

## Some Happy, Pie-Eyed Kids



## Children, Adults Live It Up At Annual Picnic

### Workers Injured In Three Mishaps

According to airline superstition, accidents happen in groups of three. Although not really superstitious, Libra workers are crossing their fingers and hoping that our string has run out.

Doris Appleby, assembly department, broke her foot getting into a car on the same day Wilmor Young, maintenance department, sustained a broken leg. Shortly after this Harry Newbanks, machine shop, lacerated a finger tip.

All are recovering nicely, only Wilmor being unable to return to work immediately.

While a broken leg is no picnic, Wilmor will have no complications, according to medical advice, and it will only be a question of time before he will return.

The Safety committee will of course study accident causes and has already announced it hopes that this unfortunate series will act as a caution to all other employees in exercising care and safe work habits.

Judging from the shrill yelps of glee wafting from Sherman Grove Park Sunday, October 4, the annual Librascope picnic was a howling success.

The kids wore themselves to a frazzle (their parents, too) enjoying the ferris wheel, airplane ride, bus ride, pony rides, ice cream, pop and other refreshment.

Many contests were held for the children, with many prizes being awarded. Unfortunately, the Librazette reporter assigned to the story, was too busy stuffing his own small fry with ice cream and seeing that the bartenders didn't run out of customers for the draft beer that he neglected to record names of the winners.

**(Editor's Note: We're gonna miss that boy around here.)**

It was learned that Art Johnson and his wife won the egg tossing contest for adults. An event not on the program was a spontaneous exhibition of hill rolling in a barrel by an unidentified employee. He immediately retired from active competition.

Dancing was to Woody Woodward's excellent juke box. Many real cool records were provided by the Precisioneers.

The swimming pool tempted many, since the Los Angeles area

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### Workers Respond To Aid Club Plea

Employee participation in the newly formed Librascope Aid Club has been excellent, committee members report, with participation exceeding 75 percent after the first five days of the drive.

Some sections have a solid 100 percent membership, and officials hope the plant participation will hit 85 percent.

The Aid Club committee will meet soon to start plans for allocation of funds to worthy groups. Stickers and membership cards will be issued to contributors.

In addition to aiding major charities, the committee has decided to set aside a portion of the money collected for the relief of hardship cases among Librascope employees.

Committee members, recently elected on an equal representation basis throughout the company, are Tom Bryant, Doris Eberle, Bill Greer, Norman Guiffre, George Henderson, Steve Jackman, Dana Nixon, Joe Riddle, Floyd Sebaly and Ray Setty.

Members of the committee, who have been circulating among Librascope employees, hope all workers will back this worthy charity organization wholeheartedly.

### Andy McLeod Dies

News of the sudden death while at work of Andy McLeod, production control, Monday, October 5, stunned the many friends he had made at Librascope.

McLeod first came to work for Librascope in 1951. He left for a short time in 1952. He said he returned after a few months because of his many pleasant associations.

McLeod lived in Glendale. He is survived by his wife, Edna El-oise McLeod, of Glendale, and a son, Jeffrie.

## Ground Breaking Slated For New Building

Ground breaking for Librascope's new building is tentatively scheduled for December 1, 1953, according to an announcement made recently by W. E. Bratton.

Present plans call for a building in excess of 50,000 square feet, facing Western Avenue. The building will be of masonry construction and will house administration and engineering departments.

Considerable remodeling of building One is planned to provide for expanded machine shop and model shop activities after administration and engineering move.

These building plans mark another step forward in Librascope's continuing expansion, which, according to Lewis Imm, president, is continuing evidence of Librascope's intention to be a leader in its field.

"We can all move forward together," he said, "so long as we maintain the high quality which is so vital to our work."

## Korea Pilot Back at Librascope

After completing nearly 80 missions over enemy lines in Korea during a tour of duty with the U. S. Marine Corps, Captain Cliff Godwin returned last month to a job with the engineering design staff at Librascope.

The pilot has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, seven Air Medals, and the Purple Heart.

Cliff was recalled to duty in March, 1952, and after a six-month refresher course was sent to a jet fighter-bomber squadron. More training with Pantherjets followed in Santa Ana. In February of 1953 Cliff headed for Korea.

