

## George W. Seevers Appointed Librascope Patent Attorney

Appointment of George W. Seevers as Librascope patent attorney was announced by Legal Counsel Theodore H. Lassagne May 31. Seevers comes to Librascope after five years with the U. S. Navy's Bureau of Ordnance where he served as a patent attorney and more recently as assistant patent counsel.



... George W. Seevers

The appointment fills a key vacancy in the Legal Department that has existed since the illness of W. M. Redman necessitated his resignation in October, 1954. In the ensuing year and a half a considerable backlog of patent work has built up and Librascope engineers are filing new patent applications at a record rate. Patents are seldom granted in less than two years and may take as long as 10 years, Mr. Lassagne indicated. During this period there may be a good deal of legal argument and technicality to deal with. Thus, the need for a man qualified to handle these matters is evident.

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## Libravets Will Welcome 125 New Members July 7

Five-year service buttons will decorate the lapels of the largest group of Librascope employees in history following this year's fifth annual Libravet party.

More than 125 new Libravets, double last year's record total, will join Libravets with 10 or more years' service at a buffet and dance July 7 at the Burbank Elk's Temple.

Because length of service is a mighty good yardstick of how a company rates with its employees, Librascope President Lewis Imm is pleased with his expanding Libravet organization. Its membership has tripled since the first party was held in 1952. The bulk of this increase has occurred in the past two years. Indications are it will increase even more in the next couple of years.

### Attendance Would Zoom

As a result attendance would have zoomed from the hundred or so that attended the first award celebration to a high of 650 this year and would almost reach the thousand mark next year.

Mr. Imm feels that such a large group is not in keeping with his original purpose in initiating these events, which was to single out and honor the individual for his display of loyalty and service.

To accomplish this, it was decided to limit attendance to incoming Libravet members and those with 10 years' and up service. Thus, all current Libravets would have attended at least one party, and those missing this year's affair would be eligible to attend when they have completed 10 years' service.

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## Time Is Short For Barbecue Ticket Buyers

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Time is getting short for those of you who haven't purchased your tickets for the Precisioneers' Third Annual Pit Barbecue.

Saxonia Park in Newhall is the place. June 23 is the day. Tickets, obtainable from your Precisioneer representative or Eileen Brown, are priced at \$1.25 for adults, \$0.75 for children under 12, and \$0.25 for refills.

There'll be games, dancing, refreshments and plenty of succulent pit-barbecued beef to fill your day and your stomach. Come out and enjoy a day with your friends in the smog-free atmosphere of Newhall. You'll enjoy it and they will, too.

Barbecue committee Jack Nelson, production control; John Buckens, machine shop; Carl Culver, assembly, say this year's affair is going to be the best ever. They speak with authority since all three have had a hand in making previous barbecues smashing successes.

Remember! Saturday, June 23 is the date. Newhall is the place. Buy your tickets NOW! As a special concession to those of you who wait until the last moment before attending anything, the barbecue committee will have a few tickets to sell at the site.



**TWELVE VETERANS OF** Librascope blood drives line up beside the Red Cross Bloodmobile June 1 to commemorate their fifth deposits to our blood bank account. From the left the happy donors are Maury Kimmel, inspection; Bill Greer, office services; Don Cady, grinders, who has donated 32 pints of blood since 1943; Bob Whitcomb, quality control; Bruce Shearer, production control; Voyle Sipes, production control; Ralph Delle Fave, adjusting, a gallon pin recipient this year; Crystal Bowhay, model shop; Lee Duggan, photo lab; Fred Killips, material control; Vern Mayclin, engineering-administrative; and Art Vincenti, assembly. George Johnson, model shop, another five year contributor, is shown on page 4.

(Librazette photo by Earl Crawford)

## Death Takes Wife of Lowell Eisenhower

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 2, at an Eagle Rock mortuary for Mrs. Dorothy C. Eisenhower, wife of Lowell Eisenhower, audio-visual services.

Mrs. Eisenhower was stricken early Memorial Day with a fatal heart attack shortly after she and her husband returned to their Los Angeles home following an evening of dining and dancing. She was 36.

Mrs. Eisenhower was born in Denver, Colo. Nov. 7, 1919. She married Lowell in Detroit in 1939. As a girl she demonstrated unusual athletic ability, becoming a swimming champion at the age of 14.

Prior to her death, Mrs. Eisenhower had been employed as a dental assistant locally for the past 10 years. She was active in the L. A. Dental Assistants Association, having served as recording secretary and more recently as a member of the Association's Advisory Committee.

## Vacation Loan Deadline Set

Vacation time is nearing and the Librascope Credit Union sounds a warning that if you are going to need a loan to live it up this year, you have less than a month to make your application.

Deadline for those of you who may wish to obtain a loan before the vacation period, July 28 through Aug. 13, has been set at July 18, Harold Luth, credit union president, has announced.



