

JOHN GILMOUR RETIRES



From left to right: Sid Norman, Bob Swenson, John Gilmour, Bob Findlay, Bob Wilson, Ken Lamont and Tom Rushton. PHOTO BY ENGLEFIELD STUDIO

John's experience gave him a lot of knowledge about filing before he joined Harmac in September of 1969. He spent 16 years at Great Central Lake near Port Alberni, the first sawmill on the island which later became part of the MacMillan Bloedel organization. After this mill closed in 1950 he moved to the Anglo-Canadian Timber Products in Nanaimo as head filer. He spent 1 1/2 years at Ladysmith Forest Products. In 1969 between jobs as a welcome breather for John and his wife Margaret, they took a jaunt to the South Pacific and the Orient, and they both loved it.

Later that year John came to Harmac as a saw fitter. John's outside interest has been in working for the volunteer fire department. Demanding most of his time, fire fighting turned into a fulltime hobby. As a member of the Wellington Fire Department, John is on call all hours of the day. He plans to continue as a volunteer, even after retirement.

NEW FACES



Keith Purchase, formerly with Canadian White Pine, replaces Sid Norman as Production Superintendent No. 3 Woodroom.

THE CONVEYOR

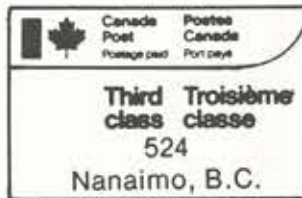
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Ted Williams, transferred from the Powell River area where he was Supervisor of Planning and Assistance, is now Financial Manager at Harmac.

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John Gilmour and Stan Coulson posing for the photographer.



Ed Mankelov replacing the 9 ft. bandsaw at No. 3 Woodroom.



Jim Martin at a band saw grinder.

FILE THIS AS SHARPENED

Changing a 250 lb. saw blade seems a simple operation when Jim Martin and Ed Mankelov do it. They work in the filing room for No. 3 Woodroom, a large section upstairs above the actual woodroom operations.

The huge band saws, 46 ft. long, used in the head rigs - saws that cut planks - have to be changed approximately every four hours. During that time, moving at 400 r.p.m., the teeth have become worn. Sometimes, if the sawyer doesn't see hidden metal or rocks, the saw change occurs much sooner.

When the signal comes from down below, Jim and Ed move into action. A large trap door is opened and the heavy blade is lifted by a crane. With grappling hooks, they remove the blade, lower onto a simple trolley (a long plank on castors) and haul it over to the filing machine. A sharpened blade is lowered and, a few minutes later, the head rig roars into action again.

This is another example where automated equipment makes the job more efficient. The actual sharpening takes up to 45 minutes but it can be done in less time in an emergency.

Ed Mankelov points out that the filing room has to maintain a supply of sharp saws. "We work around the clock to ensure there are always

sharpened saws ready."

"Constant filing wears the teeth down. They are built up by a process called swaging, but there's a limit to that and the life span of one of these large band saw blades is no more than six months."

In addition to band saws, the filing room sharpens chainsaws and edger and trimmer saws.



Repairing a sizeable peco crane bucket [it's out of the picture] is [on the left] Bob Plecas, millwright and Lou Fortin, welder. Don't get the mistaken impression that the great difference in height is because of the angle of the photograph. Side by side you can really distinguish between the two!

HARMAC'S NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

B.C. Telephone Co. has announced that the Cedar area will be served by a new electronic exchange, and therefore it is necessary that our telephone number be changed.

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 20th, 1977, Harmac will have the following new telephone numbers:

	NEW NUMBER
HARMAC MILL	722-3211
NIGHT LINES:	
Dept.	
No. 3 Shipping	722-2713
Security Guard	722-3211
Shift Foremen	722-3222
Steam Plant	722-2221
No. 3 W/R Secy.	722-2331
No. 3 W/R Sales/Traffic	722-2444
No. 3 First Aid	722-2541
East Gate	722-2622
Mgmt. Secy.	722-2832

GOODBYE EVERYONE

WORLD TRAVELLER

Ralph MacCall, a very energetic man, regards retirement as just switching to another lifestyle. Ralph has so many projects lined up, he won't have time to "retire". Right now he is winging his way through Europe with wife Maureen, being entertained in Vienna, Yugoslavia, Athens and Egypt. Ralph is no stranger to exotic lands and faraway places; he and Maureen have covered a fair bit of the world from South America to Tokyo to Bangkok. All this is made somewhat easier by Maureen being established in the travel business. She works for "Round the World Travel" in Nanaimo. Ralph, a considerate husband, plans to learn how to cook, to spare Maureen all that fuss and bother preparing meals when she comes home after work.

