

HARD WORK BRINGS SUCCESS



Left to right: the happy faces of Walt Przada, Frank Jedrzejczyk, Bob Wong, Bob Findlay presented the plaques.

Prospective apprentices at Harmac have a long way to go to achieve their goals, but the end result is really worth it.

In each apprenticeship program two categories go hand in hand. One is the Certificate of Apprenticeship (B.C. Department of Labour) gained through several hours of schooling and examinations. The other is the practical side - the Certificate of Qualification (B.C. Department of Labour). This is needed to prove each individual practical competence and skill in the chosen field. Time on the job is a primary consideration.

On Wednesday, October 4, in the company of cheering fellow workers, Bob Wong (Pipefitter) received congratulations and the two plaques from Bob Findlay; as did Walt Przada (Painter) and Frank Jedrzejczyk (Instruments).



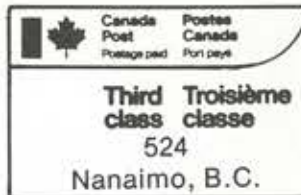
Anyone who thinks a boiler is a simple mechanism should have a look at the instrument panel in #4 & 5 recovery boiler control room. The complexity doesn't seem to worry Recovery Engineer Joe Thomas, or Senior Recovery Engineer Albert Hitchin, who were persuaded to pose for the photographer during a breather.

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FROM ROUGH TO SMOOTH — THE PLANER MILL



Planer Foreman Johnny Sevcov, setting the controls of the sorting and grading programmer to turn out the scheduled length and grade of lumber.



Two graders, Gabriel Pangindian and Bryan Baxter, carefully checking boards before assigning them a grade. To qualify as graders, they had to complete a special course, as prescribed by the Council of Forest Industries.



Operator Ike Manhas, at the controls of one of three mechanical stackers at the Planer Mill.

Although they're situated a little way apart, the Planer Mill is really a part of No. 4 Woodroom. It's an important part, too. It finishes the lumber that No. 4 turns out, and also re-manufactures it into the dimensions needed for a particular market.

Versatility and speed are the paramount considerations in a planer mill, and this one, with its modern machinery and well-trained crew, has both. It is a highly specialized operation, but can switch from manufacturing one dimension to another in minutes.

The Planer Mill is almost completely automated. The graders, who must examine both sides and every edge of each board, are the only ones who physically handle the lumber, between the time it arrives by fork-lift from No. 4 - and occasionally from No. 3 - until it has been re-manufactured, sorted, packaged and labelled for export. Then it is fork-lifted again to the yard, to await shipment.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICE HOURS

The office hours have been extended to 5:00 P.M. to make it more convenient for day workers to carry out any business they may have regarding benefits, seniority, lumber purchase forms, etc.

Please contact the Industrial Relations Department for any assistance you require.



Sorter patrolman Jim Marwick at the Sorter Stacker of #4 Woodroom. It sorts the lumber coming from #4 according to length, width and thickness.

THE CHAIN GANG

It's an obvious name - The Chain Gang - for the men who take the chains off the booms at No. 3 Woodroom's booming grounds. And it's a job for experts. The booms are shipped to Harmac from various camps, among them Shawnigan, Chemainus, N.W. Bay, Kelsey Bay and Eve River.

There are two types of booms - bundle and flat.

Bundle booms are made up of select species of logs and strapped together to form bundles.

In turn the bundles are enclosed with boom sticks to form large rafts. The volume of logs in a bundle boom is far greater than that of a flat boom and therefore is a more efficient and economical way to transport logs.

To dismantle the booms, the chains holding them have to be removed. On the booming grounds are two rafts: one for handling chains and the other for wires, with crews to work them.

The chain machine straddles the two halves of its raft. The passage through the middle is large enough to handle the biggest boom sticks. Once a boom stick is in the middle of the raft it is lifted by a claw-like tong on the crane and the chains pulled free. The boom stick, dropped back in the water, is pushed down the canal to the other end of the raft. After being sorted into their various sizes, the chains are finally trucked back to the camps to be used again. Wires holding booms together are handled on the same principle.



Chainman George Copley surrounded by some of those large chains that hold the booms together. The chains weigh anywhere from 30-85 lbs. apiece.



Scotty Thompson in his stubby 'boom buggy' [a workhorse dozer boat]. Highly maneuverable, the dozers not only push logs but can ride right over them. Naturally the prop is completely caged to protect it from such rough riding.



