

Second Time Winners of Top Award



HOLDING THE LIBRASCOPE PLAQUE awarded by the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, are Pauline Ponnish, wiring, and Max Goshkin, toolroom. Other members of the Librascope Safety Committee are, at rear, from the left, Ivan Franklin, foreman, tooling and plant maintenance; Lloyd Somerfield, foreman, machine shop; Gordon Pickell, machine maintenance; and Herb Darby, foreman, assembly. In the middle row are Mary Snyder, plant nurse, and Ray McDonald, employment manager, personnel.

Company Wins Top Award For Safety

MEC Welcomed By Precisioneer Staff

April 18 has been set as the date when Minnesota Electronics Corporation will resume their work in their new location in Burbank. Employees of MEC were to begin their move from St. Paul on April 8.

This will be a big event in the lives of members of MEC and their families for it will mean leaving old friends and neighbors and moving into entirely new surroundings. California's warm climate will, of course, be a big change from St. Paul's blustery winters.

We at Librascope are ready to help in every way possible to make the newcomers feel welcome in our circle of co-workers. John Delle Fave, president of the Precisioneer Club, prepared a letter of welcome to them and enclosed a map of Los Angeles with a copy of traffic code laws for their protection. In John's letter he invited them to participate in our social activities and clubs until they have a schedule of their own worked out and have become firmly situated. Precisioneer officers and members offer their assistance and seasoned experience in any company project that MEC may undertake. The services of the Credit Union are also available to MEC employees.

THE DECISIONEERS

The MEC employee group will be known as the Decisioneers. Among them are bowling enthusiasts, golf players, etc., and Precisioneers are looking forward to some friendly rivalry with them. The entire facilities of the Precisioneer Club have been extended to these newcomers in a friendly gesture typical of Librascope in an endeavor to make their arrival in our midst as pleasant as possible.

Dave DeHaas, sales, is scheduled to present a talk and demonstration on the Librascope X-Y Plotter and its accessory equipment at a dinner meeting of the Petroleum Section of I.A.M.E. in Long Beach on April 14.

Plaque Given For Best 1954 Effort

For the second consecutive year Librascope has won the top award in our division of the Business and Industrial Safety Contest conducted by the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council. Award winners in 34 groups received plaques at the Sixth Annual Industrial Award dinner held March 21 at the Coconut Grove in the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel.

The Supervisory and Workman's Committee were represented at the dinner by Pauline Ponnish, Ivan Franklin, Mary Snyder, and Ray McDonald.

All Librascope employees can be especially proud not only of the first-place plaque to be hung in the First Aid room, but also for our excellent improvement in safety over the previous year. The manhours in 1954 totaled many thousand more than those in 1953 but the lost-time accidents totaled only three as compared to twice that many last year. Credit for gaining this distinction for the second consecutive time must be given to all Librascope employees who worked without an accident in 1954 and thus made the winning of the safety award possible.

The permanent members of the Workman's Safety Committee for 1954 were Pauline Ponnish, Max Goshkin, Ray McDonald, Mary Snyder, and Gordon Pickell.

The permanent members of the Supervisory Safety Committee are Ivan Franklin, Herbert Darby, Lloyd Somerfield, and Ray McDonald.

The Workman's Safety Committee is assisted by monthly safety inspectors, which in 1954 consisted of Ed Pusch, dust free room; Edward Douke, machine shop; Thomas Madera, assembly; Thomas Netterfield, machine shop; Jack Ochoa, adjusting; Robert McCollom, model shop; Henry Anderson, Machine shop; Alfred Muglia, machine shop; Louis Conetta, machine shop; Dan Holling, machine shop; and James Wilson, building maintenance. *By Donna Snyder*

Griscom-Russell Joins GPE Family

Another company has joined the growing GPE family.

Herman G. Place, president of General Precision Equipment Corporation, has announced GPE's formal acquisition of the Griscom-Russell Company, Massillon, Ohio.

Like other major GPE companies—of which there are a dozen—Griscom-Russell is engaged in the development, production and sale of highly advanced technological products for industry and the armed services.