**LIBRAVET PARTY PLANNING** is in experienced hands this year if length of employment is the yardstick. Committee members making arrangements for the fifth annual service awards ceremony have a collective total of more than three-quarters of a century on the job with Librascope. Seated (l. to r.) are Barbara Willis, Bob Garrett, chairman, and Mildred Huggins. Standing (l. to r.) are Harold Nylen, George Metcalf, Cesar Goldstein, Keith Kinnaird and Galen Mannan.

## Librascope Blood Deposits Again Fall Short of Goal

For the second straight year deposits to the Librascope Blood Bank account showed a sharp drop according to figures released by Mary Snyder, plant nurse, following the June 1 visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Librascope employees donated 103 pints of blood to their account at that time. This figure represents a 15 per cent drop from last year's donation and is almost 25 per cent below our 130-pint quota for this year, Mrs. Snyder said.

Bill Greer, Precisioneers president, also was unhappy with the results. Despite a concerted drive by the Precisioneers to sign up prospective donors, only one out of every eight Librascope employees volunteered to give his blood that others might live. Inasmuch as all Librascope employees are eligible to draw on our account, all who are able should be willing to contribute.

Bright spot of the blood donor program this year was the turnout of employees who were marking their fifth or higher anniversary of blood giving.

Heading the list was Don Cady, lead man on grinders, who was volunteering to give his 33rd pint of blood. Don has been a regular contributor to the blood bank program since 1943 and while he was passed by this time because of a cold, he'll be back next year.

Another veteran donor, who this year received his gallon pin, is Ralph Delle Fave, adjusting. Other employees marking their fifth trips to serve as contributors included Crystal Bowhay, Edwin Heminger and George Johnson, model shop; Bruce Shearer and Voyle Sipes, production control; Lee Duggan, photo lab; Fred Killips, material control; Maury Kimmel, inspection; Vern Mayclin, (Continued on Page 2)

## Librascope Plays Key Role in Conference On Rat Program

Members of the American Ordnance Association's Underwater Ordnance Development Committee convened at NOTS-Pasadena June 5 for a conference on the RAT Weapon System.

Librascope and President Lewis Imm played key roles in the 3-day affair. Mr. Imm as the committee chairman and Librascope as prime contractor on the RAT program.

Another Librascope man also serves on the committee. He is Tom Bryant, Shipboard Equipment department director.

Committee members witnessed RAT firings off San Clemente Island and received a briefing on the system from Arnold Larson, engineering, shipboard equipment, and Chuck Gonia, engineering services.

Representatives of most of the companies working on the RAT program attended the meetings including Arma, AVCO, Bendix-Pacific, Cook Research Lab, Ford Instrument, General Electric, Hoffman Labs, W. L. Maxson, Minneapolis Honeywell, Philco, Sperry Gyro, Stavid Engineering, and Vitro Labs.

## July Drive to Aid Children Of Orphans' Home Society

Any old newspapers or magazines lying around the house or garage that you've been meaning to get rid of but haven't as yet?

If you have, you can do another good deed for the Los Angeles Orphans Home Society in Hollywood if you'll bring them to Librascope Monday morning, July 9.

Most of you will recall that this is the group for whom we purchased a stove, oven and food with proceeds from our Christmas card charity drive last year. They are currently raising funds for the purchase of additional kitchen hardware preparatory to moving

into the new kitchen wing now being constructed.

You can assist in this endeavor in the following manner:

1. Get together all your old newspapers and magazines.
2. Tie them securely in bundles which can be easily handled, keeping newspapers and magazines in separate bundles.
3. Bring the bundles with you when you come to work Monday, July 9, and deposit them in an area marked off for the purpose near the main gate.



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NEW IBM TIME cards and payroll checks, sample copies of which are shown above, will make their appearances on the racks and in your pay envelopes within the next week or two. Their appearance will mark the initial application of the new Librascope IBM installation now being checked out by Pete Mobley, IBM supervisor. The new time cards (top) will replace those now in use June 25. Prior to that time, employees will be furnished instructions on their use by their supervisors. The new payroll checks will make their bow July 12.

## Company Time Cards to Have New Look Beginning June 25

Do you know your clock number? If you don't, you may be fumbling for your card on Monday, June 25, when the new IBM time cards are scheduled to make their first appearance on the racks.

While your name will appear on the card, only your clock number and department number will be visible when the cards are in the rack, according to Pete Mobley, IBM supervisor.

Virtually the same procedure for punching in and out will be in effect, Mobley went on to say. However, your supervisor will explain details of the new cards to you and will demonstrate their correct alignment in the clock.

Use of the IBM time cards paves the way for the introduction of IBM-computed paychecks. Current plans call for issuance of the new type checks July 12. In contrast to the usual IBM-computed check most of us are familiar with, the new Librascope checks will be scored so that they may be folded, Mobley said.

The new IBM equipment has already arrived at Librascope and is currently being checked out by Mobley. Company employees who will man the machines when ac-

tual operations get underway have completed their IBM training and are all set to go, Mobley said.

Installation of the new equipment marks a step forward in Librascope accounting procedures, Vice-president and Controller M. L. (Lindy) Lindahl said, in commenting on our latest additions.