Ralph's career has been in payroll and appropriately enough that's where his nickname comes from. "Cash" He worked for H.A. Simons - the Vancouver firm that designed the mill - and was then asked by Harmac to work for them temporarily in data processing.

Three months later the first plant manager asked "Cash" to be the Paymaster and he has been there ever since. The only thing Ralph asked for was one week off the get



Left to right: Bob Findlay, Sid Norman, Ralph MacCall, Lynne Simpson, Lorne Cooper.
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married before he started. There were 42 employees on the first payroll. Today it's expanded to approximately 1,400.

Ralph is adjusting very well to the transition. He is co-ordinating Retirement Seminars for Harmac, and is also involved on the Board of the Homemaker's Association. This is a volunteer group dedicated to helping the separated family or if one of the wage earners is sick, then the Homemakers group will find a doctor and also lend a hand with household chores. Another of Ralph's passions is model railroad building. He has

special, miniature tools for crafting the trains and tracks and other accessories for modelling operations. Daughter Pam recently married and lives in North Vancouver while son Michael works and lives in Victoria.

Born a farm boy, Dick Weighill grew up marrying the farm girl next door. His 42 acre spread isn't far from the mill on Harmac Road. Before coming to Harmac Dick worked as a logger, coal miner, farmer and millwright.

In on the initial construction of the mill in October of '53 Dick stayed working his way up to Vat Operator in the Steam Plant. He's "never missed a day" and is proud of it. Dick never thought twice about putting in a full day at Harmac and then toiling on the farm when he got home.

Dick says modern farming methods have made some of the chores more bearable. For example, "cow chasing" is no longer a problem as farms nowadays have electric fences which gives the animal a shock if it tries to leave the field.

Along with the 20 head of cattle Dick uses on his farm he has a horse, as well his dogs & cats.

For several years now Dick had paid stumpage to MacMillan Bloedel for the right to harvest "Christmas" trees along Hooker Road. He then sells them locally. Dick and his wife Nancy love their five grandchildren and plan to devote their time to them and their beautiful farm now that Dick has retired.

GROWING UP ON A FARM



Back row - Bill Karjala, Joe Thomas, Lloyd Jones, Ron Sulley, Ab Ferrero, Jack Sartore, Al Brett. Bottom seated, Fred Williamson, Dick Weighill and Bob Findlay.
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I-r: Clarence Lidberg, Glen Ryan, Nigel Scott, Frank Constance, John Spivey, Sid Norman.



Top Row I-r: Lloyd Jones, Terry Duchon, Dexter Savard, Bill Karjala. Front Row I-r: Dave Haggart, Larnel Stevens, Fred Williamson.



Top Row I-r: Charlie Samarin, Len Pennington, Steve Toth, Joe Matwiv. Front Row I-r: Nick Foglietta, Bob Carrie.

Safety Award Banquets...



25 year man Reg Briginshaw dancing at the banquet.



Top Row I-r: Brock Wilson, Trig Farmer, Les Haylett, Ben Calvin, Eric Bodin, Don Kingsley. Front Row I-r: Bob Mosby, Lee Melvin, Bob Hansen.



I-r: Doug Scott, Blaine Denesyk, Doug Lambert, George Dawkin.

Due to technical difficulties, a variety of "photographers" (some of whom were out-of-focus) and the physical impossibility of fitting 30-40 "pics" on two pages without them looking like postage stamps, we have chosen a representative sample.

CHARLIE SHOOTS WITH A CAMERA



Charlie Burke wearing his "big hard hat" - it's the top half of one of the large curved street lamps. It has a regular hard hat harness and four flashlight batteries rigged on the inside. The batteries are wired to a standard flashlight on the front of the "bonnet". The model Charlie is holding has a story to tell. The two dolls in the boat represent Chas and Bunny making their yearly trip up the west coast to collect Japanese fish floats. If you look closely you'll see one of the glass balls just above doll Bunny's head on the tip of a wave.



Left to right: Bob Findlay, Bill Karjala, Charlie Burke, Bob Gilchrist, Arnold Spence, Julian Matson.
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information even from the Wildlife Branch Chas contacted the local authorities to examine the problem. The results were a ten year study and moratorium on all the elk in the Nanaimo River Area District.

