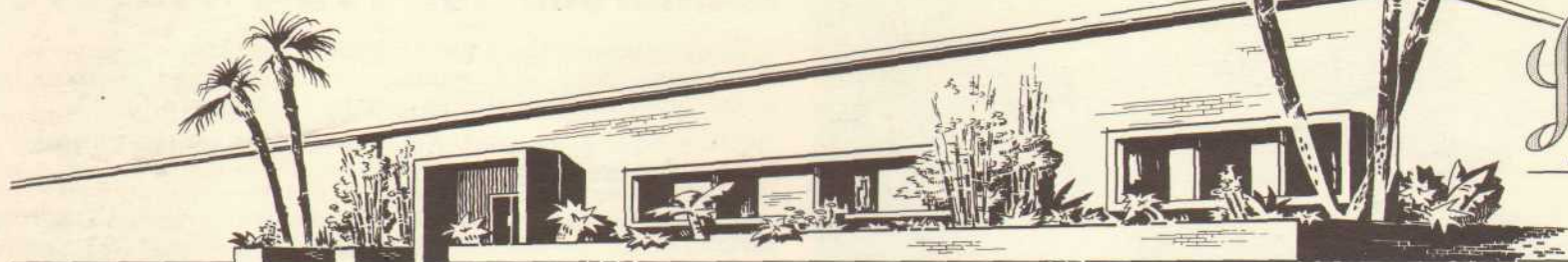


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Profile



MABEL STEINER, personnel assistant, who has greeted so many Librascope newcomers over the years from her interview post in the personnel office's lobby, again welcomes you into another hopeful, happy New Year. Mabel is "Profiled" in this issue of The Librazette on page 3.

MEC Yule Party Proves Success

St. Paul—Everyone at MEC is still talking about it—our December 16 Christmas Party. It was a pleasant evening of dinner and dancing, meeting of old friends and, for most of us, meeting of new people whom we felt we had known, in name at least, for quite some time.

We gathered at Northwood Country Club, a former golf clubhouse located in a north suburb of St. Paul. Many who came late will agree that following road maps can get quite discouraging when the winter sun goes down before five, and a couple of poorly marked detours are thrown in for good measure.

Our party committee had selected quite a variety of name corsages for the ladies. It seemed a good thing, too, because their choices provided some striking combinations. One of the highlights of the evening was Mr. and

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Libra Extravaganza Blueprint In Offing

Plans are underway to stage a Librascope extravaganza which will surpass any show we have had so far in elegance, scope, and variety, according to a "revue" blueprint now being drawn up.

All singers, dancers, and funny men are requested to register their acts now in order to make their contributions later to the Arts. The contacts are: Rickie Gottlieb or John Delle Fave in Building One; Chuck White or Ralph Hazeltine, Building Two; June Zemblidge or Bob Garrett, Building Three.

Directors for the extravaganza will be Rickie Gottlieb and Bob Libonati.

Instrument players are wanted, up to and including harpists. Plans are also being formalized to form a Librascope orchestra to supplement the acts, skits, singing, and melodrama.

Now is the time to say "On with the show!" Polish off that make and flick the bugs out of that coonskin coat! Here's that once-in-a-lifetime chance to play Barrymore or Harry James. Don't miss it!

Precisioneers Select Six New Officers

Santa Claus and Jolly Helpers Delight Christmas Party Throng

Jewett Elected AIRC President

At the Lockheed Sky Room, December 6, a meeting of the Associated Industrial Recreational Council was held, presided over by chairman Bob Jewett of Librascope. The meeting opened with Kenny Wattenberger explaining the name addition of "Industrial" to include all types of employee organizations such as store clerks, city and state employees. The motion for the name change was brought to vote and unanimously passed.

James Lee, Collins Radio, offered to host the meeting of January 10, and the invitation was accepted. The host company provides the dinner and invites the guest speaker for the occasion.

An organizational chart was proposed and drawn up, then approved as the next step in the evening's work. It was decided that a nine-man board of directors be chosen and that the council have a president, vice president, secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer.

The following officers were elected:

Bob Jewett, president
John McShea, vice president
Joanne Foley, secretary
Stella Hebert, recording secretary
Lorraine Thompson, Clint Gill, Carl Ray, and James Lee, directors

The January meeting will have Dr. Floyd Eastwood as the guest speaker. Dr. Eastwood, dean of Industrial Relations at Los Angeles State College, is often called the "Father of Industrial Relations."

Librascope's Precisioneers outdid themselves again this year in their Christmas party for children of employees. On Saturday, Dec. 18, at Glendale's Hoover High School, over 750 children were given a party with all the trimmings: gayly decorated tree, movies, clowns, carols, and Santa who arrived to give a present to every child attending.

