

HALINCO h-LIGHTS

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New Building. The company has added another address to its already existing three. We have rented the building at 911 Camelia which adjoins the area that was previously the shipping department, and Tom Hale has moved his center of operations into the new quarters which were remodeled for him. This extra area has also enabled Tom to move his sales stock and finished goods stock out from under the engineering department, and it has given him direct access to the street instead of the alley for loading trucks. Tom's old spot on the alley will be occupied by Monty and the receiving department, which will be an improvement over Monty's current location under the roll-away door.

Five-Year Employees. On Wednesday, the 24th of January, all of the employees who have been with the company five years or more gathered at Spenger's for cocktails and dinner as guests of the company. As I got the story, the party started at the bar and ended at the bar with crab louie and charcoal broiled steaks in between. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Hallikainen, Ed and Mrs. Schimbor, Norm and Mrs. Waner, Al and Mrs. Keil, Vivian and John McCarthy, Tom and Mrs. Hale, Eero and Mrs. Vasankari, Walter and Mrs. Brugmann, Al Beach and his daughter, and George Seiji, John Chin and Ken Hom. The evening was entirely social except for a talk by KEH which, I am told, was both fun and short, and Tom Hale's dog wishes to thank all of those participating for the bowser bag of lovely bones.

Personality Sketch. Alfons Keil came to work for the company as a machinist and assembly man on July 28, 1955. Since the personnel at that time consisted of only ten people, Al was required to do almost anything that there was to be done toward building the instruments. He made a point of knowing as much as was possible to know about his job, and the boys in the shop now credit him with having memorized all of the instruments to the point that he could build them without the drawings and tell you what changes have been made over the years. As lead man in assembly he has a reputation for getting the job done as fast as possible with no waste of time. In his free time at home he works in his garden, breeds exotic varieties of goldfish, and tours the countryside in that Mercedes that his wife brought back from Germany two years ago. The Keils live in El Cerrito.

Your Editor. The reason for the late paper this month is that your editor has transferred to the main office. Charlene and Tanya have both left to await the arrival of their offspring, and Kay and I are trying to do the work formerly done by three. Since Carol has taken over the inter-office mail distribution, we just might manage. Wish us luck!

Safety Device. The next time you walk through the door into the test room, don't pull that innocent looking rope you see hanging there. It's attached to a "booby trap" --- just ask Norm Waner. Our company safety engineer, Bill Breyer, has installed a shower over the door for safety purposes in the event that anybody's clothing should catch on fire owing to a malfunction of test equipment. Anybody who pulls the rope without being on fire will be required to mop up the water himself. There's no drain!

Personnel Department. Pretty blonde Donetta Reese is now taking care of the personnel records for the company. She is a graduate of Indiana University where she received her masters degree. She later spent 2½ years in the personnel department of the City of Oakland, and for the past 2½ years she has been working for the County Welfare Department. As Administrative Assistant in Personnel here she will be instrumental in establishing and clarifying personnel policies, keeping records of illnesses and absences and handling health insurance claims. Besides giving a few private piano lessons in her spare time, Donetta is always ready for a game of tennis (in pleasant weather) or a game of bridge (regardless of the weather). She now lives in Berkeley.

Engineer. The new man working at the drawing board on the ground floor of the engineering department is Ben Kleinstein. His family is originally from Seattle, but Ben grew up in Oakland, went to Oakland Technical High, and later attended Cal where he received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1943. At the invitation of Uncle Sam he did his stint in the army Signal Corps and was later employed by the government on Treasure Island. For the past 4½ years he has been working for Shell Development. He now lives in Berkeley with his wife and three daughters ages 8, 10 and 12.

Auditor. The tall thin man with the smile who has been working around the company for the past week is Egon von Kaschnitz. He is working on the annual auditing of our books by Arthur Young & Company. He and Steve and occasionally other fellows from his company have been keeping shop in the conference room and will probably be here the rest of this week finishing up.

New Machine. The assembly department now has an automatic pipe threader which not only threads the pipe but cuts it and reams it as well, and all the work is done by pushing buttons. Needless to say, the boys are all delighted.

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