

Hot Off The Press

As the printed newspapers come out of the automatic tying machine, the key thing is to save time and make work easy for Observer staff! Minutes saved at this point can make all the difference in getting your hometown newspaper to your door hot off the press.

A conveyor belt takes the tied bundles to a loading chute, where they are automatically bumped off onto an electric boom conveyor. This conveyor can be pulled out from the outside of the mailing room by any one of the 65 drivers who take bundles of papers to carrier boys.

The boom extends into the back of the driver's truck or station wagon, and the bundles-- automatically counted and in the proper order--flow smoothly and quickly into the vehicle. A few quick adjustments in the stacking of bundles, and drivers are off on their routes, rushing your paper to the carrier boy!

The outside of the mailing room at Observer Newspapers' new plant is protected from bad weather by a wide overhang. With the speed of the press and of the mailing room, there is no unnecessary waiting around by drivers. Once they arrive, they get their bundles and are on their way, quickly and smoothly.