The program started at 1:00 p.m. with the clown, Sam Galindez, and the tramp, Johnny Delle Fave, leading off the show. They gave the children balloons and did some roughhouse acting with pianist Al Fonseca providing accompanying music. All three outdid themselves and your reporter wagers they were more tired than the children at the end of the day.

Rickie Gottlieb performed as master of ceremonies for the entire program and also entertained the group with an excellent soft shoe dance with his professional partner, Bob Libonati.

The LibraTones, Librascope's newly-formed choral group, caroled after the presentation of several cartoons. There were two outstanding soloists for the occasion. Dorothy Vinson, soprano, sang "Silent Night," and Mrs. Golda L. Snell sang "White Christmas," both accompanied by the LibraTones.

After the children sang "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells," they were ushered to the stage and given presents. The little girls received dolls and the boys were given various gifts such as gun and holster sets, footballs, and automobile kits. The smaller children received a set of plastic building blocks.

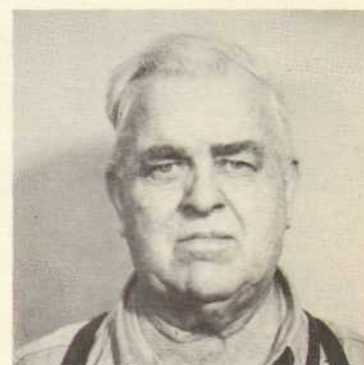
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Kids and Clown at Christmas Party



JOYOUS YOUNGSTERS, vying here for the attention of clown Sam Galindez, were thrilled by the Christmas Party put on for their benefit by the Librascope Precisioneers at Glendale's Hoover High School. Over 750 children attended the two-hour long program which featured Galindez, Johnny Delle Fave, Al Fonseca, Rickie Gottlieb, Bob Libonati, and the LibraTones.

Suffers Burns



Carl Van Hove

Severely burned about the head, hands, and body, Carl Van Hove of the burring department remain on the critical list at General Hospital, Los Angeles.

The explosion, believed to have occurred on December 23, and presumably caused by an exploding gas heater, left the interior of Carl's home a shambles.

It is with extreme regret that we report this grave accident to Carl's host of Librascope friends. Having begun work for the company on April 20, 1943, Carl is well known and admired and a legend to his Libravet friends.

MECCA To Ship First Unit Soon

MECCA, of Santa Ana, expects to deliver the first unit of Librascope's food processing line early this year, according to official sources. The unit will be an automatic can-filling machine capable of filling in the neighborhood of 500 cans per minute and will be known as the Librascope Universal Filler.

W. F. and John Barnes Company of Rockford, Illinois, will receive unit number one, according to reports received early this month.

Work is progressing very satisfactorily at the new plant and the force, although small at present, is establishing excellent standards. In addition to Division Manager Everett S. Minard, former Librascope people now with MECCA include Jule Harrah from engineering, Chuck Freeman from accounting, Phil Olmstead from assembly and Leonard Ludvigson from engineering.

LibraTones Set Plans For Permanent Group

Now that the holiday rush is over, the Librascope choral group, the LibraTones, have settled down to getting organized and appointing officers for a permanent body. Representing each section are: bass, Lowell Eisenhower; tenor, Frank Klavon; alto, Marge Anton; and soprano, June Zemblidge.

Bob Garrett will continue his duties as director of the group; Galen Mannen has been appointed chairman and coordinator of the organization.

The group plans to continue with at least one performance a month on benefit tours, such as at homes for the aged, children's hospitals, and similar institutions or groups.

Auditions for one soprano and one alto will be held by director Bob Garrett who may be contacted at any time for tryout performances.

Precisioneer Officers for 1955



NEWLY ELECTED Precisioneer officers for 1955, meeting together for the first time, are (from the left) Cesar Goldstein, tool shop supervisor, director-at-large; Chuck White, timekeeping, director for Building One; Jack Nelson, production control, director for Building Two; John Delle Fave, tool design, president; Russ Hazeltine, dust free room, vice president; and Bob Garrett, engineering, director for Building Three.

Lending Library Lists New Books

Seventeen new books have been added to the Precisioneer lending library and are available for your entertainment:

No Time for Sergeants
The View from Pompey's Head
A Key to Death
Shroud of Darkness
The Faulkner Reader
Mr. Maugham Himself
The Adventurers
Summer Selections (condensed)
Kiss Me Again, Stranger
The Big Money
The Dawning of the Day
Death at the Isthmus
Seven Years in Tibet
The Murder (three stories)
The Fields of Home
Song of the Sky
Black Powder

The lending library will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide time for the up-keep of the library and for the placing of orders for new books.

Elect Officers

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wered the query, "Have you a statement . . ." with the exclamation: "More and better of everything!"

