

HALINCO h-LIGHTS

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Day Shift. With the installation of our two new lathes, the night shift is now working days. And how do they like it? It seems that their wives like it better than they do. After all, who wants a husband sitting around all day while everybody else's husband is at work? Larry Mellott is now working as a machinist and no longer has to worry about the stock room. Eugen Steiert spends an extra hour on the road every day, because he has to battle the rush hour traffic, but he is managing all right. Hans Bockenkamp transferred to his same position as leadman in the machine shop on the day shift, since George Seiji left to work for the university. Walter Bruggmann is working on one of the new lathes and reports that it does a fine job. Hans is assigned to the other one, and Gerry Stanke will operate the third one when it arrives the first week in June.

Stockholders. The annual luncheon meeting of stockholders was held at Spenger's the 14th of April. Mr. Hallikainen announced an increase in sales of 31% for 1961, earnings of 66 cents per share and a stock dividend of 8.3%. Of the 68 stockholders attending the meeting, 22 were company employees and their wives.

Conversation Problem? When I go to parties people invariably ask me where I work. When I tell them that I work for Hallikainen (which they can neither pronounce nor remember) and that we build process stream analyzers (which I can't explain), the whole thing sounds a bit subversive to them, so they excuse themselves to go and talk to somebody who works for Safeway. Bill Breyer has agreed to solve my problem by writing a technical article each month about one of our instruments. If you are having the same difficulty, watch for the Let's Get Technical section in next month's paper.

Visitor. Mr. P. F. Cox from the Arabian American Oil Company spent a few days in our plant to familiarize himself with our acid analyzer and continuous viscometer. His company has ordered these instruments and he has to know how to adjust and operate them when he returns to Arabia in June.

Wedding Bells! On April 14th Rae Marie Thayer became Mrs. Don Zolman. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Odegard at the Bancroft Avenue Baptist Church in San Leandro. The reception for the 215 guests was held in the church hall immediately following the ceremony. Rae and Don then drove to Southern California where they visited most of the tourist spots including Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm. They later stopped at San Simeon on their way back up the coast. They are now "at home" in Oakland.

Caitilin Robin Rabbitt was born March 30th, and Mike and Tanya are delighted with her.

Personality Sketch. Baby blue eyes, curly red hair and "Oh that Irish smile!" It sounds great! It is great! It's our own Tom Hale. His cheerful personality has been resounding throughout the plant for the past 6½ years with the exception of those few quiet minutes each day when he is out on a delivery. Tom started as a tender lad just out of school in January of 1956 in the electronics department with a job classification of "shop, miscellaneous." Now, as our one man shipping department, Tom is responsible for packing, crating and arranging for the shipment of everything that is shipped out of the plant to all parts of the world. He is directly responsible to Ed Schimbor whose natural reserve keeps him from admitting that Tom is a "great kid." Always an enthusiastic participant in company activities, Tom can be depended upon for energetic committee work, and he even managed to come through as anchor man on the bowling team. His community service activities include the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Club, and the Ski Federation, and he is an ardent golfer. Tom's home is in Alameda where lately he and his wife have been installing a patio in their back yard.

Up From The Ranks! In keeping with the company policy of advancing qualified personnel into more responsible jobs as vacancies occur, Skip Bradford has been assigned to the job of leadman in the electronics department to fill the vacancy created by Roscoe Zink's resignation. Skip came to work as an apprentice electronics technician in December of 1957. His background of three years of college courses in the field of electronics provided him with the know-how for rapid advancement. When an opening came up for an electronics technician in the test room, Skip moved into it. During this time he received his journeyman's rating and learned the technical aspects of our instruments to the point of qualifying himself for this advancement to leadman. Congratulations!

Hank Johnson is taking Skip's place in the test room. Originally from Hanford, Calif., he came to Berkeley and completed a year at U.C., spent 3 years in the Navy during W.W. II teaching electronics at Del Monte and Chicago, worked 13 years for Standard Oil and the past 9 years for Shand and Jurs as instrument test technician. Besides having 6½ grandchildren to demand his time and interest, he holds two patents for simultaneous photo composing machinery which he has invented on his own. He and his wife have a home in Berkeley where Hank finds time to enjoy his garden.

Save the Date! The company Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at Temescal Bowl. Plenty of room for baseball, volleyball, frisbie and children. More information next month!

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