His squadron flew close support missions for ground forces from base fields near Pusan and Seoul. On interdiction hops his group blasted bridges, reservoirs, railroads and other transportation facilities. Captain Godwin reported he saw only one MIG during his tour of duty—near the Yalu River sector.

The last few months he spent in Korea Cliff led many dawn and dusk road reconnaissance sorties against truck convoys bringing ammunition to North Korean forces.

He estimates he delivered 40,000

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## Nearly 80 Korea Missions



## Anyone Can Get Into the Act Here

Employee programs are essential to the welfare of any healthy, growing company, and Librascope is no exception.

Starting with the idea that management believes that employees who are satisfied and who are recognized as individuals can do a better job, Librascope has been in the process of installing various employee programs.

Whatever your interests, in all probability you can find something at Librascope, in addition to your job duties, which will prove of value and interest to you. Here are a few of the activities to which you can contribute time and ability, and from which you may profit.

Our Librascope employee associ-

ation, known as the Precisioneers, elects officers annually. This association plans and carries out employee sports programs, social activities and special events. All of the sports programs require planning and guidance. Included are baseball, bowling, basketball, ping pong, golf and horse shoes.

The Precisioneers also sponsor stamp clubs, photography clubs and other groups with special interests. Picnics and dances also require planning, so there is room for plenty of help on these programs. Just make known your desire to help.

Perhaps you have a hobby or special interest that has not been

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## Winner and Trophy



**HAPPY GOLFER**—Art Davis, winner of the President's Cup at the annual golf tourney, held September 20 at the Rancho Golf Course, receives the coveted trophy from Lewis Imm, Librascope president, during a post-tourney dinner in the clubhouse.

## Art Davis Wins President's Cup; Beats Field of 52 Eager Golfers

Art Davis, model shop foreman, walked off with the President's Cup for low gross in this year's annual Golf Tournament, one of the largest Precisioneer-sponsored tourneys to date.

Other trophy winners were Bill McAboy, engineering, first low gross, and Norm Nelsen, purchasing, first low gross in the "wiffer's flight," (handicap 30 or more).

A field of 52 golfers took to the greens in the tourney, held at Rancho golf course September 20. Following the play participants were feted with a banquet during which trophies were awarded. Prizes were presented to all golfers.

Now under way is a Calcutta play-off to determine the winner of the Precisioneer's perpetual trophy.

Bill McAboy played his usual consistent style of golf to shoot the low score of the day, an 85. He made up for some bad luck on the first nine with an excellent 41 on the second. His 13 stroke handicap brought this to 72 net, just one stroke more than Davis, who carded a (87-16) 71.

Other scores among the 16 top players who will participate in the Calcutta ranged upward to 101 gross. As a matter of fact five players went the 18 in 101, one of whom had to be eliminated by matching cards to keep the play-off down to 16 golfers. Forest McCall was the unlucky fifth man.

President Lewis Imm, who inaugurated the President's Cup award last year, finally was able to play in this tournament. For several years, his plans to play have been disrupted by the necessity of trips east. This year he didn't have to leave until 10:30 that night.

Results of the Calcutta will be posted on the bulletin boards. Participating are:

Bill Bratton	Bob Somerville
Carl Culver	Art Beven
Voyle Sipes	Ed Sullivan
William McAboy	Tom Ryder
Art Davis	Arnold Brown
Bob Berg	Ralph Barnett
Ralph Metz	John Grieshaber
Joe Frieberg	

"Rick" Girouard, assembly, topped the vacation mileage record, apparently. He put more than 10,000 miles on his MG during his trip east.

## Office Hours Listed By Credit Union

Marian Parker, treasurer of the Credit Union, will be in her office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 to 4:30 p.m. for business transactions. Thursday and Friday she will be in the office from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., during the lunch period, and from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Parker will not be on hand to handle business at other times because of the amount of book-keeping necessary to keep all the records in shape.

It will be helpful to her, Mrs. Parker said, if employees will reserve the time from 4 to 4:30 p.m. for business which can be transacted rapidly, in order that as many people as possible may be accommodated.

When Mrs. Parker is not available, loan applications may be obtained in the personnel office, and deposits may be made with the personnel department employees.

In the event of an emergency night shift employees may call Mrs. Parker at any time during the day.

## Precisioneers Set New Type Radiation Detector For Yule Shopping Is Designed by Librascope

The addition of new shelving for the display of Christmas merchandise and the acquisition of a small storage area have temporarily solved the expansion problem of the Precisioneer Store.

