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Hewlett-Packard Company

Items of Interest Concerning Palo Alto Personnel

May, 1964

It's Little Basin for 1964 HP Family Picnics

By JACK WEIERSHAUSER (HP Recreational Director)

Dates: June 13 and 20—

Our '64 Family Picnic will be held again at Little Basin for the second year. The theme—"Come to the Carnival in the Wilderness"—will offer many attractions such as booths, prizes, hayrides, pony rides, hikes, volleyball, softball, horse-shoes, ping pong, etc. The booths will include baseball throw, penny (slug) pitch, bean bag toss, cork gun shoot for cigarettes, snowball toss, kiddies fishing for prizes, bottleneck, and nail driving games. Prizes will range from transistor radios to glider airplanes and from stuffed dolls to rings; a prize for every age.

The menu will feature steak, hamburger, salad, corn on the cob, coffee, beer, soft drinks, pie, ice cream, and cotton candy.

Please Heed—"No Smoking Signs"—

Due to the almost total lack of rain this spring, the fire hazard is extremely great. Signs will be posted indicating areas where smoking will not be permitted. The area is very dry and packed with leaf mold and other combustible materials (in the campsite area, a fire for burning leaves and brush was still hot enough to light a cigarette 17 days later!). And this was in April 1964, not June. PLEASE heed the no-smoking signs.

Sign-up sheets for tickets will be in your locations the last week in May. This picnic is for employees and their immediate families—husband, wife, sons, and daughters. Guests are not permitted.

The division of employees for each Saturday is as follows:

Saturday, June 13

F & T
Paeco
Manufacturing Engineering
HPA
Customer Service
Marketing
Materials

Saturday, June 20

Microwave
Scopes
Dymec
Operations
Finance
Treasurer
Staff (Patent, Public Relations,
Corporate Engineering, Advanced
Technical Planning)
Personnel
International Operations



'CARNIVAL TIME: SIXTY-FOUR'

By GENE DOUCETTE (HP Midway Operator)

Fun For All—

Our theme for the annual HP picnic reflects the new look for these tremendous affairs. After talking to many people and gathering ideas, it has been decided to have a carnival at the picnic this year. We plan to have games for all ages from one to one hundred. By popular demand the saddle horses and ponies will be back. We plan on having 15 saddle horses this year, which means less waiting and more rides. To avoid having the same problems when waiting for the horse ride, we will be handing out numbered tickets this year at the stable.

For those people who would like to see more of Little Basin than the picnic area, we will have a truck and hay wagon ride available.

Prizes will be awarded all winners of the games. These will range from transistor radios to penny gliders. Players will be limited to two prizes from any one booth. Lines may be formed at runways which will be found adjacent to each booth. No tickets will be needed to play—just be at the end of the line and await your turn.

On May 16 a work party will be on hand to construct the booths. Anyone who would like to help out, please contact Gene Doucette before May 8 for details.

The many activities and chairmen are listed below:

Activity	June 13	June 20
1. Horses and Ponies	Oscar Bettendorff, F&T	Will Morton, MW
2. Hay Wagon & Truck	Joe Bourdet, F&T	John Hartman, MW
3. Baseball Throw	Dick Lebaudour, HPA	Jack McKee, Scopes
4. Baseball Throw	Dick Lebaudour, HPA	Jack McKee, Scopes
5. Penny Pitch	Gene Daniels, Paeco	Bob Hungate, Finance
6. Bean Bag Toss	Gene Daniels, Paeco	Ken Olsen, Dymec
7. Cork Gun Shoot	Harry Woods, Mfg. Eng.	Ken Olsen, Dymec
8. Snowball Toss	Jerry Inman, F&T	Howard Harrington, MW
9. Snowball Toss	Jerry Inman, F&T	Howard Harrington, MW
10. Snowball Toss	Jerry Inman, F&T	Howard Harrington, MW
11. Kiddies Fishing	Paul Morgan, Materials	Vin Lacoste, Operations
12. Bottleneck Game	Les Oliver, Marketing	(To be appointed)
13. Nail Driving	Ken Johnson, Cust. Serv.	Tony Malo, HPIA
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MOTHER—A TRIBUTE

By DENZIL BRADLEY (HP Guard, 1-U)

Mothers are lauded
In poetry and prose,
Their virtues extolled to the skies;
But their fame is no less,
I would say, as a guess,
For the flavor of their home-made pies

The wisdom of Solomon,
The patience of Job,
Are attributes no one denies,

And there is no other
Just like dear old Mother,
Who also makes good home-made pies

Her courage, her humor, her kindly
regard,
Are qualities that we all prize,
But, oh, with what ardor
We sample her larder
When she bakes those good home-made
pies.



Tuesday, May 26, HP Blood Bank Day

Goal: 140 Pints—

The Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank will be at the Stanford Plant on Tuesday, May 26, in the Conference Rooms over the Cafeteria, from 7:30 a.m. until noon or later. We hope to collect 140 pints of blood for the HP reserve to be used by employees and their immediate families when necessary.

Since last May, 160 pints were used from our blood supply, averaging four pints per recipient; the reserve is down to 140 pints at present.

Sign-up sheets will be available the middle of May. Check the Weekly Bulletin for further news.

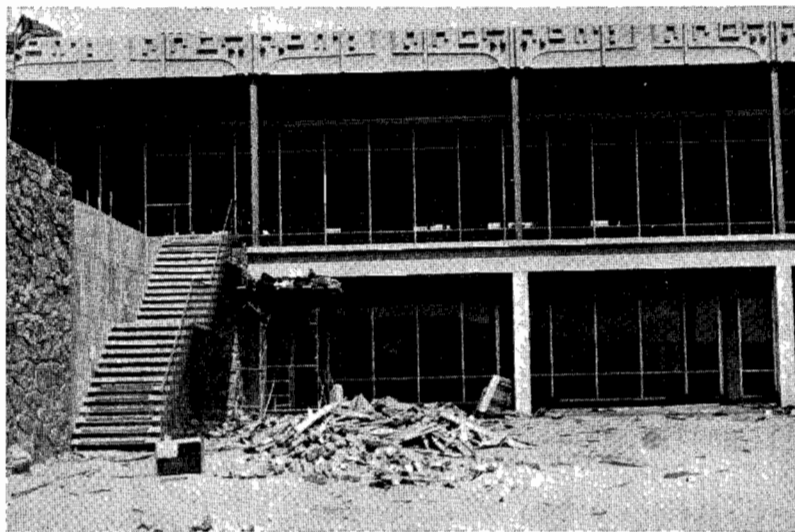
'Turk' Murphy Signs For Plotter Hi-Jinks