Application of IBM techniques to the compilation and printing of the Company payroll is only the first of many areas where automatic machine accounting methods will be utilized, he stated.

### I. R. Meeting Held

Mac McKeague, personnel manager, and Art Davis, model shop, attended a conference for industrial relations personnel in Santa Barbara during June. The affair, one of four regional conferences held annually, was attended by representatives of companies located in all the Far Western states.

Sid Briggs, Director of Employee Relations for Librascope, was a featured speaker at several of the meetings held during the course of the 10-day-long affair.

## What Some Guys Do to Get Time Off is Murder

Once upon a time there was this guy, see. He had a girl, see. Now, this girl lived back East someplace, see, and she was going to visit her guy out here, see.

Well, this guy naturally wanted some time off to see his gal, see, but he couldn't figure out an angle. Just about the time his girl was due to arrive, Fate or something stepped in and got this guy off the hook, see.

Seems he went on a little errand with a truck, see. In the course of this errand he has to climb into the back of the truck, see. About the time he goes to climb out, something happens and he falls flat on his face.

Result—a dozen or so shattered teeth and a gash in his jaw that requires six or eight stitches to close. The girl arrives the next day. The guy gets his couple of weeks off. And he clears up his wisdom teeth trouble the hard way.

Hero of our little tale, Bob La Perle, contracts administration, and his girl learn that love can be a many-splendored thing. Keep smiling, Robert!

## Stork Club

The Librazette extends congratulations to the following Librascope employees who have become parents since our last issue.

Eileen Brown, Precisioners store manager, says that those of you new parents who have not already picked up your blankets may do so now.

Henry Post, assembly, son, born May 3.

Howard Applegate, shipboard, daughter — Mary Susan, born April 23.

Ed Mason, apprentice, daughter, born May 6.

Lou Recheck, production control, daughter — Deborah Louise, born May 17.

Jack Behr, publications, daughter — Dorothy Margaret, born May 17.

Manuel Salvador, production control, daughter, born May 26.

Jim Cass, engineering-commercial, son, born May 28.

## Blood Bank

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engineering - administrative; Art Vincenti, assembly; Bob Whitcomb quality control; and Bill Greer, office services.

To these people and to the rest of you who volunteered to share your blood with your fellow men, the Librazette, the Precisioners, Mary Snyder and all the rest who participated in the program say "Thank you."

# New Service Group Formed For Engineering Test Work

There's an old saw that says, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." While we don't make puddings at Librascope, we do design, develop and manufacture a variety of complex electrical, mechanical and electronic equipment.

The end use of most of this equipment is classified information, but we're not divulging much in the way of military secrets when we say a lot of it winds up in pretty rugged environments.

### Will It Work?

Despite some rather startling advances in the engineering art, much design and development work is still approached empirically. The engineer can never be really certain that his design will fulfill its intended function until he tries it under actual operating conditions. However, he can and does minimize the chances of failure by incorporating various tests in his design and development program.

As specifications and operational requirements for his products become more severe, the engineer is faced with the task of conducting more and more tests to insure that his product satisfies these requirements.

To relieve the engineer of much of the detail associated with the testing and to make certain that a given test program adequately covers what it is supposed to cover, Librascope has formed an Engineering Test Group within the Engineering Division.

### Service to All

The new Group, under the direction of Chuck Artner, is a part of the Laboratory Services Section of the Special Devices Department. It will operate as a service facility for all Engineering Departments as do the Process Lab and the Mechanical Lab now.

Its areas of responsibility and service can be broken down into those of engineering test, engineering specifications and electronic lab equipment.

In the area of engineering test work, the Group will be responsible for environmental testing to include:

1. Setting up general environmental testing procedures.
2. Designing and arranging for manufacture of test equipment for environmental testing of components and prototypes.
3. Assisting designers and engineers on environmental problems.
4. Conducting environmental tests on components and finished products when the facilities are available in plant.
5. Arranging and monitoring out of plant testing.

## Promotions Announced by Link Aviation President

E. Allan Williford, president of Link Aviation, Inc., has announced the election of Lloyd L. Kelly as vice-president in charge of sales and of Byron S. Brokaw as first assistant secretary.

Mr. Kelly has been general sales manager of Link since 1953. Mr. Brokaw, with the company since 1941, is also executive assistant to President Williford.

Harold H. Warden, formerly with Curtiss-Wright Corp., has been appointed commercial sales manager in charge of sales of flight simulators to the air transport industry. Link has just produced the first flight simulator for commercial jet airliners. The new simulator will be used by Douglas Aircraft Corporation to train flight personnel for duty on its forthcoming DC-8.

## Two Employees Lose Brothers

Two members of our Materiel Control Department were saddened during May by deaths in their immediate families. We'd like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathy to Olga Winstead and Jeanne Underwood, both of whom lost brothers.

Olga's brother, Walter Detlefsen, died May 15. He was 51. Jeanne's brother, Lambert Underwood, died May 17 of a heart attack. Mr. Underwood was just 30 at the time of his death.