Eileen Brown, secretary, has contacted a number of large wholesale houses and has obtained a variety of items for purchase at attractive savings.

Many catalogs are available for those desiring to compare prices or to look over what may be ordered locally.

Appliances have been selling well, Eileen reports. A wide variety of irons, coffeemakers, mixers, broilers, toasters and fryers is now available. Television sets, stoves and refrigerators continue to be popular sales items.

A complete stock of hardware for home builders and remodelers, including woodworking tools and garden implements, may be ordered. A limited quantity of new triple beater mixers, for only \$31, is available.

Folders describing children's toys, dolls, trains and hundreds of other items are to be seen at the store.

Employees planning to buy jewelry would be wise to check the items on display and available from wholesale houses.

Many discount cards are available to Precisioneers, Eileen announced.

### Fontana Trip

Forty-five trekked to the Kaiser Fontana steel mill last month for a guided tour through the plant and dinner in the Kaiser Steel Cafeteria. Biggest thrill, according to our reporter, was watching the white hot steel flowing like water. Exciting as well as educational, the trip is recommended to all by those who went.

A radically new type radiation detector designed for use by civil defense workers after an atomic blast is Librascope's latest offering on the commercial market, it was revealed this month.

Knowing whether radiation is present and to what extent is essential for the "advance guard" civil defense workers if they are to avoid crippling or fatal radiation burns.

The Librator begins flashing lights when radioactive material is present and also shows on a calibrated scale just how much of the lethal stuff is in the air.

The gadget was developed by Frank A. Hill, electronics engineer, and Fred Kirr, design engineer, with assists from specialists throughout the plant.

Using an entirely different circuit from other geiger counting devices, our engineers have attained greater accuracy and longer life than was believed possible in a portable radiation detector.

Another important feature is its light weight — the Librator weighs only four pounds.

Because of a remarkably low power drain, the instrument is run by two ordinary flash light batteries and will operate for long periods before these have to be replaced. Then, batteries can be changed as easily as those in any flashlight.

The amount of radiation present is read directly in Roentgens per hour on a lighted meter scale on the face of the instrument. Range of the scale is one million to one.

But perhaps the outstanding feature is the fact that the Librator utilizes a magnetic amplifier and therefore requires no maintenance. It should also have a low cost.

Housed in a bright yellow case made of fiberglass and plastic, it can be decontaminated by cleaning with soap and water or by sanding and will withstand submersion in six feet of water without leaking. (Incidentally, one of

the models was accidentally dropped three feet onto concrete and continues to perform accurately.)



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rounds of 20 millimeter ammunition, 18 tons of napalm, and 90 tons of bombs and rockets against targets in North Korea during his eight-month tour.

Captain Godwin, when questioned, maintains that the jets are much safer and more accurate than the propeller-driven types he flew during World War II.

Glad to be back at Librascope, Cliff is at work on the digital computer program, under Dave Harrison.

## The Voices of Librascope



**LOOK HAPPY?** — That's the way they usually sound, too, these two girls who operate the switchboard and help guard the portals of Librascope. They are Gina Kinghorn (left) and Phyllis M. Cooper. In addition to answering incoming calls, making outside connections and paging the various busy employees throughout the plant, these girls act as receptionists and general information dispensers. As you may guess, they don't have many idle moments.

## Seafaring Assembly Foreman Can't Lose with His Hobby

Here at Librascope we have a man who collects money. So who doesn't, you ask? That's a hobby everybody tries to follow, in these days of the vanishing dollar.

But this chap is different. He collects pennies, which to most of us will only buy 12 minutes parking time or tell us we're 10 pounds overweight, which we knew anyway.

This numismatist (coin collector to you unlettered laymen) is Herbert J. Darby, foreman in charge of Librascope Assembly. Herb collects uncirculated mint copies of Lincoln-head pennies, a hobby he shares with two others in our "tribe"—Mildred Huggins and Dorothy Willard.

Herb has mint copies of every year of the Lincoln penny issue, which began back in 1907 with the famous V.D.B. penny. The initials stand for those of the coin's designer.

The preferred way of obtaining uncirculated mint coins, according to Herb, is to send to Washington for them. "In this way," he says, "a collector gets the best of the mint copies, which affects their future value."