Evening of Dancing and Fun—

Friday, May 22, is the day which many of you have been looking forward to. Once again we will be having "Turk" Murphy and his group. This evening of dancing and fun will be held at the Marco Polo Motel (the old Stardust). The evening begins at 8 p.m. and goes through 'til 2 a.m. At midnight a breakfast, consisting of hot cakes, eggs, French toast, bacon, ham, sausage, hash brown potatoes, and coffee, will be served. Then, every hour on the hour, three bottles of champagne will be given away as door prizes. Sounds like fun doesn't it? Tickets are limited to 300 people (150 couples) and at press time only 38 tickets remain . . . so, if you have not purchased your tickets yet, please do so as we would not want you to be disappointed.

The tickets are on sale at all the reception desks, and the price is \$3.75 per person (this includes the midnight breakfast). See you all on the 22nd!

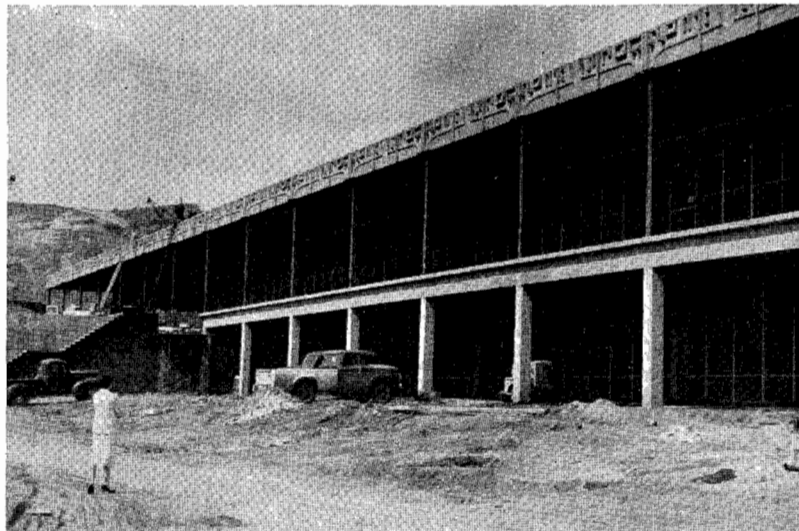
PROGRESS REPORT—COLORADO SPRINGS



CLOSE-UP of stairway near front entrance leading to upper level. Wall on left is faced with native igneous rock partially covered with moss. Fascia panel is abstract design based on Indian motif. It is of interest to note that design is not pertinent to any given Indian tribe but symbolic of all tribes and may be individually interpreted as viewer sees fit.



SOUTH SIDE upper deck from the top of stairs. The lower floor of new Scope plant will be ready by June 15 and upper deck set for August 15. —Photos by Geo. Blinn



SOUTH elevation. Front entrance will be at center of lower level of 135,000-square-foot facility.



Questions and Answers on Your Benefit Program

By GEORGE CLIMO

In the March issue of MEASURE, Dave Packard announced a new \$2,500 medical insurance program for retired employees and their dependents. This will affect very few initially, but it has already raised a number of questions. Here are a few of the details:

Question: I plan to retire when I reach 100 percent vesting on the Retirement Plan. Will I be eligible for this new insurance?

Answer: You can retire at 41 if you want, Ed, but you won't qualify for the health insurance. You meet one requirement—ten years of service—but you must also be age 60 at the time of your retirement. Your Retirement Fund will get bigger and better. Why don't you stick around for a few more years?

Question: How much do I pay for the family coverage on the retired insurance program?

Answer: No charge. You and your eligible dependents are all covered at no cost to you.

Question: I've been carrying a Green Shield plan on my family for many years. Would you suggest dropping it upon retirement if qualified for the HP plan?

Answer: You must have your colors mixed—Green Shield is the plan for domestic pets. Under our new plan, you can still qualify for medical benefits after retirement even if you continue to pay the full premium on a private plan. You would be disqualified for our benefits, however, for expenses covered by any plan for which another employer or the Government pays part of the premium.

Question: What percent of the expenses do I pay after the deductible?

Answer: 25 percent.

Question: The doc has suggested an occasional nip of scotch for my arthritis. Are drugs included under the new plan?

Answer: I understand McKesson and Robbins distributes a good brand. Drugs are includable only if a written prescription from a physician is required.

Question: Awfully nice of you folks to include pregnancy coverage. Is this some sort of a joke?

Answer: No—we only cover the serious cases. It's not likely you will need it for yourself, but the plan includes pregnancy complications of qualified dependents. With that young wife of yours, you never can tell!

All qualified employees will be advised the details of this new program prior to retiring. The general provisions are similar to the major medical coverage under the present group health plan. If you have questions, contact Personnel.

RECREATION IN APRIL

By JACK WEIERSHAUSER (HP Recreational Director)

Golfer Parsons: Trophy Winner—

The Stanford Golf Tournament, held on Good Friday, March 27, went off in fine style and under good weather conditions. Bill Parsons won the trophy with a score of 78-07-71. Bill Baker of hpa won the Low Gross with a score of 77.



HEWLETT-PACKARD's entry in the Sunnyvale Class "C" basketball league walked off with top honors and a three-foot trophy to prove it. After placing third in the first half of league play (4-2), the team came back to win the second half with a 5-win-1-loss record. HP then defeated Paterson Parchment in a best two-out-of-three series, 41-37 and 39-33, to win league championship. Squad was very well balanced, which made for consistent play in each game. Team members pictured (background) l to r: JOHN SHANAHAN and ALAN SEELY (Microwave Lab); ED HEINSEN (Advanced R&D Lab); DON BARKLEY (Product Training); MIKE SWIONTEK (Advanced R&D Lab); (foreground) l to r: WAYNE FLEMING (Microwave Lab); and LARRY AMSDEN (Product Training). Congratulations to all!



