

Bright future

Northeast Portland facility completes five years

Based on performance of the first five years, the future of Tek's manufacturing facility in Northeast Portland (Y7) looks good.

That was the message given by Tek President Earl Wantland and Fred Hanson (Vice President and General manager, Portables and Components Group) when they spoke at the five-year anniversary luncheon last week at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in Portland. All 43 fulltime employees at Y7 were invited guests.

In addition to Earl and Fred, the head table included Lori Housley (acting manager, Y7), Sandra Lowe (Manufacturing manager, Portable Test Instruments) and Soren Vestergaard (General Manager, Portable Test Instruments Division). Sandra was Y7 manager when the facility opened in March, 1980.

Present also for the luncheon were four other Tek's who have been at Y7 since the beginning—Virginia Modrell, Bach-Hoa Schesso, Harold Whitman and Anna Young.

In a brief talk, Earl called for increased state spending on higher education, specifically a center of high technology education. Funding for higher education has been seriously deficient in Oregon for a long time, he said, resulting in top faculty members going to other states where they can receive better salaries.

"You are eating your own seed corn when you deprive your schools."

Earl also spoke of the peril of high interest rates, which attract short term money from abroad which in turn raises the value of the dollar, making it difficult for U.S. manufacturers to sell products overseas.

"Surprisingly, however, international sales at present are doing better than in the U.S. It's thrown economic forecasters off balance.

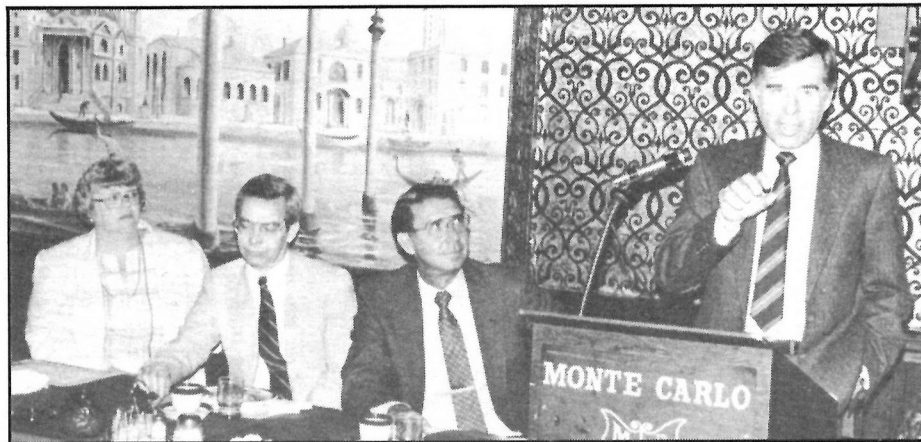
"Forecasting is fine except when you look to the future," he added.

Both Earl and Fred responded to questions on other topics, such as the transition of the gallium arsenide organization to the status of a new company, the possibility of Y7 functions being moved to Clark County (C1) (answer: there are no plans), and how the Just-In-Time manufacturing program is progressing.

Employees at Y7 have implemented JIT and MAS II systems. They assemble 200, 300 and 1100 series oscilloscopes.



TEK PRESIDENT Earl Wantland, at lectern, spoke at the five-year anniversary luncheon for Northeast Portland (Y7) before 43 fulltime employees and invited guests.



FRED HANSON (vice president and general manager, Portables and Components Group) answers questions on various Tek topics at the Y7 anniversary luncheon.



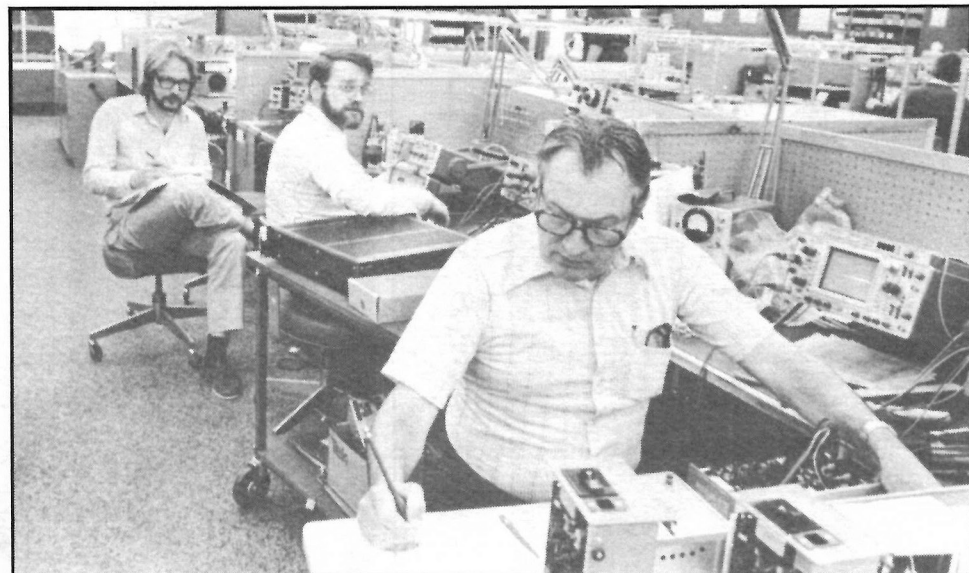
SHIPPING PARTS and instruments is handled by Linda Franks (Materials Management) at Northeast Portland.



TECHNICIANS in Northeast Portland check CRT screen. They are Po Ng, left, and Mike Ngo, right. Looking on is Lou Sawyer (Corporate Audit).



QUALITY CONTROL is handled by Betty Clayton, foreground, and Xum Buong, directly behind Betty.



ENGINEERS AT BUILDING Y7 include, from left, Carl Stuebing (Design engineer), Brad Hendricks (Staff engineer) and Ralph Sawyer (Evaluation engineer).



SANDRA LOWE (Manufacturing manager, Portable Test Instruments) recalls opening day in March 1980 when she was Y7 manager. Also at the head table are, from left, Lori Housley (acting Y7 manager), Soren Vestergaard (general manager, Portable Test Instruments Division), and Earl Wantland (Tek president).