The company is a leading manufacturer of heat transfer equipment and water purifiers for (Continued on page 3)



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Minnesota Electronics to Begin Area Work in April

The Minnesota Electronics Corporation, St. Paul, the mid-west affiliate of Librascope Incorporated, plans to be in operation in Burbank on April 18, on Santa Anita Avenue off San Fernando Road. Their work in Burbank will be a continuation of the development of digital computing components based on magnetics and pioneered by MEC as decision elements.

Most of the families involved in this move are concerned with the problem of selling or renting their homes in St. Paul in preparation for leaving for California. The

Company Enters Illustration Show

The story of technical illustration, its past and future applications, will be exemplified in an exhibit to be presented April 16 to May 1 at the Barnsdall Park Art Gallery, at Vermont and Hollywood Blvd. The Librascope Technical illustration department, Keith Kinnaird, supervisor, will be represented at the exhibit.

The show will be co-sponsored by the Technical Illustration Management Association and the City of Los Angeles.

According to Wesley V. Craig, president of TIMA, purpose of the exhibit is to give recognition to the technical illustrator and his work.

First, second, and third place awards will be given in about nine professional classifications, and about five student classifications, according to Craig.

Among the companies invited to participate in the showing are Northrup Aircraft, North American Aviation, Lockheed Aircraft, Hughes Tool Co., Aircraft Division, and Librascope, Inc.

Space and hanging will be supervised by George Flower, Lockheed art director, and judging chairman is Keith Kinnaird, Librascope art director.

Judges for the exhibit will be Joseph C. Gibby, Los Angeles Trade-Technical Junior College art instructor, representing the education field; Joe Henniger, representing the air material command.

Shirley Bartmess, engineering, left Friday to take up a full time roll as housewife and to await the arrival of her baby. Several of the girls took her to the Blarney Stone for lunch and presented her with gifts for the baby.



Dick Hastings

majority of the group will be arriving in California by automobile and some will be sporting new automobiles as a result of successfully selling the little woman on the idea that a new car is essential in driving to the coast.

Dick Hastings, former personnel manager of Librascope, who heads this group as their general manager, will be making the move back to Burbank along with the following MEC employees and their families: Donald and Jacqueline Christensen, engineering supervisor; Robert and Maxine Gunderson, engineering supervisor; Wesley and Myrtle Bierley, engineering supervisor.

Harold and Viola Luth, chief accountant; Kenneth and Elizabeth Giddings, engineering; Robert and Marilyn Clark, engineering; Edward and Arlene Wendt, engineering; David and Ardith Wallen, engineering; Louis and Cora Steffen, engineering.

Robert and Dolly Curtiss, engineering; Chester and Marcella Taylor, engineering; Abraham and Eleanor Bezanker, engineering; Walter and Marian Jobe, purchasing and stock control; Glenn and Patricia Roske, electronic technician; Robert Day, engineering; Clarence Krech, electronics technician; Robert Nelson, electronics technician; William Mikacevich, electronics technician; Audrey Willett, technician.

Henry Cartier, technical services, will be joining the group in Burbank after a six-month leave of absence.

By C. A. Snell

MEC Burbank Plant



NEW CALIFORNIA HOME of the Minnesota Electronics Corporation is located on Burbank's Santa Anita Avenue just off San Fernando Road. By April 8, many of the employees will have arrived from St. Paul to take up their livelihood in the vast San Fernando Valley. By April 18, the new plant will be in operation, continuing the development of digital computing components, the MEC Decision Elements.

Trade Fair

Twenty-five Junior Achievement firms of the Glendale-San Fernando Valley area paraded the results of their business acumen and manufacturing know-how before 1,000 persons on March 19 at their first annual Industrial Trade Fair, held at 121 E. Verdugo, Burbank.

Modern Products, sponsored by Librascope, were represented by their planter display. This group must sell approximately 30 more of these planters in order to pay dividend on stock when they liquidate their assets at the end of the school term.

The planters come complete with plants and copper liners for \$2.75, plus tax, and may be seen at the Precisioneer's Store.