PREPARATIONS for the many seminars held throughout the HP family during the year require many man hours to accomplish. The speed and efficiency with which the paperwork was gathered together, assembled, and shipped to Geneva for the Seminar being held there from May 9 to 14 was no exception. Effectively working together to beat the deadline were members of Marketing Training and Publications. l to r: ERNIE MATLOCK, ELLA HOWARD, FRED OTTINGER, IRENE TONNESEN, ART HERFURTH, CHARLENE BOATRIGT, JEAN BAER, WALLY BRANN, RUTH BOWEN, LOLLY PEROTTI, JAKE HAHN, and CY SMITH. Ernie will be a Palo Alto representative at the Seminar to help in presentation of setups and material (which is an equivalent of the Senior Sales Seminar held in Palo Alto each year).

HP Associates

By TERRY INOUE

HPA IN FINAL MOVE
(FOR NOW, THAT IS)—

Building 10, as this place is called, is now completely filled to accommodate the production needs of HP Associates. The final move from Building 7-A was made in April with STAN BARSKI and his topnotch assembly and test crew filling in the reserved stations. DAVE WEINDORF's product engineering group has moved in also, making it possible for BILL BLOOM, manufacturing manager, to see the total picture.

To help with the mechanization of our assembly stations, we have, with us this month BOB PICHA, who has joined "ROCKY" ROCKLITZ' manufacturing engineering group as equipment engineer. Bob has had previous experience at Raytheon in Mountain View where he was senior mechanical engineer, at Texas Instruments in the same capacity, and at Parker Pen Co. where he was product automation engineer. A graduate of Georgia Tech with an industrial engineering degree, Bob is now residing in Sunnyvale with his family (they are originally from Chicago).

DAVE PENNING's Quality Assurance has a new member in the person of DON HENDRICKSON. 4-U's DAVE WEIBEL's Quality Assurance group's loss is our gain! Don has been with HP for eleven years and has grown with the company in various areas, such as, stock room, stores, receiving, etc. Don boasts of his 10-year-old daughter, of his brother, DALE, in Bldg. 1L, and his father, ALEC, of the Valley Plant . . . they all have helped make HP grow.

In the Model Shop we have with us HENRY HOLZMUELLER who transferred from the 7-E Casting Shop where he had worked for three years. Henry is working for "Rocky" also, and has had several years' experience as foreman for the Hemet Corporation doing machine shop work. He originally came from Cincinnati but now resides in Sunnyvale with his family consisting of three children.

In the R&D building, one is now greeted by a pretty lass by the name of NANCY AITKEN who has undertaken the receptionist duties as well as clerical duties and has been responsible to DON SMITH, our engineering administrator there. Nancy is a native of the Bay Area (Burlingame being her home), is single, pursues art and tennis as hobbies, and is a graduate of San Francisco State where she majored in history.

Things are pretty much in a muddle in the R&D building and Building 7-A right now, since the shuffle is on for them also! The manufacturing area cleared is in the process of being taken over by MASON CLARK's Opto-Electronic Device development group. So far the people who have moved in are HUGO FELLNER's R&D Reliability staff consisting of BILL BAKER, DICK GRUNEWALD, and MARGARET ABARCA. STEW KRKAUER's Device Characterization Applications group of BARRY LEWIS, HANS SORENSON, and CLYDE AUSTIN plus BOB HALL's microwave applications with WAYNE GROVE. PAUL GALLAGHER's device developing engineering group of ANDERS OFFENBERG, JOAN WINER, and BOB TICHNER. BOB JOHNSON and his model lab and DAVE EARLE's group are supposed to be moving in also. The additional people around should make the hard-working photocell conductor lab of ED HILTON's crew very happy!

It's spring, and thoughts of love have swept four couples into matrimony! RUTH MURPHY of JOANN PETERSON's group married Merle Baptiste in Reno on March 7; they are now residing in Mountain View. DIANE VARGAS of RAY HEFNER's hot-carrier line became Mrs. Mario Feri on April 18 in Reno, and they are living in Mountain View also. "DOC" WHITE of JOE BUTERO's photo-cell line took as her husband GEORGE ISAACS of HP electrical maintenance on April 18, also, and are now residents of Palo Alto. February 1 was the day that HERB SHEAR gave up his bachelorhood for one GERALDINE POSHUSTA and they are now setting up housekeeping in Los Altos.

That's it for now, so 'til next issue . . . Sayonara!



Watt's Fun

The local weatherman was wrong on his forecasts so often he was publicly embarrassed and applied for a transfer. "Why do you wish to be transferred?" came the question from headquarters. "Because the climate here doesn't agree with me."

Employment Bureau Clerk: "Why, miss, we just sent you to a new job yesterday and the boss fired you already?"

Cute Chick: "Yes, and for no reason at all. I only asked him if he wanted the carbon copy of his letter double-spaced, too."

Here's to the Iron Curtain. May it rust in peace.



HEWLETT-PACKARD POST OFFICE headquartered on upper floor of Administration Building. L-r: BOB KINDLUND, DON COLLIER, KAY FETTE, SANDRA LOUNT, and KAREN LANE shown processing a portion of the thousands of items that pass thru their hands each day. (See article, below.)

HEWLETT-PACKARD'S POST OFFICE—SMOOTH, WELL-COORDINATED SERVICE

In fact: "The Mail operation at Hewlett-Packard Company is one of the finest in this area" (quote from Post Office supervisor)—

The Mail Desk at HP operates as a section of Office Services, which in turn is part of Finance Department's Administrative Services. It is indeed a smooth-running, well-coordinated, highly versatile team of HP'ites. Keeping track of people at HP is like chasing that old needle (the one in the haystack) and with all our shifting, transferring, divisionalizing, and re-designating of departments, it takes a bit of doing. For the information of those who may wonder how his mail arrives, here is how.

The mail is initially picked up at the East Palo Alto Annex of the Post Office by an HP driver and delivered to the Mail Desk in Building 3-U of the Stanford Plant. Here it is first "rough sorted" into the various mail slots, and from there "fine sorted" to delivery carts for distribution to various buildings and specific locations.