### Additional Responsibilities

Design test responsibility of the Group will include analyzing design test requirements of the five engineering departments and working with the Mechanical and Process Labs in setting up and conducting test programs. The Group will also process and issue test reports.

The Engineering Test Group will work with the design engineers in each engineering department to establish engineering specifications for individual parts, sub-assemblies and final assemblies for the purpose of prototype manufacture and inspection.

The Group will further serve as a central source for requisitioning electronic lab equipment for Engineering; maintenance of records on all such equipment; and will coordinate distribution and determine future budget requirements with the aid of the Test Equipment Committee, which is composed of representatives from each of the Engineering Departments.

### Assistants Named

Assisting Artner in the new Engineering Test Group are Wes Bierley, engineer, formerly with the Burbank Division, and technicians Sol Bauer, Don Lusk, and Lee Hagerty.

Plans are already underway to enlarge the Environmental Lab and to make it a complete facility for in plant environmental testing, Artner said. Facilities now available for such testing include a temperature chamber and the newly installed Vibration Tester.

To these it is planned to add an altitude chamber, a humidity chamber, and an impact tester. All test work requiring the latter equipment is now conducted by outside test activities and involves delay and other inconveniences which will be avoided when our facilities are available.

## Heart Attack Fatal to John Biggie

Friends of John T. Biggie, long-time Librascope employee, were saddened to learn of his death May 10 at his Glendale home.



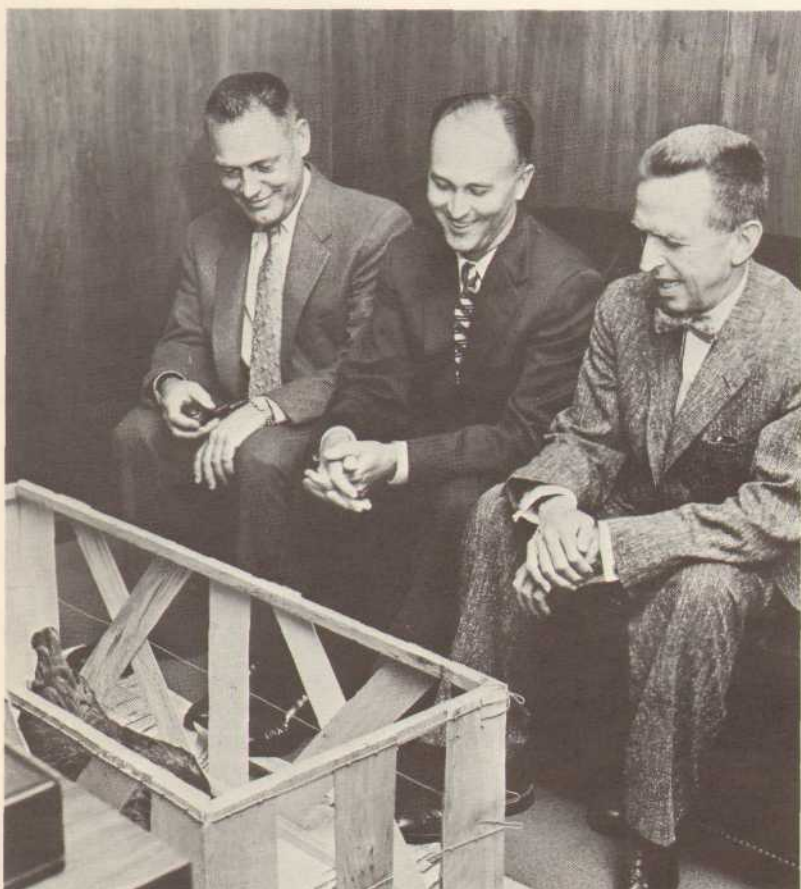
... Mr. John T. Biggie

Mr. Biggie, who came to work at Librascope Sept. 10, 1948, had been on leave of absence from his burr bench job because of a heart condition since July 1, 1955. At the time of his death, Mr. Biggie was attempting to install a light fixture in a garage apartment at the rear of his home. He apparently suffered a heart attack and fell from a ladder. Mr. Biggie was 78.

The deceased man was born in Brazil, Indiana and was a resident of California for the past 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Stella M. Biggie, 1644 Kenneth Road, Glendale; five sons, Larry, Gene, James, William and Charles; and four daughters, Blandetta, Mariel-dene, Catherine and Bernetta. A daughter-in-law, Lois Biggie, works in production control.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Glendale Mortuary and burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles.

## Executive Row is Scene of "Fowl" Play



THREE DISTINGUISHED members of the International Bird Watchers Society, Librascope chapter, exhibit amusement mixed with incredulity as they spot a rara avis in a highly unlikely setting—Ted Lassagne's office. From the expressions on the faces of vice-presidents Lindy Lindahl (left) and Bill Bratton (center) there seems to be little doubt who got the bird. Legal Counsellor Lassagne, however, appears to be doubting the verdict of his senses.