Many Librascope departments lend themselves well to a "Life" magazine pictorial treatment such as the Drafting Section described below in photographs. We wish to thank Dean and his entire group for their cooperation.

Heads Drafting



SUPERVISOR OF THE 33-man drafting department is Dean Frederick, a nine-year Librascope employee. Dean, who has held his present position for over two and one-half years, resides at 2836 Fairmount, La Crescenta, where he maintains his home shop—as a do-it-yourself hobbyist—and his collection of model cars.

Golf Tournament Enthusiasm Grows

A great golf tournament is afoot at Librascope after all. After a slow start, the teesmen started pouring in blind bogey cards until now there is a total of 65 registered with chairman Frank Copple with a promise of more in short order.

There are now about 39 players who have gotten within the bracket so far this year and are therefore eligible for the drawing of the \$15.00 first prize.

The tournament seems to be shaping up well and the same enthusiasm which was so evident last year has returned. Trophies have been ordered and from their pictures certainly seem worth a great amount of practice and hard work on the links. Three trophies will be awarded: low gross, the president's cup, and the "whiffer's" trophy.

Arrangements have been made for Librascope players to enjoy the facilities at Griffith Park this year starting April 25, for after-work play. The time reserved is 4:36 to 4:54 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Precisioner Store is now offering the following specials: Sheffield serrated-edge 24-carat gold-trim steak knives, set of six, \$7.50. Three-piece carving set to match: \$7.50. Father's Day Special: the most popular triple-head deluxe electric shaver, \$17.50 (retailing at \$29.50).

AIRC Meets At Glendale Dinner

Hosting a delicious dinner at the Candlelight Inn, Hydro-Aire, under the able direction of Marjorie Gibbons and Terry Westcombe, brought in two speakers for the Associated Industrial Recreation Council meeting on March 7. Mr. Newton West of Helms Bakeries spoke on "Company Views on Picnics." The subject matter took on added interest as he brought out factors in the planning of picnics.

Mr. Marion Sparrow, of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Los Angeles, spoke to the group on regulations governing the usage of city parks.

Following the speakers, a question and answer period was held. A short business meeting took the balance of the meeting in which Marjorie Gibbons was elected treasurer to fill a vacancy created by a recent resignation.

A meeting was scheduled for May 2, and will be hosted by Aero-Coupling at a location to be decided upon later by the host company.

No Crumbs, Please!

Trails of crumbs from the Librascope canteen to various niches and offices around the plant grounds may be fine for catching sparrows or other feathered friends but it is not conducive to making friends among fellow workers.

Since our yard personnel has been reduced by the assignment of other duties, it has become increasingly apparent that there are numbers of us who have not learned to police up after ourselves. The area between buildings one and two and the parking lots are being littered with paper cups and napkins. Throughout the buildings, above, behind, and under cabinets, instrument parts, and racks, are soiled towels and paper scraps. Floors are being liberally sprinkled with cigarette butts and cigarette debris.

It has also been brought to notice that various of us have acquired a rather forbidding practice of dumping half-filled cups of coffee, along with paper platters of mashed potatoes, salads, and meat into the regulation office wastebaskets. This is not only unsanitary but . . . well, just try getting away with it at home sometime.

Sufficient wastebaskets, trash barrels, and sandboxes are provided throughout the plant. Let's take that extra quarter of a second to put our waste in these receptacles . . . not at them or near them. And, as we now have the privilege of bringing coffee into our offices, let's not go overboard by dripping it throughout the passageways, ringing the desk tops nor dumping the surplus into those wastebaskets. 'Nuff said?

THE STORK CLUB

Joseph Ator of the electronics department—a boy.

Paul Fletcher, drafting—a boy.

Tom Fuller, electronics—a boy.

When Spring Comes--



NO, THERE ARE NO APRIL SHOWERS handy to bring romance first-hand but Marge Anton, of the engineering staff office, agreed to demonstrate Spring as it arrives in many other parts of the land. Marge, who resides at 4040 Arch Street, Studio City, lets neither the warm rain nor the rushing rivulets detain her from her appointed errand.