While distributing the incoming mail, the mail personnel also pick up your outgoing mail, and upon the crew's return to the Mail Desk, these items are then sorted into their various categories, weighed, metered, wrapped, and finally bagged for delivery to the Palo Alto Post Office.

In many ways the handling of mail is one of the most critical and vital operations of a smooth-running office such as ours at HP. Consider what would happen if the mail desk stopped functioning. We would receive no purchase orders, no bills or acknowledgments, we couldn't send out checks or invoices, and think of the number of stamps that someone would have to lick!

Seriously, "written communications are the lifeblood of any business operation," and without efficient mail handling, nothing else would be accomplished on time. When we consider the chain reaction set off by the absence of this operation we can appreciate what it does accomplish. Here is just one year's statistics:

- Approximately 272,700 lbs. of mail received.
- 105,050 lbs. of mail sent out.
- 1,212,700 pieces of interoffice correspondence distributed.

To do the above, the Post Office group makes 5,757 trips around the plant for a total of 2,490 miles of mail-cart pushing to deliver the goods.

Between runs and when time permits, the mail gals provide various administrative services where needed, i.e., typing, filing, copying, as well as helping out in the teletype room. The mail boys assist in the Print Shop and maintain all copying equipment in the Stanford plant.

The group makes use of the most modern equipment and procedures at our mail desk, such as: electric letter openers, automated postage machines, folding and inserting equipment, plus our special mail pouch system from Palo Alto to Loveland and Colorado Springs which insures us of "next day" service to these two locations.

It's a complicated job—keeping on top of all the internal moves as well as keeping abreast of the rate changes and train schedules, but like the saying goes—the mail must get through—and we've got the crew that can do it, and does.



A LUNCHEON was held recently at El Rancho honoring JOHN NEWMAN, a long-time HP'ite. Many of John's friends throughout the Palo Alto complex were in attendance to wish him "good luck" on his new undertaking. Pictured at speaker's table, l to r: HILDA HARRIS, BARBARA HATCH, JOHN NEWMAN, LLOYD UNNASCH, JOHN VETERAN, GENE DOUCETTE, TED ANDERSON, ADOLPH KONING, RAY ROONEY, and DAVE KABLE. Seated at foreground table, l to r, facing camera: BERT JACKSON, LEW McCHESNEY, VEN FRANCO, KIKI FRANCO, and BILL WOLFENBARGER.

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MIDWAY in torrid El Toro Race: "El Oficeno año del Gran Concurlo Bareo-Toro" (freely translated: The Eleventh Annual Bullship Race). There were 162 El Toros entered in this four-mile Donneybrook with approximately 100 finishing. As may be noted in cartoon by "Whitey" (above), AL BAGLEY obviously wasn't among the lucky ones. (See article, this page.)



FRIENDS in the Microwave Plant joined Y-HP visitors, YAMA OHKI and HI NOGUCHI, at a luncheon in the cafeteria prior to their return on the first of April. At foreground table, 1 to r: MARTHA UNTERNAEHRER, EVA SCOBEE, ERCIL JOSEPH, SAM TERESI, YAMA OHKI, HI NOGUCHI, JOHN DOYLE, HARMON TRAVER, HI HAYASHI, RUSS PERRICONE, MEL BYRNS, MIEKO GORMAN, and VELMA NELSON. Table at left background, 1 to r: GEORGE SPRINGER, BOB (call me "Baldy") LEWIS, BEN HOLBACK, and FRANK WARREN (back to camera).



A GROUP OF FRIENDS and co-workers gathered at El Rancho restaurant to tender a farewell to DUKE MADSEN upon his transfer April 1 from Order Processing (3U) to Frequency & Time Manufacturing Specifications (1U). At head table, 1 to r: ED MORTON, MAXINE DOSS, DUKE, M.C. LES OLIVER, KATHY HORNBACK, KATHY MILLER, ED CHARLTON, MYRTLE THOMAS, ED WYNN, MARY JO BLANKENSHIP, BARBARA WINDER, ERIKA SCHLEMMER, LORENE RODGERS, and BETTY PHILLIPS (with backs to camera). Seated at foreground table, 1 to r: BILL HAWKINS and OSCAR BETTENDORFF (back to camera), RON NORMAN and ED VALENCIA.



In photo above, seated at head table are, 1 to r: HARMON TRAVER, GORDON BRANDT, ERIC JOHNSON, and RON CHURCH. MC Eric presented Gordon with schematic showing checkoff list of things to do, now and in the immediate future. Brandt transferred from Microwave Section I to International Operations (preparatory to a tour of duty with GmbH).



OFFICIAL PHOTO: DYMEC SOFTBALL TEAM (1964) PRE-SEASON. Front row (1 to r): Gene Peck, Howard Horner, Ernie Hansen, Walt Linebaugh, Carl Steele; back row: Dave Kable (Manager), Leo Rowe, Jim Maguire, Carl Franklin, George Woodle, Rich Pattison, Gary Knapp, Dan Martinez, and Rudy Vera (Coach).

PRE-FAB PIPELINE

By JUNE LAHN

FIRST: A hearty welcome to MICHELE ROBINSON, Line 3, who has been loaned to us from Building 4U. We're glad to have you with us.

We were sorry to hear that MARGARET HIBLER's daughter and son-in-law were involved in an auto accident in Oklahoma. Margaret took a week of her vacation and flew back to do what she could; luckily, neither was seriously injured. DORA SMITH's daughter and son-in-law were also involved in a collision, and fortunately, her daughter was not injured seriously; however, her son-in-law is still in serious condition. The accident occurred in Stockton where the couple resides. We hope their recovery is rapid.

MAURICE BALLINGER looks a little worn these days. He's been "sweating out" each day in hopes that his wife will call to be taken to the hospital for the birth of their second child. Like today, for instance, he left the car home for his wife; it didn't do her much good, though, since he brought the car keys to work with him. From now until the baby is born, each "waiting" day will be known as "Be kind to Maurice day!"

FRANKIE HAYS is walking much better since she had the cast removed from her leg.

CARLA MCCOY is back with us after spending five days in the hospital (we understand from very reliable sources that she received some sort of medal, but no one seems to know just what it was for).

FREDA COX is now on the sick list, having undergone surgery on May 4. We all wish her luck and a speedy recovery.

