

HALINCO H-LIGHTS

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Expense Account Living. This may sound great to the folks at home, but Mr. Schimbor reports the weather in New Orleans was overcast and humid, the hotel was mediocre, Antoine's is a crowded "tourist trap", the food was poor, the plane circled Houston for 1½ hours before the fog lifted enough for them to land, somebody bent the door before take-off and they sat another 1½ hours while it was repaired, they lost an extra half hour in Las Vegas because some passengers who weren't in a hurry wanted to play the slot machines, and because of the delay EFS missed his helicopter flight to Berkeley (and besides that, he likes his wife's cooking). He and Stuff manned the booth at the Chemical Show, but the new expense account regulations evidently cut into attendance. However, what they lacked in quantity, they made up in quality, as most of the men there were top executives, so the same purposes were accomplished. The visits to our refinery customers in Texas proved informative and very much worth while.

Another Conference. N. S. Waner is scheduled to be chairman of one of the conference sessions at the Western States Electrical Industry Show and Conference in San Francisco on April 5. The topic of the session will be Automation-Instrumentation for Plant Engineers and Electrical Supervisors.

Ozolid Machine. The new machine arrived after adequate repairs of the shipping damage and is in operation on the first floor of the engineering building. It turns out copies in one operation instead of two and separates the master from the copy automatically, thus saving time and labor. The only thing bothering Rose Hendrickson at the moment is that two copies have disappeared completely somewhere in the machine. The repair man assures her, however, that this problem can be adjusted out.

New Process. The electronics department is testing out new equipment to enable them to micro-weld the wires together in our resistance thermometers instead of using solder. This will extend the range of the thermometers to much higher temperatures and increase the length of their period of servicability.

Company Picnic! This is advance notice that Saturday, May 25 is the date for the company picnic. We liked Temescal Bowl so much last year that we have arranged to have it again this year, and the regulations have been changed so that we can reserve the whole area for our use. Save the date, and bring along your warm jacket and sturdy shoes (Hallikainen picnic weather seems to be 45° and windy regardless of whether we have it in May, July or September).

Six-Year Employee? Horst Hermann, that handsome Nordic in the test room, came to work for us in January of 1957. He had lived the first 10 years of his life in East Prussia, but in 1944 his family moved to East Germany. Three years of being shifted around the country at the whim of the communists convinced them that they should move to West Germany where his parents, two sisters and a brother still live. Horst arrived in Berkeley after a comedy of errors in which the Lutheran Church had located a sponsor for him, on his arrival in New York nobody knew who it was, they feigned a confusion of names and sent him to Sacramento to somebody else's sponsor, who located Horst's original sponsor in Berkeley and sent him here. He spoke no English, but he heard about Hallikainen from a local German and applied for a job. As he had trained 4 years as an electronics technician in Germany, he got the job, but little did he know that he would spend successively 11 months at work, 24 months in the army, 21 months in our electronics department again, 10 months recalled to the army and currently 8 months back on the job in the test department. He isn't complaining, but he hopes the current world situation will outlast his draft eligibility. His competence in mechanics as well as electronics makes him a particularly adaptable and valuable employee, and his cooperative attitude and thorough work habits enable him to take on varied assignments and do them all well. Besides being competent at work, he is also accomplished at swimming, ice skating, samba and rumba which he and his wife both enjoy. The Hermanns live in Oakland and are expecting their first baby in September.

Wine Tasting. Many of you have tickets to the Pompeo Fund I.S.A. wine tasting party on Thursday, April 4th. The official time is from 6 to 8 in the evening, and it may take you that long to get around to all of the wines you will sample. Representatives of both Wente and Louis Martini wineries will be there to tell you about the wines, and we hear that there are those who don't intend to quit partying at eight. We hope that you will either use your ticket or send a friend to use it. Tickets are still available.

Fish Story. Henry Schuetz strongly recommends that you wait for better weather if you want to have a good time fishing. He did, however, come back with with 19 pounds of Salmon.

Congratulations! to Stuff on his recent marriage.

Arrived on Schedule - the Arthur Alston family from England; however, they haven't been here long enough to know what they like best about currently rainy California.

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