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- BASEBALL -

We wuz robbed! We licked the packing out of the Snyder-Lynch Truckers three times this season, but in this last game something went wrong. By some slight oversight three runs got in the way of our bringing home the trophy. The doleful news was 5 to 3.

Some one has to lose, we suppose, and it couldn't happen to nicer people, but we'd just as soon it had been other people. However, there will be other seasons and we'll be looking forward to them. Orchids to our team and the way they played.

- PICNIC -

All Librascope employees and their families are cordially invited to attend the forthcoming Librascope Precisioneer picnic which will be held at Mountain Oaks Park on September 30.

Dick Miller has been appointed picnic chairman and he has promised fun for everyone the livelong day. Free suds for the grownups and icecream and soft drinks for the small fry.

The whole park, including the swimming pool, ball diamond, and all other facilities are ours for the entire day--so let's get with it. We're giving you plenty of warning so you can arrange to be there. More complete information will be posted on the bulletin board at a later date.

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"Miss Jones", said the science professor, "would you care to tell the class what happens when a body is immersed in water?" "Sure", said Miss Jones. "The telephone rings." - Bennett Cerf

- MOVIES -

Joe "Colossal Productions" Riddle has another fine movie program for this month. And while we're on the subject, have you been enjoying the entertainment offered each Monday noon?

Of course, it's hard to please everyone, but no one ever tried harder than our boy Riddle. It takes time, effort and no little craft to see that these pix are available for us to enjoy each week. It might be a nice gesture to tell Joe his efforts are appreciated. Also if any of you know of appropriate pix that are available--give Joe the word.

For this month:

- 5 Sept. -- Curiosity Shop  
(Inventors at work).
- 11 " -- Alaska (Standard Oil travelogue).
- 18 " -- Cargos for Peace. Color sound movie presented by the American President Steamship Line. We expect this to be an unusually fine travelogue.
- 25 " -- Cheese Family Album.  
(The making of cheese).

- NETTIE -

Two years ago, when Nettie Stone  
Departed from our flock,  
We heard the welcome stork would bring  
The Stones a little Rock.

The Rock is now a boulder, so  
She's back, no more to roam;  
Old friends and bowling team rejoice,  
And chorus "welcome home"!



The bowling committee, composed of Neva Parman, Clem Abbott, Lyle McDonald, Walt Lebert, Dick Miller and Joe "Ten Strike" Riddle, has met and formulated a program for the winter league.

It will be a scratch league, will be ABC sanctioned and will roll at the Burbank Bowl at 8:30 each Monday night. Bowlers will be interested to note that the Burbank Bowl has been completely redecorated and refurnished and promises to be a pleasant place to split kindling. A "Sign-up" chart is on the bulletin board now. Autograph it!

Prize money will again be a dollar a point, but team and individual prizes will be greater than last year. A team selection committee consisting of Walt Lebert and Clem Abbott will arrange teams on the basis of past record so that competition will be as evenly matched as possible.

As explained elsewhere in this issue, our bowling league has decided to wear bowling shirts. Joe and Neva are on this committee. Get your raffle tickets and help the cause along.

#### - COMPANY COMPONENTS CLASS -

The weekly Monday night talks on Librascope computing components have been attracting considerable interest. Up to this time, the integrator, sine-cosine mechanism, differential and certain types of linkages have been described, along with a few illustrations of their application in computing problems. It is our understanding that this is just the beginning, leading to some very educational discussions relating to the computing instruments being built by Librascope.

If you are interested in gaining a little more technical knowledge about the things that all of us work with each day, this is a swell opportunity to do so.

A raffle is now in progress to make possible the purchase of bowling shirts for our coming winter league. Funds provided by the raffle will be used to defray half the cost of the shirts. Since the shirts, including the embroidery on the back, cost approximately \$4.00 each, a bowler may obtain a shirt by the payment of \$2.00.

First prize in the raffle will be another Sunbeam Coffeemaster and second prize a St. Mary's blanket. The tickets are 50¢ a chance and may be obtained from the bowlers in your own department. Bowlers may be detected by the characteristically low-hung shoulder, long arm and well-chalked thumb.

#### - TABLE TENNIS -

Progress in the round robin tennis tournament is shown by the following table:

	Won	Lost	Percent
*K. Napper	8	0	1.000
D. Dodge	12	1	.923
P. Metzger	11	2	.846
C. Miller	11	2	.846
C. Cole	10	2	.833
W. Newcomer	10	3	.769
*B. Dietrich	9	3	.750
*H. Nylen	8	6	.571
B. Singleton	7	7	.500
H. Buseth	6	7	.461
C. Brandon	7	10	.412
*F. McColl	5	9	.334
H. Norris	3	11	.214
B. Carley	2	9	.182
L. Bentley	2	10	.167
J. Kramer	2	11	.154
G. Bahr	2	12	.143
*R. Jewett	2	12	.143

\* Indicates win by forfeit over C. Brandon, who has withdrawn.

For those who like their table tennis fast and furious be sure to see the matches (dates to be announced) between Charlie Cole and Paul Metzger and Dale Dodge and Bob Dietrich. Watch the bulletin board for weekly scheduling of other good matches.



This week inaugurates a new column in the Precisioners' News: Libra-Scoops, fostered by David Douglas. The intent of this feature article is primarily to acquaint all concerned with interesting personal highlights of their fellow Precisioners. Each edition one person will be selected from some department of the Company and verbally denuded -- with discretion.

Many of our fellow sufferers have had most interesting careers. The editor will appreciate being "tipped off" as to the identity of the persons whom he may miss.

Richard H. Bates came to work in the engineering department in May, 1950, and in the short time he has been with us has come to be highly respected and very well liked. His infectious grin, quiet manner, and cordial disposition have made him many loyal friends. Because he's quite unassuming, few people are aware of his interesting and varied career and of outstanding achievement in his work.

Dick lives in Altadena with his wife, Betty. In his spare time you may find him digging gophers out of his garden (his pride and joy), and regretting that his land-locked position and lack of a boat keep him from his first love -- sailing.

He was born in Winthrop, Mass., but grew up in Rochester, N.Y. After graduation from high school in Rochester he received an alternate appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and was finally selected for the privilege. Upon completion of his course at the Academy as Ensign in 1930, Dick resigned his commission and returned to civilian life, taking an engineering position with Bausch and Lomb in Rochester.

Most of Dick's experience has been in the field of optics and optical-mechanical design engineering. His most interesting assignment, he states, was his work on the Raman pen-recording spectrometer, while employed by the Land-Wells Instrument Division just prior to his coming to Librascope.

His favorite sport is football, but only as a spectator. However, he has burned up a sizeable amount of energy playing La Crosse back east. His other favorite exercise is lifting tall, cool ones on the fan-tail of a sailboat.

Prior to the entry of the United States into World War II, Dick entered active duty with the Naval Reserve. December 7, 1941, found Dick a very busy Lieutenant j.g. in command of the U.S.S. Solace (a hospital ship) in the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor, inasmuch as the two senior officers of the ship were ashore. Later Dick was given island duty in the South Pacific and two years later, on the verge of becoming "rock-happy", was appointed skipper of the U.S.S. Biscayne, a seaplane tender converted to an amphibious headquarters ship (AGC). He was, before that time and after, engaged in the Gilbert Island campaign, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and other Pacific operations, as well as the European fireworks in Southern France, North Africa, and the Mediterranean Theatre. Dick returned to inactive duty holding the reserve commission of full Commander.

Interesting people work for Librascope, and among these Dick Bates ranks high. But if you want to get him to talk about himself, give up before you start -- it's like pulling teeth.