesters are something like monstrous, 50 feet high pressure cookers; they cook, or 'digest' the chips, a vital part of pulp-making.

Because the fluids involved are highly caustic, there is a constant depreciation of the digester walls, and periodically someone has to get inside



Hoistman Fred Scheibel, who lifts Nick into and out of the digester. Fred's primary responsibility is Nick's safety.

and restore them to their original 2" thickness.

This process, known as 'overlying', is a regular maintenance task.

The above pictures were taken when #8 Digester was 'down' for this year's inspection and maintenance.