

# HALINCO -LIGHTS

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**Bit of Building History.** The original Hallikainen Instruments building at 1341 Seventh Street was built in 1951 on contract for Mr. Hallikainen, and he started the company in January of 1952 in the 1,200 square feet of space that now is the sales department and stock room. The rest of the building, which is now Mr. Hallikainen's office and the conference room was rented to somebody else. In 1953 the tenants moved out and we occupied the whole building which then amounted to 2,500 square feet. In 1956 we again needed more room, and the machine shop was built on, adding 3,750 square feet of floor space. We worked for about a year in the 6,250 square feet of space, and then the opportunity arose for us to purchase the property at 913 Camelia and also to gain title to enough of the alley to join the properties in an L. This acquisition increased our space to 14,450 square feet and gave us the building for engineering, the parking lot and the shed for storage. Since we were still expanding and there were no more facilities to purchase, we started renting sections of the adjoining building as they became vacant. In 1960 we rented the 1,800 square feet in the rear of the building that is now being used by electronics and the test department. In 1961 we expanded into the 907 Camelia area which joins our building on the side and added 3,500 square feet of space. Assembly, sheet metal and the production and purchasing department offices were moved into this area. The next addition was early in 1962 when we rented 911 Camelia which gave the shipping department 1,800 square feet and direct access to the street. Our last addition was last month when we rented the 1,500 square feet at 909 Camelia and moved the sheet metal shop and accounting department into larger quarters. This move also cleared enough space at the 907 Camelia entrance to give the receiving department direct access to the street. In eleven years we have expanded from 1,200 square feet to about 19,750, and from one employee to 58 employees currently working for us. Everybody is enjoying the elbow room; however, we now own or rent all of the commercial space available to this address, and we plan to continue to expand our operations. What next?

**Our Traveling Good Humor Man.** Bill Breyer has been so busy cavorting about the country lately that he didn't have time to write "Let's Get Technical" this month. Bill's wandering has taken him to Seattle to start up an end point analyzer for Mobil Oil, to Texas to check on instruments for Gulf Oil and Humble Oil, to Oklahoma to check with Texaco and then to Dallas where he boarded the plane to return home.

**Five-Year Employee.** On December 18th, smiling Skip Bradford, leadman in electronics, completed five years with the company. Skip graduated from El Cerrito High, completed two years at Contra Costa College, and finished another year at California Polytechnic College in Southern California where he was studying electronics. His three years in the service he spent in the Air Force Police at San Bernardino and Hamilton Field where he rendered such valuable service on the football team that they arranged not to send him overseas. Before coming to work for us, he worked for Standard Oil as a filling station attendant. He started at Hallikainen as an electronics assembler, advanced to apprentice electronics technician, and was later assigned to the test room where he advanced to journeyman and learned enough about our instruments to qualify himself to fill the job of leadman in electronics when the position was open last year. To date he has been unable to rid himself of the reputation for thinking clearly, keeping the conversation lively, being happy and getting along with everybody. He has recently been elected shop steward by the union men in the plant. Skip has his own shop in the garage at home, and much to his wife's dismay, has almost filled the rest of the garage with electronic equipment he has picked up at bargain prices at the surplus store. Who knows? He might find a use for these things some day! He has a lot of fun repairing them or making them into things that they weren't intended to be. His last invention was an electronic switch which he built just to see if it would work. It did! Similar switches (already invented by somebody else) can be purchased completed, in kit form, or part by part, and they work just as well if not better than Skip's (according to Skip). He spends his leisure time camping, fishing and water skiing with his family, and he has been a skin-diving enthusiast. The Bradfords live in San Pablo. They have two boys ages 5 and 9.

**National Publicity.** The November issue of "Instruments and Control Systems" carried as a feature article a paper on Viscometry written by Mr. Hallikainen. This is one of a series of articles by different authors that will eventually be published in book form.

**Berkeley Manufacturers.** Mr. Hallikainen was recently elected president of Berkeley Manufacturers' Association and will hold the office for the coming year. Mr. Schimbor was elected to the board of directors of Berkeley Manufacturers and is not convinced that his duty of taking attendance at meetings merits all of the fanfare.

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From Opal Taylor. Thanks to everyone for making the Christmas party a real success! Thanks to Ann Fraley for her recognized experience in handling the task of invitations and publicity, about 85% attended. The food was superbe as only Rose Hendrickson knows how to turn it out, thanks to her and her helpers Cathy Sims and Fumi Takeshita. Jim Martin got together with Barbara Goode and ordered the spirits that raised the spirits of all who attended and somehow included everybody's favorite Christmas cheer! Congratulations! Ken Harris and his music committee, Julius Rosin and Skip Bradford thought of the Juke Box and thereby solved the problem of pleasing everybody with good dance music. Good thinking, boys! Rae Marie Zolman, my trusted cohort, and her decorating committee which included her husband Don, Carol Clark, Skip Bradford, Larry Mellott and Ron Bultena did a magnificent job of transforming a warehouse into a dance hall. Thanks for a job well done! Monty Montgomery came in on Sunday and transformed it back into a warehouse again and had everything back in place for the next workday. Thanks for another job well done! And from the committee, thanks to all of our guests who came and enjoyed the party and made our efforts worth while. Happy New Year!

The Children's Christmas Party was attended by 24 children with some 15 parents on the side. The movies were delightful, the games were fun, the ice cream and soda pop were the best ever, and Santa brought each child a lovely gift and a stocking full of goodies. Credit goes to Rae Marie Zolman and her committee for making the arrangements with Santa Claus.

Lay-Off. Delayed receipt of special materials necessitated a three day lay-off of several employees in electronics; however, the shipments finally arrived and everybody is back on the job again.

Hank Johnson is still at home ill. We miss his pleasant ways and quiet good humor in the test room.

Half Way Around the World. Ben Kleinstein from our engineering department will be on his way to Israel about the middle of February. He is leaving our employ on January 18 and will go to San Diego for a two-week training course. He then will return to Berkeley for two weeks before he and his wife and two daughters leave for New York, London and Tel Aviv. Ben will be working for the Israel Atomic Energy Laboratory in the Nuclear Chemistry Department where he will be conducting neutron activation analyses. Bon Voyage!

Returned! Our old friend Tom Fukuya is back working in the accounting department. Needless to say, we are delighted that we were able to get him back. Since Tom doesn't like publicity, he says to just tell you all "Hello."

Visitors. The very attractive Latin looking gentleman who was here early in December was Mr. R. Lopez, our Venezuelan representative. He spent a full day learning about our instruments which he sells through Equipex Company in Caracas.

Stuffy Stuffbeam was seen escorting his two very attractive young daughters through the plant. They had their first plane ride up from Los Angeles to visit for the week-end.

European Traveler. Johann Wolf is back on the job after his trip to Germany where he visited his parents. Welcome back, John.

Operations! Eugen Steiert is back on the job after two trips to the hospital and three weeks at home recuperating. He feels fine!

## Classified Ad:

For Sale: One lawnmower, non motorized, \$5.00, see Tom Hale.

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