In terms of company seniority Herb Darby stands far up on the roster. In fact, his serial is number six on the list. He started with Librascope in the assembly department in August, 1941.

The assembly foreman wasn't always a landlubber, by any means. In 1928 he started service with the U.S. Merchant Marine, as a cabin boy. He worked his way up to a berth as chief mate, and before he left the sea had earned a coveted master's license and a pilot's license for such tricky navigational waters as Chesapeake Bay.

Herb might have returned to the sea, but the future Mrs. Darby did a little persuading, he remained on land, and they were married in 1939.

With all his experience with ships and sailing, he found it a trifle difficult getting a job on dry land. Eventually, however, he landed a position with the Braun Chemical Company as stock boy. Later he got into instrument repair, which led directly to a position with Librascope.

Upon the suggestion of a salesman friend, Herb applied at Librascope and began as an assembler and inspector at a time when one of our big projects was the aircraft wing load computer developed by Lewis Imm.

While it is extremely doubtful if Herb will ever again ship out to sea, his love of wide open spaces is still with him. He is an experienced and enthusiastic camper, and never turns down an opportunity to load his wife and two children into the car for a jaunt into the wilds.

The Darbys, in fact, seldom stop with taking their own children to enjoy nature's beauties. They usually also take along a couple of neighbors' children. Once they took on a crew of 15 Campfire Girls and headed for a weekend of hilarious camping. Herb probably never will forget this experience, but he hasn't tried it a second time, to anyone's knowledge.

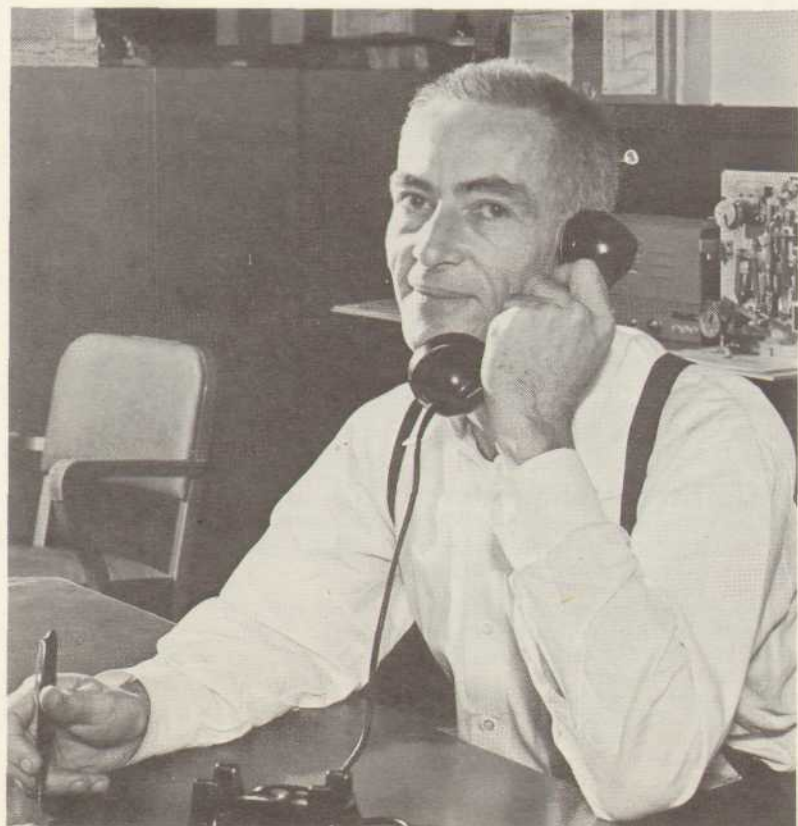
Herb is also famous with a limited group for his proficiency with the ivory cubes. It is reported by the well known usually reliable source that he nonchalantly rolled a four, then came back with a four "the hard way." Result—16 members of the Las Vegas Club were considerably wealthier, at least temporarily.

Active in company affairs, Herb is now serving as a member of the board of directors of the Credit Union, in which he is a strong believer.

To those of you who don't know Herb Darby, he's that tall gent in the assembly office who is always buried in paper work or engaged in a work project conference. However, he's never too busy to say "hello" to his many friends at Librascope.

by Wally Tyler

### Cap'n Darby



Lippy created by Joe Riddle

## Three Back at Jobs After Long Illness

Long illnesses ended last month for three assembly workers who were welcomed back by their fellow employees.