The Pre-Fab Foster Parents are going to raffie two beautiful, hand-knit Italian sweaters to raise funds to help support our foster son, Constantine Mavris. Tickets may be purchased from the following Foster Parents: ABBY DEATON, Line 1; FRANKIE HAYS and BETTY JOHNSON, Line 2; EVELYN HORN and JUNE LAHN, Line 3; PEGGY SHEA and MEG ERBY, Line 4; STELLA TERRY, Line 5; and MARYANN KONTON, Line 7. Anyone interested in adopting a foster child can read the information booklet on the bulletin board on Line 2. There is also a "before and after" picture of our foster son, which shows what a few cents per month can do for someone less fortunate than ourselves. Sweaters now on display on Line 3.

PAT PROIA is wearing an especially happy face these days since she and spouse returned from a three-week vacation. The couple stopped in Las Vegas where she hit a \$150 jackpot. Pretty nice vacation!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Why does GERRY AUVINEN get so excited when anyone walks down the line? 'Nuff for now!

HP Sailing Fleet Hits Bottom Again

SCUTTLED ON THE ROCKS—

The HP sailing fleet, led by one of its newer members, Al Bagley, succumbed to the San Francisco Bay during the annual Bullship race from Sausalito to San Francisco.

Mr. Bagley claims his sinking must have been due to a top heaviness of the superstructure when he lit his giant cigar 300 feet from the finish line.

Bagley's protege, Johnny Morton, led the newcomers of the HP fleet across the finish line, proclaiming to all, "I am the greatest!" He finished 16th among 162 boats. Upon being quizzed by your reporter after the finish, Mr. Morton stated his phenomenal success was due to three things: first, his sailing ability; second, his home-built boat; and third, he followed John Veteran's pre-race instructions to the letter (something that Veteran forgot to do).

Another upset was newcomer Jerry Inman's high showing over many of last year's sailors. Jerry laid it to his past experience in "canoe-riding" the rapids of our western streams.

The Veteran brothers put on their usual duel, battling all the way from Sausalito to Fort Baker at the northern end of the Golden Gate bridge. First, John Veteran led, then Dave passed him. Then, John passed Dave. Next, John got a fisherman a little perturbed by shearing his fishing line. He also stated that at one time the rocks were only three feet away. As the brothers were approaching the bridge, Norm "Champ" Williams was rapidly catching up and threatened to make his play near the Golden Gate. Unfortunately for both Dave Veteran and Norm, they ticked instead of tacking. One look at the raging waters had changed their plans. They watched John Veteran enter, pop about like a cork, lose his wind, and be carried swiftly past rocky Cavallo Point. Since they were certain John would be carried by the tides to Alcatraz and the out-of-bounds markers, Norm and Dave decided to sail closer to Lime Point and the bridge before venturing into the tidal current. Dave Veteran entered first, and met such aquatic violence that he came out again. A second trial by Dave succeeded and assured him of an 18th place finish. Norm delayed a little too long and came in 43rd. (The unanswered question is: "Why the delay?") John wasn't carried to Alcatraz after all and went on his rocking, bobbing way to finish with a 7th. Al Ennor claims the 7th was due to loaning of his sail to John—therefore, he wants half the prize.

Bob Schaffer, Don Lien, and former HP'ites Bard Rice and Sue Juvet were towed in—

The Purple Sage

LINE 12 STANFORD NO. 2

By "JUST PLAIN" DON

A THOUSAND APOLOGIES to those of you who might have missed a nondescript column in some dark corner of "Watt's Current" called "The Fearless Something-or-other." The author of that group of thought-impooverished sentences has turned chicken, necessitating a completely new format, possibly as philosophic as the title implies. As you read this series of uncoupled thoughts, please consider your new title: "Readers of the Purple Sage."

And now, on with the fun. Or whatever. RAY ROONEY, our imperturbable coach and dauntless guide, has finally won a golf ball. This news, along with the sinking of the Titanic and the news that Frankenstein had created a monster, will go down in history as another example of what can happen when modern scientific skill and the best in equipment combine with luck.

JUNE SINE was left with a sinking feeling the other day when, after wiring on her feet (a very difficult job!), she decided to sit down. It wasn't until the second or third bounce that June realized that her chair was no longer where her chair normally is. Unfortunately, June did fracture her tail-bone, so while the preceding comments were for fun, it IS a good idea to exercise care both in sitting in and moving chairs.

After spending several enlightening weeks in the Production Control and Stock areas of Buildings 2 and 4A, some new thoughts have been fermenting.

It is the contention of the Purple Sage that 90 percent of the male portion of the Production Control staff of Building 2 are deep-water sailors with shallow-water boats. It's rumored that these salty skippers are going to stage a sit-in at the next Sea Scout meeting.

Of the remaining 10 percent, some get violently seasick doing the dinner dishes, and the others don't know that golf is "out" and boating is "in."

As for the female portion of the P.C. staff—if one could stretch the word WOW across this entire page, you would have a very accurate description.

Now, on to the elevator and "Down, please" to decks, shields, and GARY FISHER's "Let's send up a back-order tag and find the parts tomorrow" stock area. Actually, the work done by GARY, PETE, KEITH, and RODGER is so precise that seldom is heard a discouraging word, and your decks won't be up 'til next week.

As for that subterranean area known as "Mole Hall," HARVEY SPENCER and his group of underground Santa's Helpers show the true spirit, enthusiasm, esprit de corps, and good sense that can be expected of a group such as they, who have as their hero Alfred E. "What-Me-Worry?" Neuman. If the truth were known, those people really do a fantastic job of receiving stock, losing it, storing it, losing it, pulling it for a run, losing it, and finally sending it up to the users, who promptly lose it and reorder, starting the whole furshlugginer mess all over again.

To be serious again, the people who work in the stock areas really do a giant of a job with what seems to be very little effort. I tried to keep up with them, and I'm still trying to pump up my arches to their former shape.

We close with this quote from Shakspeare (that's the way the book spelled it), and apply it to this month's column, "O shame! Where is thy blush?"