Building One will have Chuck White for their director for the new year. Building Two will be represented by Jack Nelson who is also handling the 1955 basketball team. Building Three will be presided over by Bob Garrett. Bob has been kept busy recently organizing and directing the LibraTones, the all-company choral group which won the approval of all who attended the Christmas party.

Santa Claus

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The committee responsible for the entire party were Johnny Delle Fave, Ralph Woodward, Frank Copple, Jeanne Snyder, and Annie Stlop. A vote of thanks should also be given for the co-operation of the ushers and backstage help who were busier than a hive of bees handling the lights, props, and the presents. There was a crew kept busy just blowing up balloons for almost the entire show.

The LibraTones, the Clown and the Tramp, together with Rickie Gottlieb and the rest of the cast later went downtown to Los Angeles to the La Imaculata Church at the invitation of Father Gerkin, and gave a second performance of the entire show, presents, Santa (Joe Riddle), and all. This little church, which was selected by Mrs. Lewis Imm, had never had such a program and the 300 little children assembled proved to be as appreciative an audience to be found anywhere.

This was the first Christmas that Librascope had presented such a program outside of its own party but from the wonderful reception from the children at La Imaculata, it is believed that it may be a forerunner of other such parties in the future.

By C. A. Snell

Ed Dobstaff, assembly supervisor, is a mighty impatient man these days—with automobile dealers particularly. He had a 1955 Chevrolet hard-top convertible sport coupe on order and they tried to deliver him the wrong color! When things quieted down they promised delivery of the right color immediately. Stick with it, Ed, we're all with you!

MEC Party

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Mrs. R. Hastings' first Samba. (Ed. Note: What happened with the second?) The committee, consisting of Dorothy McGarry, Wally Jobe and Clarence Krech, deserves special credit for a fine job of arranging the party.

Literally a \$10 word describes our recently announced Universal Decision Element. Fred Thibodeau, drafting, was the lucky winner in the contest. The name? UNIDEC. Fred said: "It was a logical name . . ." and we all agreed, but also wondered, "Why didn't I think of that?"

Plant activity here for the past three months has been concentrated on the development, testing and packaging of a new decision element design called the UNIDEC since the above-mentioned contest. The UNIDEC is less than half the size of the familiar one-inch cube decision element, consumes half the power of the older element, and is a highly convenient type of computing device in that it makes available, for the first time, a large number of logical operators in a single package.

Its wide range of operating frequencies and its high degree of reliability indicates that it may become a blue chip item among MEC's products for both military and commercial use.

By Robert Day, MEC

Rose Bowl footnote: It must have been quite convenient to forget where you had parked your car in Pasadena, Shirley Ryan. Imagine riding side-saddle on a motorcycle with a good-looking policeman? Incidentally, did you find the stray?

Part of the Celebration



SWING AND SWAY at the annual Christmas dance, in session at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club. As evident above, a full-sized group participated at the December affair, dancing to the strains of the Carol Wax orchestra. The dance committee, under the guidance of chairman Carl Culver, should be given credit

Income Tax Law Changes Numerous for 1954 Wages

The changes in the Federal Income Tax Law effective with the returns to be filed beginning with the year 1954 are numerous. Some of the more important changes are these:

1. We now have until April 15 instead of March 15 as a deadline on the filing date.
2. Rates are lower. For example, combined normal tax and surtax on net income for the first \$2000 in 1954 is 20 percent; in 1953 it was 22.2 percent. (From Long-Form Tables)
3. Adopted children are now considered dependents from the time the foster parents have the child in their care. (Previously the law did not allow the claim for dependency until the adoption papers were final.)

D. Barnett, C. Cole Announce Engagement

Donna Barnett, chief clerk, engineering files, and Carl Cole, engineer, announced their engagement the Friday before Christmas, previewing February wedding bells.

Donna, nearing her fifth year at Librascope, and Carl, whose second anniversary with the company has just passed, have plans already set for the wedding, with Carl's brother, Wayne, selected for the best man and Donna's sister, June, chosen for the maid of honor.

Carl, a University of Southern California man and native of Iowa, and Donna, an Ohio lassie, plan to reside in North Hollywood, following the wedding.

Congratulations!

Shop News and Views

We were pleased to hear that Ann Pavelko, wiring (she describes herself as a "red blooded American girl") is expected back this month after a leave of absence which, we are told, was due to the sickness of her mother.

Also on temporary leave is Mary Earle, wiring, who hopes to be back in a few weeks.

Care to make a crock of vinegar? Or perhaps you'd like to remove some iron rust or keep weeds out of bean seed. We found complete instructions for these and many other extremely timely hints—including how to furnish a new kitchen (this you'd have to see to believe) in an old cook book, dating back five generations, belonging to Evelyn Barber of wiring, assembly.