(Librazette photo by Lee Duggan)



# GPE Firms Active in Many Fields

By JOE MESCH  
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Theater business was booming when General Precision Equipment Corporation was organized in June, 1936. But the other areas which were one day to interest the firm were then either in their infancy or were of theoretical interest only.

Today, as GPE ends its 20th year of operation, its companies are pushing back the frontiers of science on a dozen fronts. Whether it be precision mechanics or optics, television, automatic computation, heat exchange, electronics or neeleonics, there is a GPE company with capabilities in the field.

Along with its growth, GPE has undergone a rather startling metamorphosis in recent years. Once identified primarily as a supplier of theater equipment, the Corporation has emerged in the past five years as a major factor in the fields of electronics and precision instrumentation.

## Diversification Pays Off

This position has been achieved in the main by following a pattern of intelligent diversification. As late as 1950, for example, GPE sales totaled less than \$30 million. Theater equipment accounted for two-thirds of the total. Theater equipment sales, on the other hand, accounted for less than 10 percent of last year's \$133 million net sales figure. That figure, however, still represents a sizeable dollar volume, especially when weighed against a declining market and the unsettled labor situation that existed.

Although 1956 first quarter consolidated net sales were down more than one and one-half million dollars from 1955's thirty-four and one-quarter million figure, the remainder of 1956 should show improved results for the Corporation, GPE President and Board Chairman Hermann G. Place said in the quarterly stockholder's report.

This improvement is based on the larger shipments and increased profit margins in sight for both defense and industrial business for the balance of the year, Mr. Place indicated.

With the profit picture looking brighter and with a backlog of orders that had reached almost \$130 million as of March 31, GPE's place in the field of precision technology appears stronger than ever.

Much of the optimism for the future stems from the fact that a large part of the backlog is made up of items of new designs and specifications. Production of new designs that sell is rarely accidental. At GPE it is even less so.

**Effort Is Coordinated**  
Behind each new design . . . each development program . . . stands a basic GPE operating policy—GPE Coordinated Precision Technology. This policy gives each GPE company access to the skills and facilities of the others and coordinates those which are relevant.

Such coordination has played an important part in amplifying the capabilities of all GPE companies and has enabled them to solve highly advanced technological problems with vision.

Cooperative effort is the keynote among the score of active GPE subsidiaries. Results of this policy have been outstanding. General Precision Laboratory's AN/APN-66 air navigation system is a striking example. Teaming up with GPL in the development and production of system components were four other GPE companies—Askania, International Projector, Kearfott, and Librascope.

The administrative, financial and technical benefits that General Precision Equipment Corporation brings to its diversified subsidiaries are many and far-reaching.

## Advantages to Subsidiaries

Administratively, GPE provides big business organization yet allows its subsidiaries virtual autonomy. The corporate philosophy, as stated by Mr. Place, has been to achieve integration only to the extent that it is valuable, but not to the extent that it destroys the initiative of any subsidiary.

On the financial front, GPE offers its companies sound corporate management and long term economic stability. It is in a position to supply new capital to its members when expansion of facilities or other factors bearing on their operation require it.

In addition, GPE has at its disposal the facilities and personnel needed for the efficient handling of tax matters facing its companies. This relieves the operating companies of a tremendous amount of accounting and legal work and permits them to devote a greater portion of their effort to other pursuits.

## GPE Spreads the Word

GPE also handles institutional advertising for all its firms. Through the skillful use of multi-page ads and other media of the advertising and public relations world, it can present the capabilities and capacities of its companies far more effectively than could any of the individual firms.

On the technical front, GPE serves as the coordinator of effort for its subsidiaries and assists in focusing the technical know how existing in the several members on problems facing individual firms.

Just how effective the GPE philosophy of operation has been can best be judged by examining the accomplishments of its subsidiaries. Many of these accomplishments will be related in subsequent Librazette stories on the GPE companies.

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles on General Precision Equipment Corporation and its subsidiaries. Succeeding articles will be devoted to individual companies in the GPE organization.)

# Libra Sport News



**DRESSED FOR ACTION**, members of the Precisioneer softball team are primed for the umpire's call of "Play Ball." Kneeling (l. to r.) are Bob LaPerle, contracts administration; Walt Newcomer, engineering; Ed Baker, production control, with friend; Gene Hinton, stockroom; and Tony Noriega, timekeeping. Back row (l. to r.) are Al Smith, engineering; Manager Al Akins, Neil Hinton, Sam Houchin, and Danny Sanchez, production control; Bill Richmond, materiel control; and Art Moreno, shipping.

## Team No. 4 Takes Over Golf Lead

Sparked by Captain Ed Sullivan's 2-point victory over his opponent, Carl Culver, Team No. 4 went on to score a 9½-4½ victory over Team No. 8 and move into first place in the Librascope Golf League standings at the end of the fourth round of play.

The loss dropped Culver's team, the third round leader, into the second spot just a half-point ahead of Team No. 10. Biggest jump in the standings, however, was made by Forrest McColl's Team No. 3, whose 9-5 shellacking of Team No. 9 moved them from the seventh spot into fourth.