FUN at the "Pumpernickel" finds HP VmbH members at luncheon "conference" in Frankfurt. Pictured from left to right: HP GmbH Peter Würdig, Carl Cottrell, David Simpson (hidden), Dick Reynolds, Fred Schröder, Detlef Niemeyer, Fritz Dieckmann, Bill Doolittle, and Joe De Vos. The relaxation at the "Pumpernickel" followed a strenuous sales meeting during which the recent Monterey Conference was discussed in detail.

rescued. They couldn't beat to San Francisco against the strong tides around Alcatraz.

A little while after the first group entered the tide, Austin Marx, Nick Kuhn, Gordon Eding, Dick Cline, and Gil Woolley entered the tidal currents and safely sailed their way across—finishing from twenty minutes to one hour after the leaders.

News from Bedford

By JANINE ROUTLEDGE

'Bye Christina—Hi Joan!

We were all very sorry to say "good-bye" to *Christina Mann*, our receptionist and *Watt's Current* reporter, but at least she has not moved very far away and we hope will be able to visit us occasionally. Her place at the switchboard has been taken by *Joan Trustam*, and we hope she will be very happy with us.

In addition to Joan, we would like to welcome newcomers *Margaret Manning* and *Allan Rollings* to Assembly, and *Jim Peachey* to the Machine Shop.

Congratulations are in order for *Peter Rose*, *Joe Myers*, and *Wally Peters*, whose wives all gave a boost to the female population recently. Joe has to be congratulated on two counts; he has also been promoted to Line Supervisor on the 175 scope line. Joe is a native of Indiana, USA, but is now a resident of the UK. Another change of appointment is that of *Bill Wilkes*, who is now the Sales Engineer responsible for Sanborn medical equipment.

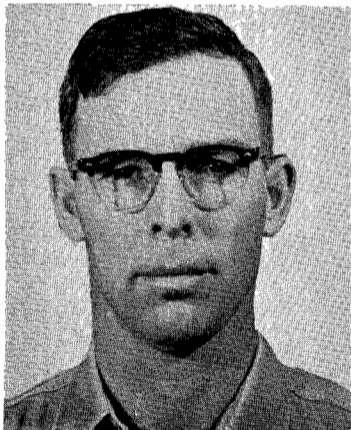
Annual elections were held recently for the HPLTD Sports and Social Club Committee, which is now as follows: *Peter Graham* (chairman), *Frank Houghton* (treasurer), *Janine Routledge* (secretary), *Eve Bishop*, *George Burley*, and *Gordon Hedley*. The new committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking the retiring members for all the effort they expended on behalf of the Social Club during their period of office.

Our table-tennis team recently had a 10-5 victory over a Brookhirst-Igranice side. The team consists of *Charles Briggs*, *John Cox*, *Dick Croxon*, *Jack Dellow*, *Brian Malcolm*, and *Eric Massey*. We wish them every success in future fixtures and hope they make the League.

An unfortunate accident occurred in the plant recently when *George Mathers* fell and broke his leg. We know you're getting along fine, George, and we're looking forward to having you back again.

Visitors to Bedford this month included *Andre Renard* and *John Hartland* from HPFrance and *Curt Edelman* from HPSA. Almost a visitor was *John Penrose*, who returned from a two-month stay in the USA complete with suntan and evidence of having been extremely well-fed. One look at the prevailing climate, however, almost had him on the next flight back.

And finally, a warning to the poor pedestrians of Bedford: *Paul Tysoe* has joined the ranks of "Sprite owners." Does this mean he is challenging *John Thinkettle's* accident record? We hope not.



Norman Sisler (above) of 410 Machine Shop, Nights, suffered a near fatal heart attack April 12. He is now recovering following response to treatment at Palo Alto-Stanford Hospital. His fellow employees believe that Norman's strong constitution and wonderful disposition should insure his return to work in a comparatively short time.



JIM COCHRANE (Scope Lab) loaned us this picture taken on his recent trip to San Blas Island off the East Coast of Panama. Jim states for benefit of any of our interested bachelors: "The girls all come equipped with the ring in their nose."

SCOPE SCOOP

By LAURA GERRITSEN

HELLO AGAIN! Ready for another run-down on our area? Here we go. . . .

We've had quite a sick list lately and certainly missed the following people. . . . *DINA STORNIG*, *WILLA FLOWERS*, *EARL BULLOCK*, *LEONA STRAUGHN*, *PHYLLIS KENDALL*, *ELEANOR SMITH*, *BILL MILLER*, and *WALLY JOHNSON*.

BETTY CEVENE, 9H, and *VIRGINIA BOER*, Dymec, found a novel way of meeting each other. Betty "bumped" into Virginia by way of a rear-end collision in Sunnyvale not too long ago. But like Betty said, "I kept it in the family."

DEAN THURMAN, Line 2, is sure a busy fellow these days. With his wife working nights and Dean working days, about the only chance they have to see each other is Dean's lunch hours.

RON JONES, Colorado-Shipping 9H, is so loaded with instruments to be shipped I think he's losing his marbles! What's this about the beach party you and *BOB SIEGAL* had?

In newly purchased homes this month are: *VANCE PETERSON*, Test, Line 3, a place in Milpitas; *SHIRLEY HART*, Line 5, and *BETTY CAMIRAND*, Line 1, both settled in Sunnyvale.

DON MIYAHARA leaves Line B to return to Paeco. He was only on loan, but we hoped Paeco had forgotten all about him after a year away. Don made a lot of friends here and will certainly be missed.

Also leaving is *ZELLA MITCHELL*, Government Service 9H. Zella is moving to Grass Valley with her family and intends to take life easy. (You couldn't pick a more beautiful spot to move to, Zella.)

Another of our crew to make the move to Colorado Springs was *L. A. FULGHAM* from Personnel (hope you're all settled by now and enjoying the weather there, L. A.).

Our sympathies to *EARL BULLOCK*, Line 4, on the recent death of his father.

MELINDA HARRIS is back with us again on Line 5 following the birth of her daughter. She came in complete with pictures, and what a doll that baby is! (Keep us up to date, Melinda!)

Another "proud papa" in our group is *BOB SCHWEITZER* (Lab). His first, a boy, arrived April 3. Congratulations.

RUSS PERRICONE and *LOUISE WATKINS*, Line 5, are both sporting brand-new cars this month. Louise's was a birthday present from her husband. And *TONY SCHAEFFER*, Line 2, Test, is buying a camper for his newly purchased pickup. Sounds like a fun summer ahead.

