

Company Picnic, In Spite of the Weather:

The sun came out on May 16, but only long enough to deceive Hallikainen picnickers into believing that it was going to be a beautiful day. Instead, by noon the sun disappeared, the temperature dropped, and the rain began to fall. But it takes more than bad weather to daunt Hallikainen spirits!

The games commenced, and prizes were given. Hans Bockenkamp won the puddle jumping contest; Norm Waner excelled at the twenty yard Mud Slide; Mrs. Arthur Alston was admired by all for her rendition of the Swim; the Schimbors were given the Outstanding Good Sense award for being the first ones to leave.

In the children's games, Michele Chin won the prize for eating the most soggy hot-dogs; Martin Kaufmann III excelled at the "See-Who-Can-Stand-In-The-Rain-The-Longest" contest; Jo Deffebach and Opal Taylor took the grand prizes in the Mud Sling game.

Everyone was cold, wet and dirty, but thankful that George Hays, Ann Fraley, Harold Hallikainen, and Monty had stood in the rain to prepare the food. And all were especially proud of Ken Harris for all the time he spent in planning, preparation, and clean-up.

Next year's picnic is to be held in Florida in June.

On the Road to George Hays, traveling applications engineer, has begun his tour of the United States in the new mobile demonstrator. He spent a week conducting demonstrations and answering questions at refineries in the Los Angeles area where he was accompanied by Howard Ingber, our sales representative for that territory. Then George proceeded to Vancouver where he spoke with members of Shell, Standard, and Trans-Mountain Oil Pipe Co. Mr. Schimbor reports that the trip has been quite successful so far, and that he is pleased with the turnout at each of the stops.

Lost in the Flood? The large broiling pan that contained the baked beans at the picnic has been reported missing. It is the personal property of Ken Harris.

M. L. Bramson, a familiar figure around Hallikainen Instruments, is presently working on a research project concerning the long-term preservation of blood. His research is being done in conjunction with the Presbyterian Medical Center.

Robert Peacock is proud to announce that June 20th has been set as the wedding day for his daughter Linda Darlene and her fiance, Peter Bart Poirson. Both have attended Contra Costa College, and Poirson is now enrolled at California Polytechnic College in Pomona.

Well-Traveled New Employee: Willem Missel, machinist trainee, is of Dutch heritage and spent the first twenty-eight years of his life in Indonesia. By the time he completed elementary school, the Second World War had begun and the Japanese invaded and occupied Indonesia, placing Willem and his family in a concentration camp. He remained there for 3½ years before Allied forces were able to free the islands of the Japanese hold. At this time Willem began technical school with the aim of becoming a machinist.

While he was studying, the nationalist Indonesian Revolution began, but Willem remained in Indonesia working as a diesel mechanic. By 1958 the internal turmoil in the country made it imperative for all Dutch people to leave, so Willem flew to Holland where he found a job with a branch of the American Dupont Company. In Holland he also married.

His displeasure with the climate made him consider coming to the United States; in 1962 he arrived in San Francisco and began looking for a job. About a year and a half ago, he happened to be passing by Hallikainen Instruments, wandered in, and placed an application with Bill Stairs. Before beginning work here on April 13, Willem was employed by Alfa-Scientific Laboratories as a machinist.

Willem's major avocational interest is to learn to speak better English. To do this he listens avidly to television commercials and repeats what has been said.

Willem's mother, four sisters, and four brothers are still in Holland. He hopes to help them come to the U.S. some day.



Willem Missel
New Employee



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