A number of good rounds, headed by Wally Jobe's 39 on the Wilson front nine, resulted in several handicaps taking a sharp nose dive. Jobe dropped from 11 to 7 as a result of his play, while Bob Somerville pared his handicap 3 points to a 7 when he fired a 41 in knocking off Bill Roxbury 2-0.

Other rounds of note included Ed Sullivan's 40 against Culver, whose 42 would ordinarily be good enough to pick up the marbles, and Bob Bruce's 45 against Bob Gorman. Rounds they'd rather not discuss were hacked out by Johnny Grieshaber and Joe Mesch as both were being soundly trounced by Jobe and McColl respectively.

The prize for total holes for the fourth period was won by Bob Berg's Team No. 10.

Remember July 22, golfers. That's the date of the annual Librascope golf tournament. Keep your heads down and come out swinging.

## Welcome

Librascope welcomes the following new employees who joined us during May:

- ACCOUNTING  
Anita Lauenstein
- ENGINEERING-ADMINISTRATIVE  
Darrell Gimlin
- ENGINEERING-SHIPBOARD  
Jerome Dietz  
Lois Digerose
- ENGINEERING-SPECIAL DEVICES  
Albert Craig
- ENGINEERING SERVICES  
Frederick Herbst

## Precisioneer Softballers Set Pace in Burbank Loop

Librascope softballers ran their seasonal record in the Burbank A Major League to three wins against a single loss when they defeated the Fireballs for the second straight time June 5 by a score of 7-6.

Down four runs after a half inning of play, the Precisioneers bounced back to score three in the home half with Gene Hinton's double being the big blow. The Precisioneers went out in front in the third inning when Hinton powered a tremendous home run to left center scoring a runner ahead of him.

The Fireballs almost went ahead again in the fifth, but a perfect relay from Hinton to Catcher Al Akins following a fine throw by Tony Noriega from deep left center cut down at the plate what would have been the go-ahead run.

### Just Miss Triple Play

The Precisioneers just missed a baseball rarity—the triple play—in the top half of the seventh. With runners on first and third and none away, a Fireball batter grounded sharply to short. Gene Hinton (here's that man again!) fielded the ball, tossed to his brother Neil at second for the force. Neil fired the ball to Danny Sanchez at first for the second out.

Meanwhile, the runner on third broke for home. Danny hesitated, then threw to Akins at the plate. The runner kept coming, powering into Al with a perfect shoulder block that sent the Librascope catcher in one direction and the ball in another. The boys missed their triple play, the opposition chalked up their sixth run, and Akins wound up with a fat lip and a dented nose.

### Oh! Those Walks

The Precisioneers suffered their lone defeat of the regular season in the second game when the

Schroeder team defeated them 10-4 although they got but a single hit. Walks and errors paved the way to the defeat.

The team showed marked improvement in its last outing over previous games. The hitting has been more than adequate with Gene Hinton, Danny Sanchez and Sam Houchin all hitting the long ball and the rest of the team chipping in with their share of base hits.

Game schedules have been posted near all the bulletin boards throughout the plant and the fellows would appreciate a little vocal support from fans in the stands.

## The Librazette

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## Gymkhana to Draw Local Entries

Members of the 4-Cylinder Club of Glendale will conduct a Gymkhana and Concourse de Elegance in the Librascope parking lot Sunday, July 8, according to club member Dean Frederick, engineering.

Competitors in the Gymkhana will test their driving skills as they weave their way against time in a series of intricate maneuvers through closely spaced pylons.

Before competing in the Gym-

khana, the club members will display their gleaming "irons" in a Concourse de Elegance (car show to the uninitiated). Showroom perfection probably won't be enough to win the loot in this event, Dean says. Your car has to look better than new to take the honors.

Other Librascope employees who will be competing include Marge Kaskela, engineering-administrative; and George DuVall, engineering-shipboard.



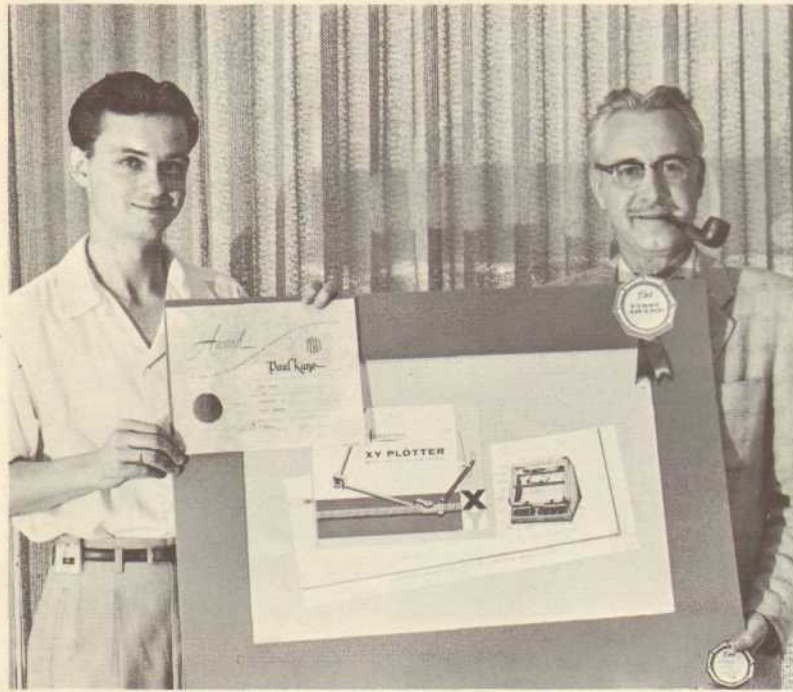
**FEARLESS FRED KILLIPS** seems to be getting quite a charge out of giving his pint of blood. Or perhaps it was one of those classic Killips quips that brings smiles to his and the nurse's face. Take it from Fred, blood donations can be fun.