Picture of the month: *WALT NOBLE* walking clear through the plant (on a dare) with a "way out" Beetle wig on! (Gee, Walt Baby, if you could only sing!)

VACATION COMINGS AND GOINGS—

SCOTT McCLENDON and *BOB KOLAR* (Lab) spent two weeks in Hawaii skin diving and Bob took underwater films. Scott had a run-in with a sea urchin and Scott lost! . . .

MERLE EYSTAD, 9H, spent a darn long last Friday before his vacation, then left for Washington, D.C. . . . *LaROSE McWHIRTER*, Line 6, is driving to North Carolina for three weeks to visit relatives. . . . *MARTHA WEBSTER*, Line 8, spent a week in Mexico. . . .

KATHY BRADLEY, Line 6, drove to Baltimore for a three-week stay. *WILLY AUSTIN*, Line 2, Test, just got back from Tahoe where his wife "bested" and Willy "busted."

As for this reporter, nothing new or exciting ever happens. I think this is my whole problem. Bye now!

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Microwave Division, Bldg. 4

By FERN BRUMLEY

GORDON BRANDT was feted by his many friends at a farewell luncheon last month. *ERIC JOHNSON*, MC, a masterful satirist, presented him with a PERT chart written in German with instructions on how to move in an orderly fashion to Boeblingen, Germany, for two years. Gordon thanked his friends for the leather folder to hold all the necessary papers to export oneself to Deutschland. During the program, *HARMON TRAYER* praised Gordon for his excellent performance record at HP. . . . Vacating *BOB BONNER* and wife flew to Spokane, Washington, where they rented a car and toured Idaho, Montana, and up into Canada. Bob reports it is beautiful country with lots of lakes, but is very sparsely populated; in fact, he stated they drove many miles without seeing another car, quite a contrast for people oriented to freeway driving! . . . *SOPHIA LAVERONI* is very proud of husband, *Vernon*, who was re-elected as a Mountain View City Councilman. She is also proud of her son, *Edward*, a 1957 HP Scholarship winner, who will graduate from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, School of Dentistry, this June. . . . It finally arrived—her 21st birthday—and *JOHN HORNBACK* is taking his wife, *Jean*, to Reno to celebrate. He will show her how to play the "one-arm bandits" and treat her to "you have to be 21 or older" liquid refreshments. . . . *SAM TERESI* tells us his new Oldsmobile '98" (that has everything including safety belts) made 16 miles to a gallon of gas to Pismo Beach and back. . . . New addition to the family: *BRUNO RICCOBONI* welcomed his first daughter (second baby) on April 9. Congratulations also to *PARKY LOW*, who is the proud papa of a son, *Dennis*; and would you believe it—the people next door are named *Mitchel*! . . . We are all glad to hear *MICHAEL STEBBINS* is recovered from his operation at the hospital and doing all right. Mike was injured in a car accident which occurred during his HP lunch period. . . . As you've probably noticed, in-plant engineer *HOWARD BOSSERT* has been modeling a cast on his right arm; however, as the old saying goes, "time heals everything," and now his arm is bare again. Understand he was cranking a car and the crank reversed! . . . *Harmon Trayer* and wife celebrated his birthday by having dinner at the "Glad Hand" restaurant in Sausalito. . . . The gibberish jargon heard around the lines recently is from *MARTHA UNTERNAEHRER* (formerly from Switzerland) teaching *PEGGY SMITH* to speak German and Swiss in anticipation of their trip to Europe this summer. . . .

ED KING had a problem with a payroll check bouncing—seems the bank won't accept them without a signature! . . . *DON NOAKES* has a new boat and is planning his vacation at Mt. Shasta. Don is now open for suggestions concerning his "first lesson" in water skiing. . . . *BOB SAMMONS*, who finally tired of commuting 105 miles a day from Santa Cruz, bought his bride a home in Newark; says, "It's a breeze over the San Francisco Bay by crossing the Dumbarton Bridge."—And that's another way to keep cool!

Printed Open Circuit

By BETTY DUNCAN

THE MONTH THAT WAS—

Where is it? Who took it? What happened to April? Somehow it got away from us. Busy months mean fast months, and boy, have we been busy!

Last month it was reported that *ALENE BEGUIN* had an accident. At the time she said her husband wasn't very sympathetic. A short time later her husband was involved in a crash, so now who's not very sympathetic? Better luck from now on, you two.

JEANNE RUX surprised everyone by arriving at work with black hair. It was quite a change since Jeanne is normally a sandy blonde. The change, however, was not permanent. It was a very realistic-looking wig.

When asked what he did on vacation, *RON CHIAPPARI* said he didn't have time to do anything. He was too busy loafing. . . . *DICK RUMMINGER*, on the other hand, had his hands full. He spent his vacation caring for his family when he became blessed with a third son, *Dana*. Congrats, Dick and Abbie! . . . *JAN CATRON* was treated to a luncheon the day she went to the hospital for an operation. Last reports say she's doing fine and should be back at work by the 18th. . . . *VIRGINIA KUDELKA* was outclassed by a three-year-old the day she played catch with her little neighbor. She ran into a tricycle and hurt her pedal extremity. When she was finally able to get her shoes on to come to work, she still did a lot of limping. . . .

RANDY CURTISS and his family were on the sick list from a bad case of bronchial flu. . . . *CHUCK TAYLOR* was in the wrong place the other day when a piece of wire swung around and scratched him on the eye. . . . *JOYCE WALTHER* has placed herself in the ranks of new car owners by buying a new Pontiac GTO. Happy driving, Joyce! . . . *BOB DEITZ* spent some time in our department, recently, learning to fabricate printed circuit boards. . . . *ED LINDQUIST* did his duty (civic) by spending several days on jury duty. . . . *JOHN CROSS* and *BOB WILLIAMS* escorted their wives to the gambling halls of Lake Tahoe. They came home losers but had fun losing it. . . . Recently, when *NANCY GAMBLE* was asked what she was going to do on the next weekend, she said, "I'm going to the beach at Santa Cruz and chase men." Later she reported, "I didn't catch any, but it was great sport." . . . Belated birthday greetings to *ALENE BEGUIN* and *LORINE WHITE*.