Draftsman at Desk



TREVOR HEWSON, of 5638 Freeman Ave., La Crescenta, is a typical member of Dean Frederick's drafting team. The department's main tasks include minor design, all drafting of engineering drawings, and shop liaison. Drafting personnel and the design group work closely together with the draftsmen assigned to certain designers for project work.

Department Work Top Quality



OF INTEREST TO ALL OF US is the fact that Librascope boasts a higher quality of draftsmen than the majority of the companies in the metropolitan area. Frederick's group is divided into two actual classes: the design draftsmen and the engineering draftsmen. Many members of the department have advanced to the design group and into the engineering group. No better proof of the pudding is there than found in the fact that a goodly percentage of our present day designers and engineers were once in the drafting section.

Librashots Aim For Annual Cup

The "Librashots" sharpshooters of the Librascope Gun Club are holding their Third Annual Small Bore Rifle Championship, April 17, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the colorful Melcher's Old Homestead Rifle Range located at West Hillside Drive and Topanga Canyon Road, Topanga, California.

Defending champion Paul Litvinoff, inspection, who has won the small-bore rifle championship two years in a row, will be hard pressed in defense of his title with some of the finest riflemen in the state out to win the coveted Librascope championship trophy.

This year our own "Annie Oakley" (nee Florence Swaine) of inspection, former first lieutenant in the Army Air Force and assistant director of personnel, Wake-man General Army Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., will compete, shooting on a par with the men and accepting no handicaps. Flo is a well known crackshot and big game hunter. Men, look to your laurels!

Librascope employees and their family and friends are invited to come out and witness the competitive shoot. Picnic accommodations will be available to the spectators.

Gulf Fishing

Wayne Kirby, production control, motored to Guaymas in Old Mexico for a week of fishing in the Gulf of California. Conditions were not right for bill-fish, but Wayne and his party caught some very nice totuava which are very similar to white sea bass.

Honors for the first fish caught went to Mrs. Kirby for a dandy thirty pounder she landed.

Accommodations were excellent and reasonable and the roads were good. From all indications, Wayne hopes to return when the big ones are in.

Marjorie Berg is with us again in blueprint files after a six months leave of absence. Welcome back, Marge.

Heavy Entry List For Youth Contest

April 15 is the deadline for children of Librascope employees to enter the essay contest for a free trip to summer camp. Definite rules for the contest have been set up and essays will be judged by prominent members of school staffs and community leaders in order to give equality to all.

Approximately 60 children have turned in essays and are hopefully awaiting the decision of the judges. The children are divided into four age groups from eleven to fourteen and one boy and one girl will be chosen from each group. The four lucky boys will spend eight happy days at the Y.M.C.A. Camp Fox on Catalina Island. The girls will be sent to Forest Home Camp high up in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Announcement of the winners of the contest will appear on the bulletin boards throughout the building and will be published in the next issue of the Librazette.

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Art Davis Proven Versatile Foreman

A Librazette Profile
Any similarity between this article and a certain television program seen on Channel 4 on Wednesday nights, is purely intentional.

Let us turn back the pages of time to the year 1914. The day is November 16 and the place is Perry, a small community in upper New York State. This is the day that you, Arthur Ernest Davis, were born. Your father, a naturalized English immigrant, is a black



Art Davis
smith and a machinist by trade.

When you were about five your parents moved to Rochester, New York, and it was here that you began and finished your schooling. Your education, after the seventh year, was unusual in the respect that instead of attending high school, you were educated in various technical schools where you specialized in electricity.

Art Is A Musician
Unusual, too, is the fact that in your elementary school years you were called upon, as a musician, to perform in the high school band. You played in local dance bands through the remainder of your time in school. After finishing your post-graduate course, you went on the road with a dance band and played in the better dance halls throughout New York.

The year 1937 was a very important year to you; for it was in Rochester, on a double date, that you first met your future wife, Jane Purtell.

Your coming to California in 1940 was at the insistence of a friend. It was his idea to see the country on the way out, and one month and 4800 miles later you arrived in California. However, things were not satisfactory and you returned to New York in the fall of 1941, but in the spring of 1942 you decided that California was the place for you and so you and your family returned, and have been here ever since.