At the chain machine raft on a clear day. Left is Neil Barrant and on the right is [Carl] Fred Webster and although you can't see him John Oud is in the cage in the back operating the crane.



How does this crew unwind! Boommen John Balaben and Eddie Bryce seen here at the wire winding machine [not a winch]. The winch removes the wire that holds those bundle booms in "bunches".



From the left Bill Radovich, Ralph Nelson and Myrle Errand "assisting" Don Scott of Holman Transport [standing on several coiled wire circles on top of the truck]. This particular load is going to the log dump at Shawnigan.



This year's opening Safety Award Banquet was again held in the Beban Park auditorium. This dinner was for No. 3 and No. 4 Woodroom and "B" Crew Pulp Operating.

Last year we managed to get everybody's photo in the Conveyor. This year, because of space limitations, names of the pin recipients will be listed but we won't be able to squeeze all the pictures in.

Doug Morrison handled the microphone quite smoothly and called the following people up to receive their MB engraved tie pins:

5 YEAR PINS: Doug Scott, D.W. Knight, Carl Webster, Al Work, Walter Zink, Larry Booth, Chris Sheppard, Andy Tobiasen, Doug Malmo, Ron Bennett, Frank Constance, George Irbe, Neville Scott, Glen Ryan, Peter Bock, Ray Renema, John Rowbottom, Bob Roberge, Dietmar Reinkober, George Moore, Lorne Petreman, Bert Wikene, Gordi Griffin, Ray Rickerby, Larry Gilmour, Dave Stephens, Paul Greenwood, Sam Aurala.

10 YEAR PINS: Clarence Lidberg, Bob Erskine, Bob Swenson.

15 YEAR PINS: Dave Wilbur, Jim McMurtrie, Al Hart, Bob Wallin, Larry Maughan, Ron Thompson.

20 YEAR PINS: Delbert Rozell, Alec Thomson, Bill Wolf, Ray Kent, Don Edlund, Bill Stokes.

25 YEAR PINS: Albert Manke, Fred Walther, Albert Painchaud, Mike Laxton, Matt Super, Axel Rolfson.

30 YEAR PIN: Jim Porter

"COWBOY" GORDON RETIRES



Gordon at his "goodbye" ceremony. Left to right: Bill Radovich, Rick Hartwick, Gordon, Bob Findlay, Ray Roulston. ENGLEFIELD PHOTO

SOFTBALL SILVER MEDAL WINNER

The pretty, jubilant young lady pictured above is Arlene Lawrence, daughter of Ed Lawrence, security officer at the main gate. Her parents encouraged her involvement in softball. The hard work 'paid off' to the tune of a silver medal won just this past August at the Canada Summer Games held in St. John's, Newfoundland. That's what the silver, triangular pendant is hanging around Arlene's neck. Notice too, in the photograph the array of trophies on the mantelpiece behind her. All proudly displayed by her parents in their Nanaimo home.



Young Gordon Rees [spitting image of Jimmy Stewart] "moseying" on his one horse power transport in the Williams Lake area a few years ago.



Arlene Lawrence

Gordon Rees really knows British Columbia, because he's been both a logger and a cowboy in the province. Before settling at Harmac as a boomman in October '53 Gordon had started his career as a high rigger in the backwoods.

The job of high rigging is obsolete now but back in the old days high riggers were first on the job, 'cleaning' off the spar tree and climbing to take the top off the tree.

Some 90 feet in the air, Gordon would rig all the pulleys and wires so that the logs could be hauled or 'yarded' to the centre of the cutting area. They were then moved to the mills by water or rail.

Gordon was a high rigger at such camps as Rainy Bay, Lund, Kennedy Lake and Sable River. In between times he did stints 'cowboying' for the B.C. Cattle Company, Gang Rancy and the OK Ranch in the interior. While in Williams Lake he ran a livery barn and sold horses.

Gordon's colourful lifestyle and his knack of story-telling will be remembered fondly by all his friends at the Booming Ground of No. 3 Woodroom.



The men at the top at the Safety Award Banquet. Jim Porter, third from left, has a 30 year pin. Every else has 25 year pins. From left to right: Al Painchaud, Axel Rolfson, Jim, Matt Super, Fred Walther, Albert Manke.