We have the greatest admiration for Big Bear Claw, Art Johnson, in taper pinning. He and Little Bear Claw (his son, Randy) obtained these tribal names from a YMCA group which they entered jointly. It is a work together, play together, father and son organization. We are sure that if more parents took Art's lead, juvenile officers would have to look for another job.

Our shop steward passed out reservations for a Christmas party to which all Librascope Union families were invited. We wish it every success, because it sounds like a real chance for Mr. and Mrs. Punchclock to meet and understand the working friends.

Johnny Buckens, assistant milling section foreman, returned to his fly cutters December 13, after eight weeks organizing production on the X-Y Plotter. Johnny says he will be glad to be back with his gang in the machine shop. Taking over the plotter job is highly qualified veteran assembly foreman, Art Vicenti, who began with Librascope way back in Burbank, and has just completed a highly productive and satisfactory year on the Mark 30—on schedule.

Hattie Cayner is home from the hospital recovering from a major operation. We are all looking forward to your return, Hattie. Get well soon!

Dick Schmauss is back on the job after being out for three weeks following an operation on his foot. John Buckens is back in the machine shop again though he is still using his cane. Welcome back boys

4. Several changes have been made relative to the "Medical and Dental Expense" deduction. Here are a few:

- (1) If neither the taxpayer nor his spouse has attained age 65 before the close of the tax year, the deduction is limited to the amount by which the medical expenses exceed 3 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income (formerly 5 percent).
- (2) If either the taxpayer or his spouse has attained age 65 before the close of the tax year, the deduction includes (a) the medical expenses paid on behalf of the taxpayer and his spouse, and (b) the amount by which the medical expenses for the care of the taxpayer's dependents exceeds 3 percent of his adjusted income.

(3) Expenditures for drugs and medicines may be taken into account in computing the medical deduction only to the extent they exceed 1 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

5. Wages received for a period in which an employee is absent from work on account of personal injuries or sickness are exempt from tax with a limit of \$100 per week. However, in the case of sickness, such wages are not exempt for the first 7 calendar days in such period unless the employee is hospitalized for at least one day during such period.

6. If real property is sold during the tax year, the seller and purchaser now split the deduction for real estate taxes.

7. Certain carrying charges now deductible as interest in event that the interest charged cannot be ascertained.

These are but a few of the many changes in the tax law that should help in dropping the tax payable for 1954 under 1953. It is well to remember though, that the payment of a minimum of income tax rests on the correct computation of adjusted gross income and the proper exercise of the taxpayer's option to take the standard deduction. Certain of the statutory deductions are, if they meet specified requirements, allocated as subtractions from gross income to arrive at adjusted gross income. This allocation may affect the amount of tax payable because it controls:

- (1) The right to make a short-form return.
- (2) The amount of the optional standard deduction.
- (3) The amount of the deduction for charitable contributions.
- (4) The amount of the deduction for medical expenses.

By Al Sharpe

Stork Club

Lee Lyons, assembly, became the proud father of a 7-pound 1-ounce baby girl, at the Nor Glendale Hospital on December 16. Mother and daughter Cynthia Lee are doing fine.

Also congratulations to Bill and Peg McAboy. On December 21 they were blessed with a bouncing baby boy, William Jr. Another mighty nice pre-Christmas present.

Congratulations in order: To the Bob McCoys—it's a girl, the fourth; the Joe Giles, too, are expecting!

Librascope's Mabel Steiner Becomes Top Job Applicant Character Judge

A Librazette Profile

We've been "Up in Mabel's Room" — (the lobby of the Personnel Office, that is) — and have gleaned the following biographical notes from personnel assistant, Mabel Steiner.

Daughter of Roy and Anna Coates, of good Scotch-German stock, Mabel was brought from Chicago to California as a wee child. The difference between Easterners and Westerners, particularly their friendliness, was probably much more impressive to her than it might have been to an older person. For example, she had never experienced a "welcoming party" until she experienced one, Western style.

Her city-bred father elected to try a hand to turkey raising for a livelihood. The first Sunday on the new project, a group of neighbors arrived at the Coates home with all the makings of a first-rate excursion. After they had introduced themselves, and each had offered his future help and support, everyone pitched in to the task of settling the new folks.

This overt friendliness displayed for Mabel by the Westerners undoubtedly went a long way in helping her present loyalty and friendliness.

By the time she was old enough to take work, Mabel found a job at the plant where her father was employed as an architectural design draftsman. After a year of general clerical work, she decided to become a private secretary and studied a year at business college before she realized that a specialized, exclusive occupation simply would not fit her personality. She left school and worked at several office-type jobs but most of them left her without the satisfaction of actually accomplishing anything by the end of the day.