Your career has been varied and a busy one.

GLEASON EMPLOYEE
You were employed by the Gleason Gear Works and with your advent to California you found employment with the Lockheed Corporation. You were classified as a jig and fixture builder with this firm; you were well qualified for this job through experience that you had gained in the employ of Curtiss-Wright Corporation in the east.

You remained at Lockheed until January, 1947, and on the 17th day of that month you began your career with Librascope.

As an experimental machinist in the model shop, you were the fourth member of this department.



OUT OF THE PAST



Joke, 1943 vintage (or how times change):
"My girl has everything."
"What do you mean 'everything'?"
"She has a typewriter, plenty of film for her camera; a set of brand new tires; and her father runs a gas station."

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From the July 6, 1943 issue comes the following article: "The ninth week is fast approaching for Skippy Case and his little cotton-tailed friends. The Case ranch is expecting a blessed event any day now. Skip is getting everything ready and has promised to let us know by the next issue just how the family is. When asked how many he was expecting, he replied, 'Anywhere from 7 to 14.' Rabbits are very funny creatures."

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The previous issue, mimeoed around June 21, 1943, contained the names of a couple of new employees: Roy Dimon and Cesar Goldstein.

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Notes from an open letter Walt Newcomer penned to a 1943 "Libra-Scoop" editor from his new 'home away from home,' Drew Field:

"I just received your paper and program of the Army and Navy 'E' presentation. Boy! That is really swell.

"Yesterday it rained all day so now I'm doing some walking around in ankle-deep mud dodging frogs. Some fun. As for heat: well, it gets plenty hot. If I ever get out of the South, I'm never going back. I'll take dear old California any time.

"I'm serving K.P. and ditch digging details. Just my luck, I guess. Well, had better close now for it is just about time for lights out..."

(Editor's Note: Remind me never, never to enlist again!)

Model Shop Moves
After sharing space with the tool room for several years, the model shop now has a place to call its own at the rear of building 1. With all this added "elbow room" the model shop should be able to operate more efficiently and Bob McFarland's group promises to show great accomplishments. The tool room will also benefit from the added space vacated by the model shop. The adjusting department will utilize part of the space previously used by the model shop.

Brannen Undefeated
Dave Brannen has continued to maintain his undefeated pace to command a lead in the Librascope chess tournament. In matches with Joe Fingerett, Frank Hill, and Harry Sandberg, Dave has come from behind and, with his sound strategy, has taken over first place. The only other undefeated player is Mark Kopper who was held to a draw by Joe Leonardi to mar his perfect record.

The current standings are:

	Points	G.P.
D. Brannen	6	6
R. Delle Fave	4½	6
G. Ounjian	3	4
M. Kopper	2½	3
F. Hill	2	4
H. Sandberg	2	4
J. Fingerett	1	3
C. Miller	½	5
J. Leonardi	½	6
G. Bahr	0	3

In 1950 you were made foreman over the model shop and hold this position today.

For the present, you are not only the foreman of a fast-growing department, but a devoted husband and father of three children, Parry Anne, 12, Stephen, 10, and Catherine, your fourteen month old baby. Due to the responsibilities of your position and your family, and the fact that you are still seeking knowledge through night school, you have very little time to enjoy those sports that you like so well, golf, bowling, and boxing (television, that is).

We can see nothing but continued success and happiness, growth and prosperity for your future.

By Bob McCollum

Fish Foray Fills Family Freezers

A very successful "attack" against the inhabitants of our coastal waters was made by the Precisioners fishermen and their guests on Sunday, March 27. After breakfast at the Del Mar Cafe, the attack force embarked from Port Hueneme harbor at approximately 7:15 a.m. aboard the boats "Jackpot" and "Linda Lee."

Shortly after leaving the harbor the two boats became separated with the Jackpot fishing the islands while the Linda Lee fished along the coast. Shortly after 9:00 a.m. the fishing grounds were reached and the action began in earnest. Aboard the Jackpot, Mrs. Jerry Sikora scored first and, on the Linda Lee, Carl Miller, engineering, hit with a two-bagger. From then on, the pace was fast and furious.