Success of this program can be seen with a recent proposal to use this herd to restock other watersheds on the island and the mainland. The Wildlife Branch needs volunteers to help move them. Charlie will be right in there with his lasso (actually vehicles are used for round-up).

As well as a vigilant elk watcher, Charlie's a craftsman (by his trade as a millwright) and handy around the house according to his wife Bunny. Charlie collects Japanese fish floats. He's got 151 of them so far. It's an incentive to go into the bush says Chas and they are a collector's item. In retirement he plans to enjoy visits from 5 grandchildren, some out of town curling, elk watching, glass float retrieving and meeting his many friends at Harmac.

Born in England, Neville Steers served his apprenticeship with Austin Motor Co. Ltd. and worked with them until 1939 when he applied for an appointment as an officer in the Indian Army.

Neville spent nine years in India, attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He saw service in Burma during the war years and when India gained its independence was part of the force which helped with the transfer of people from India to Pakistan and Pakistan to India.

Neville was lured to Canada in 1947 by an uncle in Edmonton who commented that there "was gold in the streets", the gold being oil, recently discovered at Leduc.

For some years Neville worked as an engineer for companies in Alberta, but finally decided he had had enough of the cold winters and came to Vancouver Island, working in Victoria, then Harmac, which, he says, "is a great place."

Neville and his wife Margaret are planning a Caribbean cruise in February to mark his retirement.

SO LONG, NEVILLE



Left to right: Nick Williams, Julian Matson, Neville Steers, Bob Findlay, Harold Smoker.
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l-r (top row): Jim McMurtie, Dick Brandback, Mel Wowchuk, Charlie Sheppard, Jack Gardiner, Barb Hickson, Julian Matson.
Front row l-r: Ken Podritske, Larry Venuti, Dan Jensen, George Milford.

Bill Bryant, Hank Pedersen.

l-r: Bill Leynard, Jack Earl, Al Moir, Gordi Laird, E. Tognela, Bruno Clozza.

Safety Award Banquets...



Top row left to right: Bert Hepinstall, Joe Fort, George Noble, Richard Chahley, Jack Charmley.
Front row left to right: Bruce Erickson, Wolf Hertel, Gordon Cluchey, Ron Reimer.

Ralph Nelson, Bob Vanlerberg, Gordi Laird, Al Moir, Lynn Simpson.

Ten Year Pins: George Dawkin, Les Haylett, Larry Bishop, Steve Denes, Steve Toth, Ken Lesosky, Jim Macfie, Ted Dorcicz, Wolf Hertel, John Luksay, Stan Jarvis, Darold Kurytnik, Dennis Bonwick, Pat Joy, Bill Bryant, Mel Wowchuk, Lee Melvin, Ray Telford.

Fifteen year pins: John Murray, Dave Haggart, Al Roberts, Vic Aquino, Bud Hehr, Bud Syrotuk, Fred Wilson, Bill Ball, Fred Stuckenberg, Ron Reimer, Dick Brandback, Ken Podritske, Larry Venuti, Dan Jensen, Bill Bayliss, Ron Dunn, Harry Conn, Tony Senini, Joe Stant, Jack Earl, Bill Leynard.

Twenty year pins: Nick Foglietta, Don Kingsley, Ben Calvin, Bob Gilchrist, Jim Hannay, Bill Brien, Bernice Ruckledge, Lloyd Brown, Don Rankin, George Noble, Bill Seastrom, Bill Steele, John Thyssen.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PINS: Gavin Barr, Jim Martin, Bob Carrie, Joe Matwiv, Eric Bodin, Al Fearon, Randy Chapman, Tom Swan, Arnold Spence, Gordon Cornish, Reg Briginshaw.

Five year pins: Doug Lambert, Dexter Savard, Becky Wells, Frank Boe, Ed Fiddick, Norman Roth, Bob Mosby, Trig Farmer, Bob Hansen, John Copeland, Doug Vannatter, Alec Menzies, Judy Graham, Lorne Pearse, Bill Osolin, Dave Ingram, Alec Omelus, Gordon Cluchey, Ray Rickerby, Bob Kutzschan, Diane Baker, Cedric Chow, Hank Pedersen, Charlie Sheppard, Jack Gardiner, Barb Hickson, Jim Bryce, Winston Newell.