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Annual Meeting. The annual luncheon meeting of stockholders was held at Spenger's the 20th of April. Mr. Hallikainen announced an increase in orders of 28.8% for 1962, earnings of 47 cents per share and a stock dividend of 5%. Of the 82 shareholders attending the meeting, 22 were company employees and their spouses.

From a Trade Journal. -- by Flo Sheehan

An instrument manufactured by one of our competitors is the Universal Catletinerouter. There is a double treadle - one on each side of the window. These are connected to a common microswitch such that when the cat steps on the treadle from either side of the window a solenoid valve is actuated, allowing air to a bicycle pump which raises the "cat door". When the cat steps off the treadle, the air bleeds through the exhaust port of the solenoid valve and the "cat door" closes. There is a recorder connected to the air line so that the coming and going of the cat may be studied each morning by the instrument foreman.

We doubt if Hallikainen Instruments will attempt to obtain the patent on this instrument since we do not have a cat.

Cats!! After Mr. Hallikainen read the draft of the above article, his sense of humor got the best of him, and he appeared in Flo's office the following morning with three kittens. Flo with her usual finesse, engineered him and his cats out the door after having convinced him that she was just kidding! Cathy Sims and Dee Fenster adopted the kittens (offspring of the Hallikainen children's cat).

In explanation of this nonsense, Flo Sheehan has agreed to write our technical articles for us since Bill Breyer is no longer here to do it. The above whimsical article was a spur of the moment thing; however, she has resolved to be more careful with her whimsy in the future. Think of the possible ramifications if she wrote a humorous article about an elephant door!

Company Picnic. Come one, come all! Saturday, May 25th at the Temescal Bowl picnic area. Come early and bring the family! Everyone will want to participate in the planned activities starting at 11:00 in the morning and continuing throughout the day. Skip Bradford is in charge of ball games and plans to keep both volleyball and baseball going at the same time if enough people are interested. Roger Brown will be turning hot dogs and bratwurst off of the barbecue for lunch, and there will be plenty to go with it. A program and map of how to get there will be distributed later. See you all there! Please sign the list in the shop!

New Furniture. The engineering department has finally discarded the sawhorses and two-by-fours and purchased regular drafting tables for the engineers. They no longer have to sit on high stools and dangle their feet, and the drafting machine especially designed for these tables works on belts instead of the old style elbow mechanism. The chairs are regular height and the table tops have a tilting device that will fix them at any level from flat to vertical. The department now looks about as modern as it is possible to look in a wood frame building that dates back to the turn of the century.

Navy Six-and-Eight Program. Ron Bultena left April 19th on Military Leave to spend six months in training. He will be in Tennessee for boot camp and then will be sent to Florida to aviation electricians' school for the remainder of his time. On his discharge he will be signed for eight years in the Navy reserve. We expect him back at work November 22nd of this year.

Taking it Easy. Opal Taylor and Fred Wolff have not been taking it easy lately; however, things are better now that Bill Stairs is back on the job again. Bill is still conserving his strength after his lengthy bout with pneumonia. Welcome back!

U. S. Citizens? So far, Hans Bockenkamp, Fred Wolff and his wife and P.C. Leung and his wife have all passed the written exam for their U.S. citizenship. The Brugmanns still have to go for the test, and Gerry Stanke and his wife have to wait until August for their five years residence. All is not done with passing the test; however. They now have to wait for the Justice Department to accumulate a group and call them together for speech making, anthem singing and the passing out of scrolls. Then we can all celebrate!

Our Accounting Department seems to be in a continuous state of flux these days. Mr. Jim Martin has left, Mr. Martin Kaufmann is is head of the accounting department, and Virginia Carpenter has taken a three-week leave of absence. Virginia has been temporarily replaced by Marilyn Peterson who is now on maternity leave from her studies at U.C. Marilyn plans to go back to school to complete her degree in Psychology and get a teaching credential.

Volleyball, Anyone? The noon volleyball games have continued all winter, weather permitting. Teams are arranged by order of arrival, the newcomer being assigned to balance the teams. They have, however, added one rule to the conventional game. This rule states that if one team has more girls than the other, it automatically wins regardless of the score. HMMMMMMMM.