

# HALLIKAINEN *hi-lights*

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Five-Year Employee. On June 23, Bill Stairs joined the ranks of five-year employees. Bill was hired as production manager to establish an economical work flow through the plant and organize the purchasing and stock check procedures. He was well prepared to take over this function, as he had been production control manager for three years at Beckman Instruments and two years at Tracerlab. His quiet, efficient methods of doing things and his ability to see the other fellow's point of view have enabled him to make a valuable contribution to the effective management of Hallikainen Instruments.

Bill spent his childhood in Scotland; however, his family immigrated to the U.S. and he completed high school in New York state. In 1942 he heeded the call and joined the Air Force where he got his start in electronics. They arbitrarily enrolled him in electronics school, and after a six weeks course he was arbitrarily assigned to teach a six weeks session. He found himself at his first lecture confronted with 40 G.I.'s and an oscilloscope (which had

found himself at his first lecture confronted with 40 G.I.'s and an oscilloscope (which had not been included in the prep course). Fortunately, another G.I., arbitrarily assigned to the class, was a graduate physicist and took over the lectures (the pay was the same) while Bill took voluminous notes and read all the books he could get his hands on. With this preparation he spent the next four years teaching electronics at the various training centers until he was discharged in 1946. He then started for his degree in business administration at Kings College in Pennsylvania, but after a year transferred to California Polytechnic where he received his B.Sc. in electrical engineering in 1951.

Still a dedicated reader, Bill keeps informed of current national and international political issues, enjoys historical studies and is an ardent baseball fan. We're not quite sure whether that peg board in his office is for production schedules or baseball scores, but he does an amazing job of keeping track of everything in process in the plant. He and his wife have three children; Billy 8, Bobby 5 and Debbie 4. They live in San Pablo.

New License. We have recently added the Automatic Osmometer to our Shell license. This instrument gives a reading of osmotic pressure which has many applications in the petroleum refining industry and the plastics industry. We will tell you more about it when we find out more about it.

Honorary Award. At the June meeting of the East Bay Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management, Mr. Hallikainen was presented the society's "Management Man of the Year" award for outstanding accomplishment in the field of management. He has been Chapter president for the past year and will serve on the board of directors for the coming year.

Refrigerated Boiling Point Analyzer? Those Estes Refrigeration men have been working on the premises again, this time to install a refrigeration unit on the cooling system for an Initial Boiling Point Analyzer. Asiatic Petroleum is going to use this analyzer for an Initial Boiling Point Analyzer. Asiatic Petroleum is going to use this analyzer in Venezuela.

Mid-Year Inventory. During the plant shut-down Mr. Scrimour will don his shop coat and sashay around the plant supervising the chalk marking of everything for inventory. Martin Kaufmann, Bill Stairs and anybody else they can find around who knows how to count will be drafted to help.

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Hans Bockenkamp, the P. C. Leungs and the Fred Wolffs all are now in possession of scrolls indicating that they are U.S. Citizens and are entitled to the protections, privileges, etc accorded to such under U.S. law.

All the Charms About Linda. A shout echoed through the shop on Thursday, June 20th announcing the arrival of the Kvasnickas' baby daughter, Linda. The little raven beauty has inherited her mother's black hair and dark eyes and has the distinction of being grandma's first granddaughter. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces, and big daddy Jim is all smiles these days. Congratulations!

Assistant to Opal. Pretty Jewella "Jo" Deffebach has taken over the job of production clerk and expeditor. Jo is a local girl who says that there is nothing exciting to say about her; however, she attended Portola Jr. High and El Cerrito High, married right after graduation, has three children ages 2, 4 and 6, has kept active in the Richmond Jr. Women's Club, does volunteer work with retarded children at the Cameron School, and takes classes in copper working and ceramics. To keep contact with the business world, she has always held a part-time job, for a while with the China Pharmacy where she was training to be a buyer of perfumes and then with A.M.E. department store in Richmond selling and purchasing in the drugs and sundries. She has also taught swimming and worked as a life guard. In her spare time, she and her family go boating and water skiing and have enjoyed many vacations surfing at Balboa. They have also tried tobogganing and skiing and think that it would be easy to become real snow enthusiasts. Jo has recently become interested in a little theater group and likes to cook and garden. If there is anything she doesn't like, we have never heard her mention it. We hope that she will be able to add Hallikainen Instruments to her long list of pleasant associations. The Deffebachs live in El Cerrito.

Letter from the Service. Herb Liske writes that he completed his eight weeks in Military Police school in Georgia and has successfully avoided being assigned as an M.P. ever since. The Army sent him to Germany, so he worked as an interpreter for a while, then went to radio repair school, worked as a radio repairman and is now a communications section chief still in Germany. He is scheduled to be back in the U.S. in October and looks forward to coming back to work as soon as he can get a discharge. Herb sends his best wishes to everybody.

Vacations. Since Opal Taylor has to be here during the plant shutdown, she took her vacation early. She and M.R. cavorted about California to the various lake resorts with their boat and water skis, went trolling for trout and redecorated their living room.

That phantom in uniform that was appearing in the plant at night was really Martin Kaufmann. He was doing his required two weeks military duty at Hamilton AFB and was coming in evenings to keep things caught up here.

Resignations. Kay Crawford and Rae Zolman both left Friday, June 29, Kay to become a sheep rancher and Rae to become a mother. Very best wishes to both of them.

Happy vacation to all of you!