Finally she started work at Librascope at the small Burbank plant. Because of the few employees, she began to find a daily reward in helping about the plant wherever she could be of assistance. So resourceful was she in easing the company through many of the paroxysms of early growth, that she was promoted to her present position where her keen perception in dealing with applicants has become known plant-wide.

How many applications for this job? Where did they come from: newspaper ad, radio, agency? Mabel doesn't need time to figure: she has already entered each item.

In a half-hour or so of initial interview and preliminary screening, Mabel gives new applicants a transfusion of enthusiasm that lasts clear into their adjustment period in the plant.

Since it is her responsibility to keep current on the requisitions for help and the applications for work, Mabel discusses requirements of any new job with the supervisor in charge. In effect, she takes a short orientation course, including applicant backgrounds, technical and specific points of instruction, and further intimate knowledge of the work, in order that she can adequately screen and talk to newcomers.

She is as enthusiastic about her job as she is delighted with doing it well and she confided that she prefers it over any other job, and naturally prefers Librascope over any other plant, perhaps because her coming to Librascope marked the turning point in her life, both within and outside the plant.

It was after coming to Librascope that she married Kurt Steiner, who had given up the adventurous life he had had with the Flying Tigers both throughout the war in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations and later through the exodus of the Arabs out of Tel Aviv.

Worry, it has been said, is the interest on trouble before it is due. With Mabel there is no trouble and no worry. Cheerful and unselfish with the smallest applicant, recently observed case in point concerned a disappointed supervisor who had not satisfactorily filled a vacancy. Mabel came up with an application from a well-qualified man. "Perfect," said the supervisor, "but look at the date on the application. How do we know he is still available?"

With complete aplomb, Mabel reassured him, "Once they've made out our application and been in our office and talked to our people, they're available. Shall I get him?"

Everything about Librascope seems just that certain to Mabel.



Lea De Capite is wearing a new and beautiful engagement ring these days and says the matching band is equally beautiful. The happy day is to be sometime after Easter. Congratulations, Lea.

Accounting seems to be setting the pace for the buying of new cars as they now number three. Edie Wrobel with stars in her eyes over her Chevrolet, Bernadette Johns with her DeSoto, and Al Sharpe with his Ford.

Bill Brown, payroll, is sporting one of his least wanted and most unexpected Christmas presents — a black eye. He claims he got it falling out of the Christmas tree! The one in his front yard, that is, that he was trimming for a Christmas display. **TIMBER!**

On New Year's week-end, C. Schramling took his family up to their cabin to the mountains above Big Bear and, after getting settled, decided to take a ride to town for some necessary shopping. During the shopping tour it snowed three inches; they decided it was high time to scoot; the snow began to freeze into ice; Carol decided to get the tire chains out of the trunk; yipes, no chains!

Three hours and fourteen dollars later they all sat warm and cozy in the cabin. Happy New Year? Sure it was!

ENGINEERING

Visiting here from Kansas for over the holidays were Charlotte Hoskinson's parents. . . Pamela Crawford's little son, Dale, celebrated his first birthday by taking a bite out of the cake, face first. . . Attending the New Year's party at Moose Lodge were Librascope employees Edith Wrobel, Constance and Harry Callaghan. . . Bob Nelson and Charlie Buckley, engineering, took their families up to Yosemite over the New Year's week-end and a wonderful time was had by all. It was the children's first time in the snow. Wouldn't you have liked to have seen their faces?

Librascope moves up a notch — up Hollywood way, that is. Urban Kemme, John Pollitt, and Al Gunklach have all bought high hillside houses in the same tract, and all work within a hop of each other on the job as final assemblers.

All this and no TV reception! Oh well, they each subscribed to a TV cable service that guarantees them seven stations, so they're satisfied.

Bill Puntenny, final assembly, hasn't been accepting invites these post-holiday weeks. Seems he has a table that pulls up to the ceiling on cables when not in use. He shortened the cables for some reason — and then switched on the lifting motor. Well, he was pretty busy for a while but he finally finished putting it back together in time for Christmas dinner.

Bill is, despite occasional shortsightedness, a man of many parts and this column hopes in the near future to bring you more about him.

Morrie Kemmil wants to thank all who donated to the very successful nickel, dime, and food collection he headed for the needy.

Payroll Section Membership



FEATURED MEMBERS of the accounting department's payroll section which is described in this is from left, Cleta Berlin, Evelyn Schaffer, Dot Arbogast, Mary Robson, John Grieshaber, Edie Wrobel, Bill Brown. The payroll section, as well as the rest of accounting, is headed by Mildred Huggins.

Glancin' Around!

