

HALINCO h-LIGHTS

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Inventory, they called it! Last week a person had to watch his step to avoid tripping over sundry stock items that were piled in the most unusual places. There were people walking around making notations on clip boards or shouting at other people. Things were being loaded, unloaded, weighed, counted, hoisted and stored away again. Bill Stairs assures us that everybody and everything will be back in place again this week.

Personality Sketch - Norman Waner joined the company January 1, 1955 and brought with him the facilities and business he had developed in his Specialized Laboratory Apparatus Co., SLACO (tube heaters and tube buzzers). He also had experience as consulting engineer with Marchant Calculators and the U.S. Radiological Defense Laboratory. While working with an engineering consulting firm in Philadelphia, he worked on assignments which extended from expediting production of street cars and busses to designing machinery for packaging children's crayons. He received his bachelor's degree from the Polytechnical Institute of Brooklyn in 1944, his master's from the University of Pennsylvania in 1947, and his Professional Engineer's degree from Cal in 1951. He taught at Cal for four years as an assistant professor in the Engineering Design Department, and he still teaches a night course in engineering fundamentals for the University Extension. As a committee worker and joiner of professional organizations he is tireless; as a participant in group activities he is always ready to go; as chief engineer at Hallikainen he works industriously and thoroughly, improving designs in order to maintain our instruments' superior performance to those of our competitors. Norm lives in Berkeley with his wife and two children ages 6 and 4.

Personalities in the News. Mr. Hallikainen admits to being elected vice-president of the Berkeley Manufacturers Association since he was included in the group picture of their newly elected officers which appeared in the December 7th issue of the Berkeley Gazette. An article in the Richmond Independent on November 30th publicized Norm Waner's work as Zone Chairman of the Bay Area Engineers' Scholarship Committee. The December 22nd issue of the Medical World News magazine carried a cover picture and a two page article about our Harkins-Bramson heart massage machine.

The children's Christmas party was attended by 27 children accompanied by 35 parents. Ice cream, cookies and soda pop were consumed in quantity, Donald Duck and Mr. McGoo frolicked across the movie screen, games were played and prizes were won and Santa had a Christmas stocking for each of the children. Santa said, "Ho! Ho! Ho! Everybody had fun!"

"Add Girl Child" is the literal translation of the Chinese inscription on the cigars that John Chin was passing around the plant last Wednesday. Michelle Chin was born December 26th in the Chinese Hospital in San Francisco one day late for her mother's birthday. She weighed 7 pounds, and two year old brother Michael thinks she is just about the nicest baby he knows.

New Employee. The new office girl in the engineering department is Rae Thayer. So far she has been typing operating instructions and letters and is learning the various functions of the department. Rae is an Oakland girl, went to Castlemont High, and then took a year's course in business at Oakland City College. Before coming to work for us, she worked at the Frieden Company. On December 17th she announced her engagement to Don Zolman (her escort at the Christmas party), and they are planning their wedding for April 7th. Rae's enthusiasm for sports has extended to being on the swimming team in high school, teaching swimming, bowling and playing tennis. Currently, she and Don roller skate three nights a week, are members of the Rollerland skating association and skate in the competitions. Rae now lives in Oakland with her parents, her sister, 2 dogs, 4 goldfish and 40 canaries.

Christmas Party! People are saying that this year's party was the best ever. We're counting the days until the next one. There was plenty of room for dancing, plenty of food for eating, plenty of chairs for sitting and talking and plenty to quench the thirst of even the very thirsty. About 70 people attended, and the dancing for the die-hards went on until after 4:00 A.M. Everybody had fun! Rose Hendrickson and her committees can consider themselves a tremendous success!

Letter to the Party Committees from Rose Hendrickson: To all who helped with the Christmas Party, a very sincere Thank You. To Kay & Opal for the lovely buffet. All of you that enjoyed the decoration, it was the clever work of Carol, Tanya & Jack. To Ken, Ronn, Skip, Pete, Al & Henry for getting the decoration up, and all the clean up Sunday morning. To Tom & Ken for our dance music. Barbara & Tanya sent out all the invitations, the clever art work on the card was Tanya's. Last but not least to Howard and all his crew for the liquid refreshments. So thanks to all

Rose Hendrickson, Chairman

Since this is the last issue of 1961, "HAPPY NEW YEAR!" everybody, may the year 1962 bring us all continued success!

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