The prizes, later displayed in the tool crib, were awarded as follows:

Grand prize went to Charlie Crutch, assembly, for a 12 lb. 10 oz. halibut.

On the Jackpot, the first prize went to Andy Anderson, model shop, night, and 2nd prize to Tommy McKay, assembly.

Aboard the Linda Lee, first prize went to George Poppa, grinders, and second prize to Ozzie Osborne, methods.

In addition to the above prize winners almost all departments were represented by the following: Joe Riddle, D. Harrison, B. Linsley, V. Nahrstedt, M. Oserkis, L. Simons, O. Osborne, H. Thorpe, K. Kinnaird, R. Mershon, J. Sikora, J. Hammer, W. Robinson, J. Jensen, V. St. John, J. Klosterman, J. Delle Fave, Charlie Cole, J. Temperato, O. Golter, J. Perry, C. Flickinger, C. Crutch, L. Fatz, J. Boyers, J. Pemberton, B. Newman, M. Williamson, P. Wilson, J. Nelson, D. Cady, F. Jensen, E. Crantford, E. Leff and Carl Miller.

Additional trips are being planned with the next one scheduled for Saturday, May 14, from San Clemente Pier. Following that there will be one on July 30. These trips will be for surface fish. Watch your bulletin boards or consult your department representatives for details.

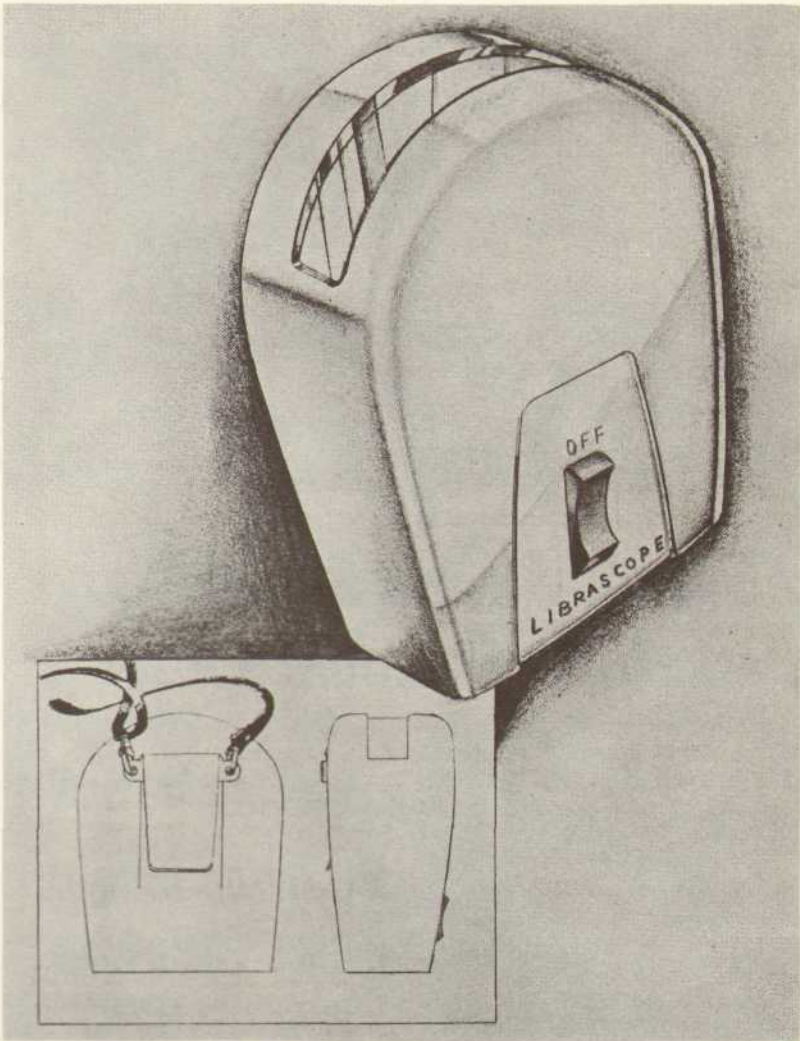
By Carl Miller

Hueneme Catch



CARL MILLER HOISTS A SAMPLE of the catch made by a boat full of deep-sea fishermen who sailed under the Precisioner flag from the harbor at Port Hueneme on March 27. The fishing fleet consisted of crews aboard the "Jackpot" and the "Linda Lee." Grand prize for the day was awarded to Charlie Crutch for a 12-lb. 10-oz. halibut. At press time, interest was running high in the next scheduled trip, planned for May 14 from the San Clemente Pier.