In response to the good wishes received while they were away Dick Albright, Ann Soper, and Doris Reay have sent the following open letters to their friends in the plant:

"It is hard to find words to adequately express my warm feeling at being able to be back here working again. For six months all thought of work had to be dismissed from my mind. It sure was a banner day for me when I was accepted again. Now, at last, I again feel like the "Breadwinner" in the family.

"I have tried in the past to get across to you my gratitude. After six years of steady employment and relationship with this outstanding company, you should be able to understand my grateful feelings for being amongst all you people again.

The Telethon for multiple sclerosis, televised August 29 and 30 best explains the seriousness of this type of illness.

Dick Albright  
"It is wonderful being back here at work again and to be welcomed by so many friends in all departments. I was surprised and pleased with all the improvements during the past six months. Perhaps one of the greatest is the air conditioning."

Ann Soper  
"Coming back to work was like coming back home after being gone for quite a spell. I wish to thank all of you for everything you did!"

Doris Reay  
**Carol Baldwin Weds**

Carol Ann Baldwin, of accounting, and Richard G. Marshall were married September 11 in the Church of Religious Science.

Following a short honeymoon in Santa Barbara, Mrs. Marshall returned to work, and was given a surprise shower by fellow department employees.

Mrs. Marshall and her husband now reside at 119 East Chestnut St., Glendale.

## Librascope "Gals" Steal Show With Some Real Fancy Curves

Some buttons were pushed, out tumbled a flock of pin-up type gals, and another Librascope instrument made headlines last month.

It happened at the Eight National Instrument Society Exhibit at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago where Librascope's display received considerable attention from ISA guests and from the press and CBS television.

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mentioned here. Why not post a notice on the Precisioneer bulletin boards and see if other employees are also interested in your line?

Another way you can help is to advise the Precisioneers of such events as births, deaths, illness, marriages and other vital statistics in your department.

If you like to write, the company newspaper, the Librazette, is always looking for a helping hand. With a little investigation and effort you can probably get on the newspaper committee, if you so desire.

Another of our activities is the Credit Union. Credit Union officers are elected annually and are responsible for seeing that state laws and Librascope Credit Union by-laws are effectively carried out.

Still another activity is the recently formed Aid Club. This is a payroll deduction plan for carrying out civic responsibilities. The club has a committee which is elected annually, and is responsible for allocating the funds to worthy charities and medical research.

If you remain with the organization five years, you will be eligible to belong to the Libravets, an organization made up of employees with five or more years of service. This club meets socially, and is regarded as the backbone of the Librascope work force.

The bathing beauties? Just drawings reproduced by the plotter from numerical data. Keith Kinnaird, publications, was design engineer on the originals which were then taken over by June Zembidge. She reduced the figures (now ain't that just like a woman?) and Shelley Levin put the stuff on IBM cards (which should prove something about mathematicians and IBM machines.)

The cards were fed into the plotter's IBM converter and out came some of the best plotted curves an engineer has ever seen.

The 14 Librascope people who were able to attend the exhibit all joined Wilbur Silvertooth, who was in charge of our booth in Chicago, in praising the tremendous effort that went into making ours an outstanding display.

In addition to the plotter we showed our latest commercial instruments, including the mechanical sine wave generator, an industrial magnetic amplifier display, the square root planimeter, the operational recorder and a display board of computer componentism, both digital and analog.