A big fat welcome to the Minnesota Electronics Group and the "Decisioneers" to the Librazette! Also to model shop newcomers: G. C. De Bier, E. D. Hemminger, R. B. Gunderson, C. C. Krone, K. O. Moe, H. W. Frederick, S. L. Giles, Marietta Ripley, Mary Butler, and Bea Dimmitt!

Much to-do concerning uranium strikes by week-end prospectors Jack Klosterman, Basil Mardis, Vern Wilke, and Tom McKay!

Dick O'Connor, field service engineer — back in the plant after nine months east coast service!

Jesse Brown — tooling — on the recovery list — may it be a speedy one!

Among those having flown home for the holidays: Roy Gombert to Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Nick Varhol to Wilmington, S. C.; Louise Morton (receiving), to Sterlington, La.

Things to come in the near future: The consolidation of the model shop machine's section with the wiring, assembly, and stock sections! Holiday bills, car license, car insurance, income tax, and then preparation for another happy holiday!

Switch your dial to Librascope's "You and Your Future," broadcast Monday through Friday at 7:55 a.m. over radio station KABC.

Capability—A Payroll Byword

In the October issue of The Librazette, the Accounting Department was the feature subject. Now we come to the breaking down of the several groups that comprise this busy section, so let us start with Payroll.

This department, as well as the rest of accounting, is ably headed by Mildred Huggins and consists of seven employees. Under the direct supervision of Bill Brown are Evelyn Schaffer, Cleta Berlin, Edie Wrobel, Johnny Grieshaber, Dot Arbogast and Mary Robson. Each of these has a definite job to do to see that the paychecks are ready for distribution on Thursdays, but that is only the end result of a variety of "tie-in" jobs. It's hard to say which job comes first, as each depends on another until we come to the end of a full cycle and are ready to start over again.

Job Cards Posted

Job cards are received daily from the Time Control Section and are then rated and posted to wage accrual cards, which are in turn placed in a check-writing machine. This machine and a special attachment which automatically computes all taxes, has a series of buttons which, when properly pressed, make all the necessary deductions and prints all this in-

formation on register she yearly earnings records as the paychecks.

File Maintained

A file on all personnel name, address, clock number of dependents and so maintained in this department for almost instant information. These are in the form of plates which are made up on a printing machine called the otype. These plates are then in an Addressograph which, as needed, the daily job paychecks, envelopes for a pose, time and wage accrued and last but far from least state and federal tax forms.

Each person in this department is capable of doing any others' duties if the occasion demands, but generally speaking they perform their own portions to the best of their abilities. Mistakes creep in, as they do in all things and all departments are mended as quickly as possible with as little fuss as possible.

With the cooperation of the other allied departments we believe that payroll will be an important and new department to all at Librascope. (Ed. Note: YES!)

By Edie Wrobel

Christmas in St. Paul



TOPIC OF DISCUSSION these days at the Minnesota Electronics Corporation of St. Paul, Minn., is the fine time enjoyed by all at the dinner-dance held at St. Paul Northwood Country Club. Friends will undoubtedly recognize Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hastings, MEC manager and his wife, dining at the second table.

Photo Club Holds Civic Tour and Yule Exchange

The closing weeks of the past year saw much activity on the part of the Librascope Shutter Clique, the photography club.

A regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening, November 24, at the Cory Davis residence. Good photography was the topic of discussion with the feature attraction being the showing of color slides taken by those members present. At this meeting, a motion was made and carried concerning the conducting of a Christmas Tour for the purpose of photographing the splendors of the holiday decorations.

THIS PLAN was carried out on the evening of December 3, when the members of our club met and journeyed to the heart of Los Angeles. Though the night was a rainy one, many shots were taken of the well-lighted buildings in the Civic Center, the gaily decorated business houses, and flash shots were made at and around the Union Station, many under extreme hazardous conditions.

Each member is anxiously waiting the opportunity to show these pictures and discuss the methods employed in shooting them.

THE FINAL MEETING of the year was held at the Woodward home in Burbank. Christmas gifts were exchanged mid much laughter and joy. J. Marfine, because of his adeptness at never finding his way to the meeting, was given a Geiger Compass. Cory Davis, who's always begging a pencil, received a magnetic one which should stick with him. L. Heinz was much concerned over the cupboard full of beans showered upon him which bore the Van Camp label!

Mat Matueski, a very evasive guy when it comes to buying an Exakta Camera, was donated a piggy bank so that he may start saving the where-with-all. Amateur movie enthusiast E. Pusl was presented a 400-foot reel and can. Woody Woodward, always so careful as to where he places his empty glasses, was given a set of colorful coasters. Hal Engle has been having so much trouble with his old Balsey Camera that the gang got him a new one, and with the case, too! Last and far from least, Le Connaissance Monsieur Goldstein was presented with a bottle of sherry for he and his sipping buddies.