Balanced Ionization Chamber



THESE ARE VIEWS OF THE Balanced Ionization Chamber, designated the BIC-2, developed by Librascope to provide soldiers and workers in a radioactive area a means by which to protect themselves from over-exposure to dangerous Roentgen rays. The compact, accurate radiation rate indicator is easily carried by either a hook or shoulder straps.

Table Tennis Tournaments Help Fill Librasport Slate

Deadline for the May issue of the Librascope is April 30, 1955.

A table tennis tournament was held at the Eagle Rock Recreation Center on March 8 and the following awards were made: Jack Klosterman, first, gold medal; Chuck Ramba, second, silver medal; Joe Leonardi, third.

With the new expanded facilities, more table tennis enthusiasts are participating; however, more players are needed in the tournaments. Medals, trophies, and a place on the Librascope team are the rewards for the winners of the tournaments.

The Precisioners recently purchased 48 dozen Meteor table tennis balls. Under the new system, each club member is assigned a new ball which is replaceable when worn.

Excellent enthusiasm has been shown in both the table tennis and chess clubs, but additional members are needed for the checker and horseshoe clubs. As a result of previous tournaments and checker games played during the noon hour, we have been able to select the following players to represent the Librascope team: Joe Leonardi, Don Gustafson, Gib Bahr, Ralph DelleFave, and Trent Albizati.

If anyone is interested in participating in any of the above sports, see Joe Leonardi, methods.

Griscom-Russell—

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petroleum, power and chemical industries and for naval and merchant ships, and does work in the atomic energy field.

Like Link, which joined GPE last May, the firm will continue its operations as a separate corporation with its present active management.

In announcing the acquisition, Mr. Place noted that the occasion marks the entry of GPE into an important and growing field of activity, and represents a further broadening of its business.

Accounting welcomed two new employees into their midst in the past couple of weeks. They are Thelma Mays and Edith Bell.

THE U.S.S. DEALEY (DE 1006), standard displacement of 1450 tons and a length in excess of that of a football gridiron, contains system equipment designed and developed by Librascope Incorporated. Launched on 8 November 1953, and officially described as the prototype for new and modern antisubmarine vessels, the Dealey and other vessels



in its class have been designed especially for fast convoy work, according to "Jane's Fighting Ships," 1954-1955. Key Librascope engineers who contributed to the Dealey's electro-mechanical equipment include: Roy Case, Raymond Rockwell, Les Bentley, Hank Norris, Clare Burgis, Larry Moore, Bill Cloninger, Ed Hirt, Bruce Luther, and Dick O'Connor.

Athletes Switch Sports As Basketball Schedule Closes

The month of March saw the final game for the Librascope Precisioneer basketball team. Due to a slow start, our first missed the final playoffs by a shade and wound up the season in fourth place in the Burbank League.

The boys wish to thank all of those who were on hand to lend them support throughout the season; for they feel that the encouragement of a group of rooters adds the necessary 'spark of life' that is frequently needed in any sports event.

With the close of the basketball season, comes softball time. The first meeting of those interested in this sport was held on March 30, at McCambridge Park in Burbank.

Practice games to determine in which one of the four leagues our team will play (AA Major, AA Minor, A Minor) are due to start around April 15.

Although the turnout at the first meeting was very good it was not good enough. More players are needed; should you have the desire to participate, watch the bulletin boards for further announcements concerning the practice games and locations.

This year's team is to be under the management of Ralph Barnett. Let's all give Ralph the support necessary to come up with a winner!