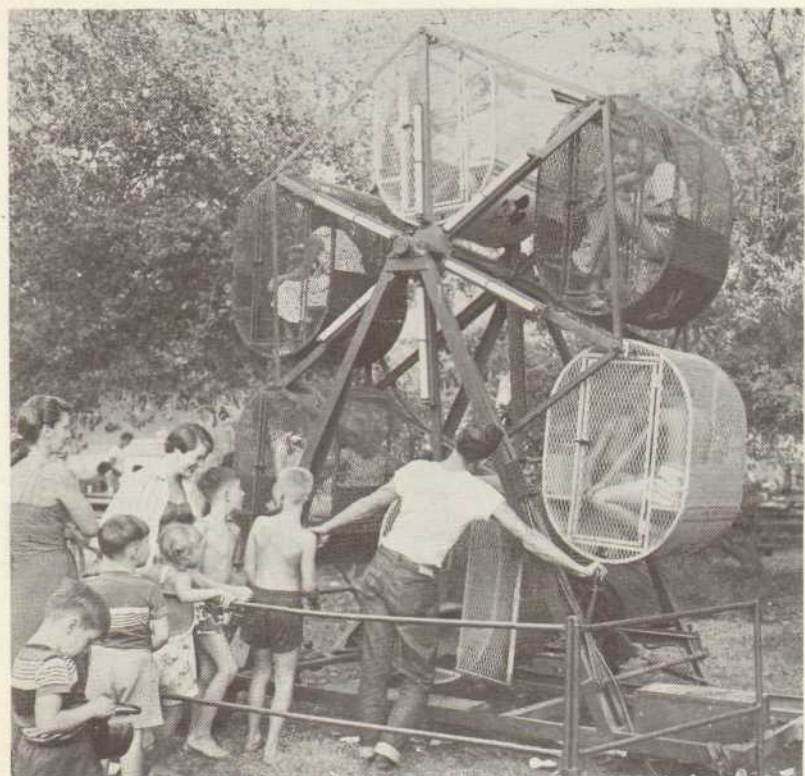
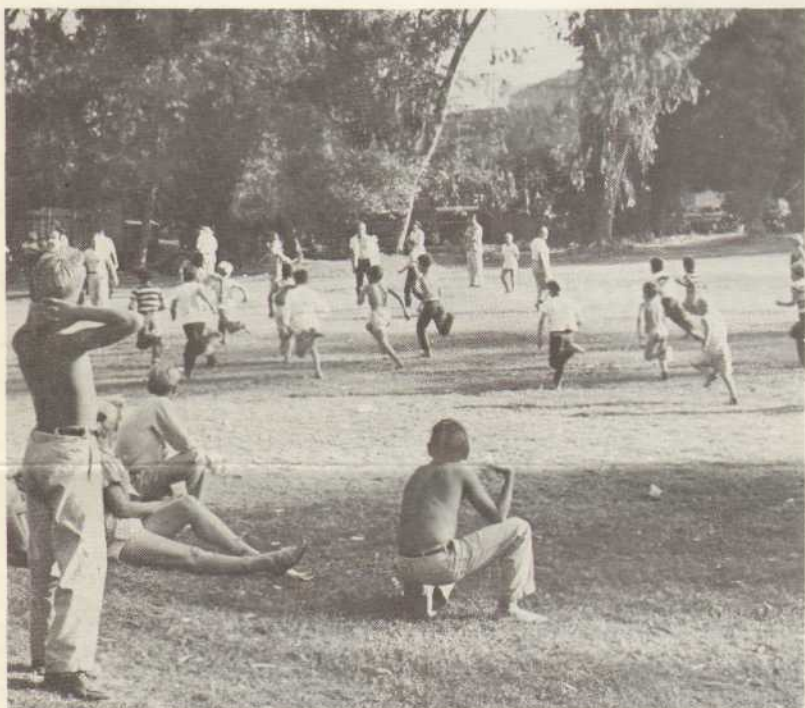
If you are interested in improving yourself through outside study, the training section can provide you with a list of currently offered extension courses in the area.

Officials in charge of these various programs hope you will take advantage of them. All have a common purpose—to make it more pleasant for you to carry out your job duties, and to become real members of Librascope.



And after the game a good meal. The fifty-odd golfers above are enjoying the banquet served following this year's record breaking Librascope tournament. Trophies were presented to the winners and prizes to all participants during the dinner. For names and scores see story on page two.

## Bet They Slept Good



What's a picnic without kids? Just a couple of the amusements that kept them busy and insured sound sleeping after the employees' picnic were the ferris wheel and foot races shown above. Contests of all sorts, pony rides, and swimming rounded out the list.

Photos by Duggan

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was sweltering. "The only refrigerated pool I've ever been in," remarked Clare Burgis.

Many suggestions were offered to improve the event next year, and it is hoped more employees and families will join the fun at that time.

Thanks are due to Tommy Thompson, Lyle McDonald, Woody Woodward, Eileen Brown, George Henderhan, the many bartenders, and all the others who helped put over the picnic.

## Promotions

Charles Hobson from Expediter to Schedule Clerk.

Carl V. Frain from Mach. Boring to Mach. Trim. Jig Bore.