## Librascope Entry Wins TIMA Blue Ribbon

For the second consecutive year, a Librascope entry has been awarded a blue ribbon by judges for the Technical Illustrators' Management Association (TIMA) annual art exhibit.

This year's winner is Paul Kane, commercial artist in Engineering Services. Kane's prize-winning entry was his cover page design for Librascope's Model 200A XY Plotter



**BLUE RIBBON WINNER** Paul Kane, engineering services (left) and his supervisor, Keith Kinnaird, are shown with Kane's prize-winning entry in the third annual Technical Illustrators' Management Association exhibit.

Instruction Manual. He won his award in the Graphic Arts (Ink) category.

Last year's winner was Pete Maimone, likewise a commercial artist in Engineering Services. His schematic representation of XY Plotter circuitry was a first prize winner in the special awards category.

This year's TIMA exhibit, originally scheduled for May 12 through May 28 at the Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park, attracted so much interest from the general public that it was held over through June 8. Entries were received from the majority of firms employing technical illustrators in this area, and competition was keen.

Librascope technical illustrators and their supervisor, Keith Kinnaird, deserve the congratulations of all Librascope for their excellent showing in these TIMA exhibits. Since entries must of necessity be unclassified from a security standpoint, the greater part of our illustrators' work cannot be entered. The aircraft companies and many other firms, with their large commercial programs, work under no such handicap.

In addition, many of these firms have staffs of illustrators 10 to 20 times the size of ours. Yet year after year, our people compete successfully with these companies in the technical illustration field.

Kane's prize-winning entry this year, for example, prevented a clean sweep by the aircraft companies of all the sweepstakes awards.

This only goes to prove what we've known for a long time, that Librascope personnel and the products they produce are all top drawer. Congratulations, Paul, and may you and your fellow illustrators make it three in a row next year.

## Libravet Party

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The net result has been to cut back attendance at the 1956 Libravet party from the projected 650 figure to approximately 330.

### Independence Day Theme

Theme of the party will center around the Fourth of July according to Bob Garrett, engineering-commercial, chairman of this year's event. Assisting him on the committee are Cesar Goldstein, tool room; Mildred Huggins, accounting; Keith Kinnaird, engineering services; Galen Mannan, engineering; George Metcalf, adjusting; Harold Nylen, model shop; and Barbara Willis, engineering-administrative.

Music for dancing will be provided by Carl Fortina and his orchestra. Vocalist with the band is a brand new Librascope employee, Lynn Fortina, engineering.



**GEORGE JOHNSON**, model shop, (right) joins Luis Rosso (left) and Carl May (center), both from the dust-free room, for a little pickup, after donating his fifth pint of blood to the Librascope blood bank account. George, 50-plus years young, says he'll be in the donor's line as long as they'll have him, an attitude that a lot more of us at Librascope could adopt.

## Joseph Palilla--A Man of Many Parts

By JOE MESCH  
Librazette Editor

Accomplished musician ... classical scholar ... teacher of the humanities ... these are not the qualifications one would ordinarily expect in a Librascope assembler. Yet such a man as this is one of us. He is Joseph Palilla, now a member of our production control department.

The story of Joe Palilla is the story of a vanishing generation—a generation reared in the atmosphere of Old World traditionalism and close familial ties that existed prior to World War I.

Born in the Italian town of Agrigento just before the turn of the century, Palilla was early groomed for the priesthood. The oldest of six children, Joe entered a junior seminary after completing his elementary schooling and there began his classical and theological studies.

### Doing What Comes Naturally

About the same time, Joe's musical talents began to awaken and it wasn't long before he was playing both the piano and the organ and doing what comes naturally for all Italians—singing.

Meanwhile, Joe's father had left Italy for the United States, seeking in the New World the fortune that so many like him had sought. When Joe was 16, his mother died, and his father returned to Italy for a time.

Joe continued his schooling at the seminary, but his heart was no longer in it. Faced with compulsory military service at the age of 20 and feeling himself unsuited for a life of service to the Church though not yet certain of what other path to follow, Palilla found himself in a difficult though not unusual situation.

