

RON GREENWOOD RETIREMENT

Ron Greenwood, Lubrication Crew Foreman, retired at the end of November, after more than 20 years at Harmac.

Ron's retirement was somewhat earlier than he had been planning on. Recently he obtained a new birth certificate, to replace the original lost in a fire, and found he was a year older than he had thought, and a year closer to retirement.

But that's all right with Ron. There'll be plenty for him and wife Dot to do. They have a motorhome and they plan to use it a lot, starting with a few months in Arizona in the new year. There's his boat and fishing. Then there are those two Maltese terriers, the cat and the budgie bird. And there might even be the odd nickle card game, when a few friends drop around.

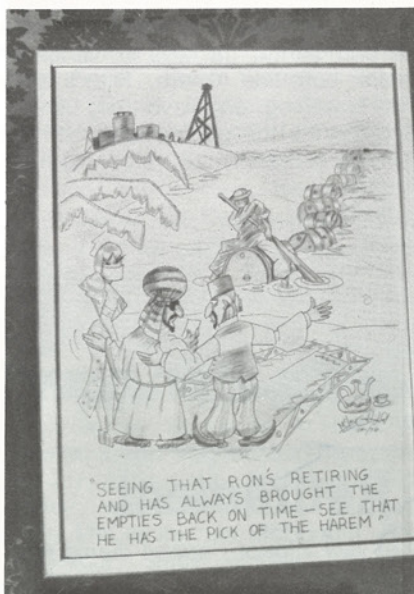
Ron has a number of distinctions, one of them having become a husband, a father and a grand-father, all on the same day. That was the day in 1965 he married Dorthey, the day Ron says was the luckiest in all his life.

There was a surprise at Ron's going-away party, when he was presented with a very special lamp. The lamp's shaft is a 20 inch lube gun that had lain for several months in a caustic tank, after being accidentally dropped there. Jack Ibbotson salvaged it, and turned it into an excellent lamp.

Ron says he'll really treasure that lamp, especially as a reminder of happy days at Harmac, and of the many good friends he has there.



Ron Greenwood [left] accepting congratulations from Julian Matson, at his retirement party.



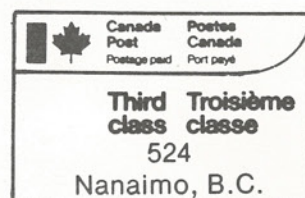
Another of Joe McLaughlin's "masterpieces," presented to Ron Greenwood on his retirement.



Oiler Jack Henderson attending to a pulp cutter in the machine room.



Lead hand Delbert Rozelle and Dave Oleynick, of Pile Driver Maintenance, aboard their tender.



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NEW INSTRUMENT DESIGNED



Some of the instrument men who engineered and produced the overflow warning equipment. Foreman Ken Mullen is barely visible behind the lecture board; the others are, left to right: Ken Best, Al Eck, Roy Cameron, Jim Barley, Jim Calvin, Lead Hand Bill Seastrom, Dennis Bonwick, Murray Johnston, Gary Zolob, Klaus Reier, Doug Gorrie, Al Hicks, Relief Foreman Lloyd Brown, John Grandin and Jim Crossan.

When a manufacturing plant has as many tanks and vats as are found at Harmac, spills are a major concern. They waste chemicals, require time-consuming clean-up, and pollute, so they must be constantly guarded against.

The job is a much simpler one now, thanks to an ingenious new device designed and produced in the Instrument Department.

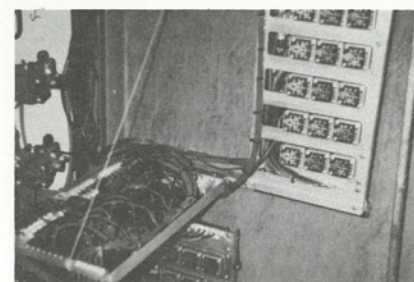
The key to controlling spills is knowing when they are apt to occur, so the need for efficient early warning equipment has long been recognized. Various commercial models are available, but none has proved completely satisfactory at Harmac. Moreover, they are virtually impossible to service. So it was decided to see what Harmac's own instrument men could do.

The result was an entirely new mechanism, activated by air pressure in contrast to the normal commercial fluid design. The first test model was installed and tested, and it worked so well that it was decided to use the new system throughout the plant.

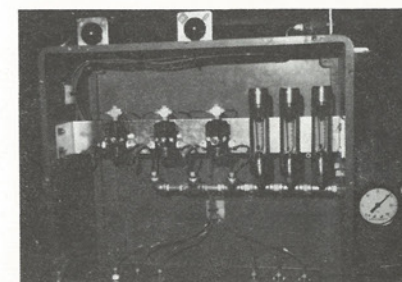
Instrument Foreman Ken Mullen produced the initial design, but Ken is quick to point out that it was the whole department that developed the new equipment.

"They were all in on it," Ken insists; "old hands, new men, apprentices, everyone contributed something. It was absolutely a team effort."

Thirty-five of the new devices have been built and installed to date, and according to Production Superintendent Jim Rasmussen, all are working excellently.



The two snaps of the control panel mechanism offer some kind of idea of the intricacy of these devices.



AN ANNIVERSARY

With this issue, the Harmac Conveyor celebrates its first year of publication.

The first issue, dated February 1976, highlighted the fact that Woodroom 4 was 'ready to go'. Since then we've covered stories on every aspect of happenings around Harmac. In particular, we've enjoyed the photographs of people - at work and at play.

During the next year, we'd like to see even more photographs. If you have some, bring them in. And the best wishes for 1977 on behalf of your own magazine - the Harmac Conveyor.



Barb Hickson, Roberta Pecnik, Myra Osolin and Sue Provan, with some of the goodies THEY produced for the Christmas get-together of the Planning and Maintenance departments.