AFTER THE FUN of the exchange was over a short business meeting was held and a plan was put into effect whereby Hal Engle and Mat Mutueski were chosen as a committee to plan and arrange the outside club activities for 1955.

The club's next meeting will be held at the Hal Engle home, 1125 East Maple in Glendale, on the evening of January 12. Any Librascope interested in coming to our meetings or joining our club may do so by seeing Cesar Goldstein in the tooling department.

By Robert McCollum

Hal Hamilton Lands Record Rooster Fish

A possible world record salt water fish was landed by Hal Hamilton, engineering, on a recent trip to Loreto, Baja California, Mexico. The prize was a rare papagallo or rooster fish, so named for the vividly colored splines of the first dorsal fin which suggest the comb of a rooster. It is rarely encountered outside its rather limited range from the Gulf of California to Panama.

Current listings by the International Game Fish Association show a 66 pound rooster fish, on 50 pound line, as the accepted world record. Hal's catch weighed in at 68 pounds and was landed on 30 pound test line after a spectacular hour and a half battle. Hal plans to submit his record to the IGFA for approval.

HAMILTON, supposedly a green-hand at salt water fishing, was persuaded at the last moment to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Chet Brandon who had made previous trips to Loreto. The party flew down for a week of fishing and were rewarded with excellent sport throughout their stay. The record fish was boated on their first day, together with a number of other papagallo ranging from 15 to 30 or 40 pounds. On the second day, Chet Brandon took one 106-pound marlin and Hal boated one 100-pounder. Two marlins in one day is considered remarkable at this season of the year.

Numerous small game fish such as Sierra, Cabrilla, lady fish, torro, bonita, and pompano were also taken during the stay.

THEIR LAST DAY of fishing, they report, was perhaps the most memorable of all, even though the least productive. Using 10 to 15 pound Sierra and bonita, members of the mackerel family, for bait they went trolling for garrupa or grouper. The garrupa is related, and quite similar, to the giant black sea bass found in local waters and attains a similar size, up to several hundred pounds. Only one fish was landed on this trip, a 96 pounder by Mrs. Brandon. Chet and Hal broke their heaviest lines, parted 150 pound test leaders and had fish straighten out 12-0 and 14-0 hooks. For those of you not acquainted with tackle, a 14-0 hook is smaller than those commonly seen dangling from the end of a crane boom.

A flight across the peninsula to the Pacific beaches of Baja, explorations, visits at native villages and some skin diving rounded out an exciting week. The boys are mighty proud of their catches, but inevitably the talk swings back to the last day and the big ones that almost...

Well. That's fishing.

Record Rooster Fish



HAL HAMILTON, right, and Chet Brandon, at left, stand beside a sample quartet of game fish which they, together with Mrs. Brandon, landed on a recent trip to Baja California. Two marlin bracket a pair of rooster fish or papagallo, the larger of which, a 68-pounder landed on 30 pound test line, may well set a world's record for the International Game Fish Association.

Woodchoppers Lead Bowlers Into 1955

As we swing into the second half of the winter-league bowling, the competition is still pretty tough. Many of the teams are so evenly matched that the standings have changed very little from week to week. At the end of the 14th week we find the following teams in the top places:

- First—The Woodchoppers
- Second—4 Jacks and A Jill
- Third—The Pack Rats

By the time we go to press, it might present an entirely different picture, so we urge you to consult your bulletin board for further details or changes.

Following our 860 Traveling League from alley to alley, we found that something new has been recently added. Instead of the usual five man team which consisted of Lloyd Somerfield, Bill Carnahan, Carl Culver, Fred Killicks and Don Cady, another name, Fred Russell was added to complete the roster for a "low man out" team. This really makes for top bowling as no one wants to be that "low man," so the pressure is on to stay on the team each week. At the time of this writing, our Precisioners hold third place in their league.

Chicken Chatter



Seen busily working on the wrapping of gifts for the children's Christmas party were the following Santa's helpers: John Delle Fave, Woody Woodward, Frank Copple, Annie Stio, Gail Elliott, Helen Palmore and Edie Wrobel. They have a request to the powers-that-buy for the Precisioners, please buy gifts that are of a more "wrapable shape." While we're on the subject, won't someone ask Gail what happened to the meringue that was on her lemon meringue pie!

To clear up any mystery on the subject, that peculiar sight seen sneaking from Personnel to Building Three the middle of November was only Edie Wrobel returning on business after a bout with a broken nose. Between the different colored bandages and oddly colored eyes it was NOT a sight for sore eyes.

Marg Dillon is on an extended leave due to emergency surgery. She's feeling better now and paid us a short visit before the holidays, but will be unable to return to active duty until February.