The death of his father, who had since returned to the U. S. A. and California, in 1913 temporarily solved his problem. As head of the household he was no longer subject to military duty. And with parental objection no longer a factor, he forsook the theological career planned for him and left the seminary.

### Call to Arms

Now, however, the threat of War hung heavy over Europe and the continent soon reeled under the shock of World War I. Family status meant nothing and in June, 1915, Joe was called into the Army commissioned a second lieutenant, and served the remainder of the War.

With the return of peace, Joe returned to his studies and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the Royal College of Art and Science. He continued his schooling, enrolling as a post graduate student at the University of Palermo, graduating with honors and with a Doctor of Letters degree in 1921.

Joe was then appointed Professor of History at the Teacher's College in his native Agrigento. Shortly thereafter he received a transfer to the Royal Lyceum of Reggio Emilia where he taught Latin and ancient Greek.

Although happy in his chosen field, Joe, now 28, was disturbed by the rising tide of Fascism which was engulfing Italy and would soon spread throughout Europe. Believing, as a good teacher must, in freedom of expression and seeing it threatened by the new regime, Joe decided to come to the U. S.

### On to America

In 1923, Joe left his native Italy. His hopes were high, and his ambitions were exceeded only by his desire to achieve them.

Like the millions who had preceded him to the land of freedom and opportunity, Joe found a new, and good, way of life. He found, too, that adjustment to this new life might be long and sometimes painful.

With few friends and no opportunity to put his knowledge and talents to work, Joe spent six long, disheartening years in New York working at any job he could find. He applied for U. S. citizenship and was granted his final papers in 1929. Single and restless, Joe traveled through New England still seeking the opportunity to teach.



**FILLING ORDERS** IN a Librascope stockroom is a far cry from the life that Joe Palilla dreamed of as a young student in Italy. While Fortune hasn't always smiled on Joe, the lessons he gained from the works of Dante, Palestrina and Michelangelo have stood him in good stead as he has progressed through life.

(Librazette photo by Lee Duggan)

Nothing was available. The nation was in the throes of the Great Depression and Joe's hopes dwindled with the passing months. In 1934, a chain of circumstances drew Joe into politics. Living at the time in Lackawana County, Pa. Palilla ran for a seat in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. He was defeated by the slim margin of 305 votes, a remarkable accomplishment for a man who short years before had arrived in this country alone, friendless, and unable to speak or write English.

Joe had come a long way since then. With renewed optimism, Palilla married a New York girl and returned to live in Old Forge, Pa. There he met a man who was to become a firm friend and intelligent adviser, the president of the local board of education. This man advised Joe to obtain a degree from an American college and a teaching credential as well.

Joe took his advice, enrolled at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pa., and in 1937 received his Bachelor of Arts degree and a teaching certificate qualifying him to teach English, Latin, ancient Greek, French, Italian and General Science in the Pennsylvania public schools.

### Founds Town Library

For the next four years, Joe taught night school classes in Old Forge. In addition, Joe founded the

## Six Employees Receive Promotions in May

The Librazette takes this opportunity to congratulate the following Librascope employees who received promotions during the month of May.

### COMMERCIAL SALES

LaVonne Wellen promoted to department secretary

### ENGINEERING-ADMINISTRATIVE

Shirley Hunter promoted to design draftsman

Shirley Ryan promoted to department clerk

### ENGINEERING-AIRBORNE

Dave Brannen promoted to engineer

### ENGINEERING-SHIPBOARD

Frank Mathews promoted to senior engineer

Lester Lyons promoted to senior engineer.

town's first public library in the basement of the local grammar school.

Caught in the financial vise of low pay and a growing family, Joe left his teaching job and went to work for Packard in Detroit where he remained during World War II. The end of the War found him heading for California with his family. Settling in Los Angeles, he applied for a high school teaching job in the Los Angeles school district, but was turned down because of the age limit.

Then in early 1951, Joseph Palilla became a member of the Librascope family, when he was employed as a final assembler. Joe completed five years of continuous service with the Company in January and he and his wife Rose along with other new Libravets will be honored guests of the Company at the fifth annual Libravet buffet and dance which will be held July 7.

Joe, Rose, and his three children, 19-year-old Olivia, 17-year-old Paul, and 6-year-old Eugene, live on Sonora street in Glendale.

## Patent Attorney

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Mr. Seevers will have primary responsibility for the preparation and prosecution of patent applications under the direction of Mr. Lassagne. In addition, Seevers will maintain invention records and prepare reports required by patent clauses of Government contracts.

Mr. Seevers was born in Iowa and attended school there, graduating from the University of Iowa Law School in 1932. Since 1940, Seevers has followed his profession in the Washington, D. C. area, either on his own or as a member of a private firm or government agency.

Our new patent attorney served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and currently holds the rank of lieutenant commander (USNR) in Naval Intelligence. He is a member of the Iowa and Texas Bar Associations and of Delta Theta Phi, national legal fraternity.

Mr. Seevers is married and has a 10-year-old son. His family is currently living in Silver Spring, Md., until such time as Seevers can find suitable accommodations for them locally.