Howard E. Gilbert from Mach. Experimental to Mach. Experimental-Ldman.

Frank T. Copple from Mach. Tlrm. Jig Bore to Methods Man.

Ruth J. Kennerknecht from Dept. Clerk to Chief Purchasing Clerk.

Joe Merchasin from Mach. Tlrm. to Tool Designer.

Roy E. Poehler, from Mach. Pantograph to Mach. Pantograph-Ldman.

William F. Delaney from Mach. Gear Cutter to Mach. Gear Cutter-Ldman.

Marvin B. Butler from Expediter to Dispatcher.

Russell E. Boylan from Expediter to Mach. Boring Mach.

Murray Harrison from Tool Control Coord. to Outside Production Man.

Wilbur Mayclin from Dispatcher to Schedule Clerk.

Jach W. Perry from Schedule to Tool Coord.

Orval Sessemann from Inspector-Parts to Inspector-Surface Plate.

Andrew Isaacson from Inspector-Parts to Inspector-Surface Plate.

Corydon R. Davis from Assembler-Final to Assembler-Journeyman.

Richard W. Ahrens from Assembler-Final to Assembler-Journeyman.

John Lawrence from Mach. Gear Cutter to Inspector-Surface Plate.

Thomas D. Davis Assembler-Final to Assembler-Journeyman.

Emanuel P. Palillia from Oper. Grinding to Mach. Grinding.

Patricia J. Swope from Section Secretary to Secretary to Mr. Imm.

## Births

Blankets were given to two proud parents last month by the Precisioners, Eileen Brown reports.

Alfred Muzlia was one, Wayne Harvey, the other. Both are on the night shift.

## Leadmen, Foremen Taught to Instruct

Our leadmen and foremen are brushing up their teaching skills in weekly classes in job instruction begun last month by the training section.

The course is based on one developed by the War Manpower Commission and used throughout the country to train over a million supervisors. In addition, latest teaching methods used by post-war industry have been included.

"It has been estimated that supervisors spends as much as half of their time in job instruction, consequently any improvement in instruction techniques should result in a saving of time," Dick Bartlett, of training section pointed out.

Topics covered in the course included: How to Get Ready to Instruct, How to Instruct, How to Follow up Instruction, and a review of the Four Basic Learning Stops.

The classes are designed to increase ability in the three basic processes of job instruction: telling trainees what to do, showing them how to do it, and coaching them, if necessary, while they do the job under supervision.

"Use of proper instruction techniques and procedures will result in a saving of time and an increase in efficiency. Since instruction is a continuous process in our plant it is important that our leadmen and foremen be familiar with the best practical and proven methods of instructing our employees," Bartlett said.

## Sports Car Event

The newly organized club for sports car fans and drivers at Librascope has announced it will hold a "poker rally" on Sunday, October 18.

An entertaining and unusual form of race, the "poker rally" will be fun for everybody, officials promise.

Anyone interested may obtain further information on the sports car club and the October 18 event by contacting Dean Fredericks or Harry McIntyre.

## Librascope Nimrods

Paul Litvinoff, inspection department, former state junior skeet champion, and Paul Lively bagged their first bucks of the season. Litvinoff's was a fat forked horn that dressed out just under 100 pounds. Last year Paul and Paul each got three — two apiece on the special San Bernardino Los Angeles and Riverside county shoot. Inspection Department is looking forward to their getting limits again this year—everybody seems to like venison steaks.

## Everybody Loses On Missing Books

It's pretty easy to abuse a good deal to the extent where it no longer becomes a good deal. Killing the goose that has been laying the golden eggs doesn't help either the goose or the slayer.

In other words, let's start returning the books that have been borrowed from the Precisioner's library. Or else, pretty soon there won't be a library.

Do you know that the Precisioners spend approximately \$10 to \$15 a month to make sure your library is stocked with the latest and best books?

Do you know that these books, which rent at five cents for seven days, usually rent at 10 cents for three days at other libraries?

Do you realize that other employees are anxious to read the books you have neither checked out nor returned?

These books must be checked out regardless of where read. Please cooperate by returning any books you have that may belong to the Precisioner's library.

Here are only a few of the books the library would like to see returned: The Silver Chalice, (two copies) The Great Change, The Caine Mutiny, My Cousin Rachel, The Book of Etiquette and The Book of Home Decoration.

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