Nell Cox made a flying visit to Grand Prairie, Texas, to spend the holidays with her family. Reported a wonderful time and most un-Christmasy weather as the temperature was way up.

Johnny Arcand, final assembly, had a White Christmas after all: he took his son, on furlough from the Army, "over the hill" via Big Bear, to Apple Valley where they had a wonderful trout dinner at the Apple Valley Inn.

Pauline Ponnish, leadwoman, wiring, thought she would never get to Sacramento to see her daughter for Christmas. She started from Burbank at 5:15 p.m.; went to Los Angeles International Airport to catch her plane. No soap. Flight grounded. She returned to the Burbank Airport to take off. Fog at Sacramento detoured flights to San Francisco from where she took a bus—back to Sacramento, that is. Twelve hours of travel. (It took one and a half hours to get back.) Next time she'll drive that beautiful Plymouth of hers, I'll bet.

Roy Gombert spent the holidays with his folks. Didn't get snowed in, either.

Librascope Cagers and Coach



SQUAD MEMBERS of the Precisioners basketball team, managed by Jack Nelson, production control, are (rear row, from left), Neil Hinton, production control; Howard Miller, production control; Bob Bruce, cafeteria; Bill Richmond and Jim Cawthorne, both from production control. The front row, from the left, includes Manager Nelson, Mike Brasfield, burr bench; Bob Laperle, timekeeping; Tony Noriega Stan Digerose, production control.

Librascope Basketball Squad Drops League Opener To Disney Quintet

Table Tennis Meets Planned by 'Sports

The regular monthly meeting of the Librasports Club was held Tuesday, December 14, at Eagle Rock Recreation with the following results:

Table Tennis

- First—Chuck Ramba—Received Medal
- Second—Sam Leonardi
- Third—Jack Klosterman

Chess

- Harry Sandberg—Received Medal

Checkers

Don Gustafson—Received Medal
We wish to announce that during the coming year a series of table tennis handicap tournaments will be held at our regular meetings held the second Tuesday of every month at Eagle Rock Recreation, 1100 Eagle Vista Drive, Eagle Rock, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Each participating player will set his own handicap, within reason, so that he or she can have an equal chance to win the medals or prizes awarded for the meetings. These tournaments will also determine our selection of the players who will represent Librascope against other industrial teams.

Our next team match is against Lockheed, to be held at California Table Tennis, 831 North Highland, Hollywood, on Monday, January 17, beginning at 7 p.m.

Takes Vacation

Eileen Brown, secretary-treasurer of the Precisioners, took a brief respite between holidays from her duties as manager of the Librascope Store. Eileen is back on full duty again with her usual fine selections and top merchandising bargains.

Paul Smith, final assembly, and Maurice Kurkdjie, wiring supervisor, jeoped to Colonio Guerrero, Baja California, over Christmas. Paul hoped to get into the hills for boar or jaguar hunting but the trip was rougher and longer than they'd anticipated so Paul satisfied himself with a few quail and some oral directions for a later trip while Maurice hiked and looked for rock specimens.

Ida Tripoli, wiring, is "just real thrilled" to be back on the job after a four month illness—especially happy since it is her first Christmas in her very own home.

Lula Speidel, assembly, had her daughter home from Rochester, N. Y. over the holidays. Lula is in hopes that her daughter may stay since she left her job as comptometer operator for Bausch & Lomb Optical Company in order to come for an extended visit.

Edged out by a last three minute rally, the Librascope Precisioner basketball team dropped their first league game to the Disney five, by a score of 37 to 30, December 27.

Maintaining the upper hand throughout the game, our five were crushed in the last minutes of play. Despite this upset, managers Paul Wilson and Jack Nelson avow that ours will be the winners in the Burbank Industrial League. Consisting of nine teams, the league is so arranged that each group will play a total of sixteen games aside from any playoff games.

Due to circumstances beyond control, many of these games will have been run-off between presses of The Librazette. However, posters announcing the games will be posted throughout the buildings.

We will endeavor to furnish the results of each game, league standings, and other items of interest as quickly as possible.

The managers and the team again wish to issue an invitation to all to drop in and witness some fast action and thrilling basketball, and to assure you that your support will be an added incentive to the team.

Librashots Plan 3rd Pistol Meet

The 1955 Calendar is being set up by the Librashots, with their third annual pistol meet taking the leadoff date on Sunday, January 30, at 9:00 a.m.

Picnic accommodations will be available to contestants and spectators at the shoot which is to be held at Melcher's Old Homestead Rifle and Pistol Range, Topanga, California, located at West Hillside Drive and Topanga Canyon Road.

Defending champion and club president is Paul Litvinoff. Please contact him for arrangements to participate.

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