In the April 4 issue of "Life" magazine Bob Davis and his wife, Bette, posed as uranium prospectors with a portable Geiger counter in a full page advertisement for Precision Radiation Instruments. Bob occasionally goes uranium hunting with his friends but as yet reports no million dollar find.

Mt. Wilson Clime Baffles Photo Club

The scheduled Fotoramic tour to Mt. Wilson by the photo club was cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions. A few of the more hearty enthusiasts decided to try, however, and encountered heavy fog in the mountains forcing their return. Operation Fizzle!

The regular monthly meeting of the Shutter Clique was held on the evening of March 9 at the home of E. Pust in Burbank. Wally Small and Ross Mersman were selected to act as the new trip planning committee. The former committee had proposed that the Kellogg Arabian Horse Farm in Pomona be visited and a trip to this institution was planned.

The business end of the meeting was concluded with the choosing of Jim Marfine as print chairman. It was stipulated that as many 8 x 10 prints as possible be submitted, the better ones to be displayed on the shop bulletin boards.

After the business activities were ended, members of the club divided into two groups and as colored slides were shown, one group discussed the favorable aspects of the slide; and the other group "tore it apart."

E. Runion Heads Methods Group

An announcement was made on April 1 that Earl Runion was to be the new supervisor of the methods group. Mr. Runion formerly owned and operated the Earl Runion Production Engineering Company in Louisville, Kentucky. He more recently was associated with the American Gyro Company, Santa Monica, and the Consolidated Engineering Company of Pasadena.

Rudy Reider, former supervisor of methods, was transferred to building 3 where he will supervise liaison engineering. Harry Sandberg and Frank Copple were also transferred to this new group.

Parker's Host Gem Collector Meeting

A meeting of the Rockhounds was held at the home of Charley Parker on March 14. Charley displayed his marvelous collection and discussed the cutting and polishing technique used in stone cutting. Roy Dimon pointed out that experience and versatility are necessary in this field.

Jack Perry, Ansel Berglund, and Charley Parker were selected as a planning committee to schedule future events such as displays, field trips, films, etc.

Featured at the next meeting will be a film on rock hunting and prospecting. Watch the bulletin boards for the date and addresses of future meetings.

Bowling League Season Closes

The winter bowling league nears a successful conclusion. There was gloom and high glee highlighting the last week as six teams fought a close fight for the three trophy positions. Holding first place by a mere half game are the Idjits, with second and third places going to the Packrats and Four Jacks and a Jill, respectively. The competition and sportsmanship during the entire season was very good, and most of the players are looking forward to next season and a new try at the trophies. Congratulations to the winners and a better luck next time to the losers. Teams are now being formed for the summer league; let's get signed up now!

To end the season, the Traveling league came up from fifth to take third place, with the following players taking part: Fred Killips, Don Cady, Lloyd Somerfield, Bill Carnahan and Fred Russell. This team is now in the last of a three-week sweeper series. We hope that next year they will not be dogged by illness and can romp home with the top honors. Congratulations to you, too, fellows, for the fine showing.

The Precisioneers Store is now doing business at their original location. Eileen has been very busy getting her stock in order but is ready for business. The move was occasioned by expansion of Model Shop facilities in building one.

The Rains Came?



THIS ISN'T THE COMMON INTERPRETATION of water relays but it appears to be working well insofar as the engineering department is concerned. The four sturdy brooms-men above, reading from fore to aft, are Tom Fuller; Hank Norris, immediately behind Tom; Ed Warren to the side; and Bob Nelson busily manning the doorway. A bent solenoid in the air conditioning unit initiated a series of events that culminated in a downpour across the engineering department.

Precisioneer Library



ONE OF OUR HARDEST WORKERS, Hilda Keesling, doubles in brass as a member of the drafting department and as the Precisioneer librarian. A Glendale resident and a Librascope employee for over four years, Hilda recently initiated a call for a larger bookcase, preferably one with lockable doors. Anyone having a bookcase for disposal or has a lead to one, is asked to contact Hilda at their earliest convenience.



"You say you've had extensive fire control experience?"