LOWER LEVEL—BLDG. 3

By JEAN BAER

VACATIONS ARE IN THE OFFING and Bindery's *CHARLENE BOATRIGHT* believes in taking hers early. Motored to Albuquerque, New Mexico, with husband *Clyde* to visit the old home town—from there to Wellington, Kansas, to visit relatives. Since tornadoes have been twisting across Kansas these days, all we can hope for you, *Charlene*, is that you miss the twist!! *MARLENE LLOYD* is flying home to Philadelphia, Pa., to join her family, thence on to the World's Fair. "But the best part," sez *Marlene*, "is tramping thru the woods to the ol' fishin' hole" with her father. *Marlene* is an expert at archery, as is her father who has trophies to prove it, and in addition to fishing she will bag a few rabbits for herself. We'll be waiting to hear about your wild game safari when you get back, *Marlene*. Meanwhile, good luck!!

NEVA AVERY is leaving the Addressograph Department to become a lady of leisure—lucky gal! We'll surely miss you, *Neva*. . . . According to "SKIP" *BIZJACK*, the journal circulation has reached an all-time high of 120,000. So you see, *Neva*, your absence will be missed in that busy department as well as with us "coffee klatchers" in the Bindery. Have fun!!

It goes without saying that the various seminars keep the Bindery hopping, as was the case with the Geneva seminar. But *ERNIE MATLOCK*, in charge of the affair, kept us busy bees to a tight schedule (see photo) and when it was over, rewarded us with a delicious luncheon in the Conference Room. For that kind of appreciation, *Ernie*, we're at your service anytime!!

"Happy April" birthdays to *CHARLENE BOATRIGHT*, *MARY LALLY*, *PAT HARTWICK*, *LEE DENNING*, and our boss, *WALLY BRANN*! Birthdays coming up for May are *DORIS FERNANDEZ* and *ART HERFURTH*. Congratulations!

BEATLEMANIA—

ELLA HOWARD says when her 11-year-old daughter *Martha* gives up her dolls for the Beatles, she's really growing up!!

The first thing that my 10-year-old son *Kenneth* puts on in the morning is his Beatle wig! It's the Beatles, Man—Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!



THE BOYS of Parts Packaging finally hit the "jackpot." After opening hundreds of cartons of Flo-Pak they came across one carton with a new dust pan buried inside. Now they're waiting for the brush!



BOB KOLAR (left) and *SCOTT McCLENDON*, both of Scope Division (7B), live it up during recent vacation in Hawaii.

Customer Service

By PIERRE

THE PERSONNEL of the Eastern Regional Service Center have been busy with "in-plant" training here at Customer Service in order that our customers will receive better service and consistent policy from either the Western Regional or Eastern Regional Service Center.

The key personnel of the Eastern Regional Service Center have been gathering all the information and procedures so that in August they will be ready to go into operation smoothly. *Bob Wolfe*, as Service Manager, has been in conferences with *John Walling* and other group leaders gathering vital information; *Don Flash*, as Order Processing Supervisor, has been doing *Tom Cox's* work while *Tom* is in Europe both on Customer Service business and vacation; *Chuck O'Boyle* of Boonton is training in Wave-felter under *Cliff Jones*; and *Sel Tearfelter* of Boonton has been learning the Parts operation—stocking from *Frank Larraux* and packaging from *Bill Stokes*. Some of our co-workers who are going to join the Eastern Service Center are *Dick Love*, Parts; *Lionel Coates*, Parts Procuring; *Jerry Bender*, Parts Identification; *Larry Holbrook*, Mechanical Inspection; and *Jack Carozzi*, Counters.

People on the Move—

Zella Mitchell, of Government Packaging, has moved to Grass Valley where her husband is employed with a heavy construction project. *Ed Hughes* has decided not to commute from Santa Cruz and has joined *Stewart Engineering Group* in that city.

We are happy to have *Ben Alaeszka*, from Scope Division, join *Tom O'Connor's* group; and *Steve Jackman*, from *Phil Hand's* group, join *Paul Gearhart's* Audio Group.

This lovely spring weather has people vacation-bound. *Frank George* took his family to Los Angeles and Disneyland; *Mala Jorgensen* spent a couple of days at Santa Cruz; *Lois Oakes* went to try her luck at Tahoe; *Mary Karkula* and *Grace Sanders* spent a lovely day browsing and lunching at the quaint old-fashioned setting on the dock at Tiburon.

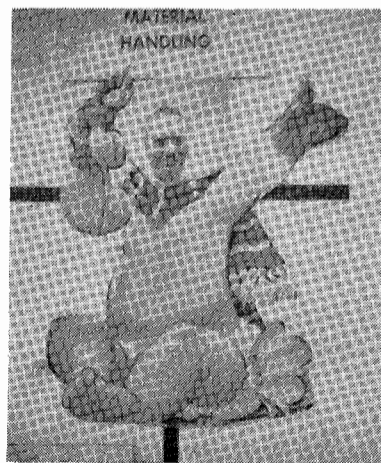
One day after work, *Hank Meadows* went with his son, *Bob*, to the Yacht Harbor to learn how to navigate (sail) his new Aqua-Cat, which is a fiberglass catamaran. The lesson didn't last long as they both got "dumped" into the cold bay. The worst part was—they both were not dressed for sailing.

Our proud new car owners: *Henry Barker*, an Oldsmobile; *Jim Hodel*, a Comet; *Lois Oakes*, a Pontiac LeMans; *Olive* and *Bill Barrow*, a Thunderbird; *Budd Cady*, a fiery red Mustang; and *Stella Oliver*, a Karman Ghia.

Lloyd Hemphill sends his greetings to all his former co-workers from Los Angeles, where he is now purchasing agent for Western Scientific Instruments.

Congratulations!! and the "Stars and Stripes Forever" to our new American Citizen, *Wilma Moesner*.

'Til another time, Bye—



"YES SIR, I'm the greatest!"—so says *BILL WOLFENBARGER* of Parts Operation. Bill recently received medication, on doctor's orders, for a very painful left arm which upset his digestion so badly he had to live on baby food for several weeks. (However, mothers, he isn't saying whether it was Gerber's or Beech Nut brand.)