

# HALLIKAINEN *hi-lights*

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Sales Department Difficulties. In every life a little rain . . . however, our good customers in France think that they have had more than their share. Some months ago they ordered a 1300° Constant Temperature Bath, and we assured them that they could have it within their specified time. All would have been well, but our supplier was slow sending the special Resistance Thermometer. The bath stood in the shop otherwise complete while the customer sent us telegrams and we sent the supplier telegrams with everybody telling everybody else to "hurry up" because the customer's particular project was at a standstill until the bath arrived. Finally everything was completed, tested and shipped, and everybody sat back and relaxed, waiting for notice of delivery and payment. No such luck! We received a call from the forwarding company informing us that the instrument got as far as Le Havre, France and the ship (with cargo) sank in the harbor after another ship hit it in the fog. Impossible, but true! So, the insurance company paid the claim, the philosophical Frenchmen ordered another bath and settled back for another 3-month wait, and all of our work on that 1300° bath is at the bottom of the harbor, rusting. Wish us better luck next time!

The D. J. Pompeo Memorial Fund with Mr. Hallikainen as chairman of the committee has reached the amount of \$5,189, and a new committee is taking over to carry it to the \$10,000 goal. The fund was established to provide a scholarship at the University of California for students in Instrumentation, the work in which Mr. Pompeo was an active pioneer. He was also active in pushing Mr. Hallikainen into the instrument business, so indirectly we all owe our jobs to Mr. Pompeo's efforts. During the past two years Mr. Hallikainen has promoted the fund to the point where he now feels that he can turn the responsibility over to another I.S.A. member who will have enough interest to carry it on. He will, however, still be keeping an eye on the fund's progress.

Save the Date! Saturday, December 14, is the date of the company Christmas party, so mark your calendar and plan to come. The party for the children will be on Sunday afternoon, December 15. Plan to bring the children for fun time with Santa. There will be more news about both parties next month.

Mech. E. - Smiling Dick Leuba is now working in our engineering department, although he seems so far to have spent most of his time at Shell. He has been assigned to work on the Osmometer which Shell is still testing and changing, so he is having to work very closely with the Shell engineers.

Dick is originally from Ohio where he graduated from Antioch College with a major in Mechanical Engineering. Antioch has a work-study program which enabled Dick to hold several different jobs in connection with his course of study before he received his degree. He and his wife then moved to Seattle where he went to work as an engineer, but found that he wanted more education. He spent the next three years part-time completing his master's degree at the U. of Washington, and then taught at the university for two years. The following summer seemed like a good time to take a trip, so the Leubas turned everything into cash and took their infant son with them on a three month tour of Europe. On returning to the U.S., Dick accepted a job at Tracerlab in Richmond where he has been for the past six years working on development of their nuclear radiation measuring instruments. The Leubas are enthusiastic campers and mountaineers. They spend most of their vacations and holidays with their two sons camping out of their Greenbrier, and once spent a week hiking the John Muir Trail (without children). For mountaineering they have climbed Mt. Lassen, Whitney, Darwin, Bear Creek Spire and part way on Popocatepetl in Mexico. They hope that their next long jaunt will be to the orient. For their local spare time activities, the Leubas enjoy gardening and are amateur ornithologists. They live in East Richmond.

Back from the Service. Herb Liske is back in the test room after two years in the service. He looks fine, had a good time in the "old country", but is glad to be back in the U.S. Ron Bultena is out of the service and back at home. He spent his six months in training school in Florida, was one of two top students in the class, and signed up for drill team so that he could travel on week-ends at government expense (since he couldn't go very far on the \$17 per week they paid him). We expect him back on the job soon.

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Welcome, Little One! Even though big daddy Skip was off hunting for the week-end, Kenneth James Bradford arrived a good two weeks early. Surprise! He weighed in at 6 pounds 3¼ ounces on October 26. Fortunately, grandma was on hand to spend the week-end with the two older boys. Congratulations to all of you!

Hobby Corner. Babies to trade! Tropical fish, that is. Flo Sheehan has a surplus of Black Mollie babies in her aquarium and would be pleased to trade them for something else (another kind of fish) to add variety to her collection. Any other fish fanciers in the crowd?

Test Room. We walked through the test room the other day and noticed Leung with a small instrument somewhat disassembled on his workbench. It was a new transducer that he was testing for the Lab Viscometer. He hadn't yet determined its relative merits, but he assured me that he knew how to put it back together again.

B-u-t-t-e-r-m-i-l-k ! It seems that diet prescriber Opal Taylor has gone on a diet of buttermilk and bananas along with Jo and Ken and some of the boys in the shop who are now drinking buttermilk just because they like it. The little man at the corner grocery can't figure out why the sudden demand for buttermilk. We'll never tell! The real reason is that after 20 years and 250,000 cigarettes, Opal has quit smoking. She does not, however, intend to give up Scotch and soda.

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