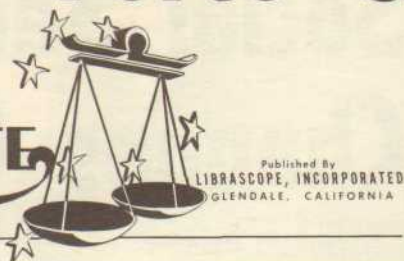


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Secretary Quarles, Congressman Hiestand View Products, Are Briefed on Projects

Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles and Congressman Edgar L. Hiestand (R-Calif.) paid a visit to Librascope the afternoon of Oct. 10.

Our distinguished visitors viewed a cross section of Librascope products on display in the Engineering conference room; sat in on a project briefing delivered by Bob Williamson, engineering-airborne; and made a tour of plant facilities.

Mr. Quarles was in town to deliver an evening address—"The Air Force's Role in Free World Strategy"—at a USAF briefing session sponsored by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council at the Ambassador hotel.

Earlier, high ranking Air Force officers had given members of the council an afternoon-long briefing on the USAF's mission, its research and development, its problems and its future.

During their visit here, Mr. Quarles and Mr. Hiestand viewed a number of our products. These included an MX-1681 Periscope; CP-209 Digital Bombing and Navigation Computer; Wind Memory-Frequency Tracker; Airborne General Purpose Digital Computer; Mk 5 Attack Director; Mk 17 Angle Solver and Mk 39 Control Panel; and LGP-30 computer.

The Company had earlier expected that Secretary of the Navy Charles Thomas might also pay a visit to the plant. However, a conflict in schedules ruled out Mr. Thomas's appearance at this time.

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Employees See Product Display in Conf. Room

Librascope employees had a surprise opportunity to see the end results of their labor Oct. 11 and 12 when they viewed a display of Company products in the Engineering conference room.

The exhibit, assembled primarily for the benefit of Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles, was thrown open to employees, many of whom had never seen the finished products they had had a hand in designing, manufacturing and assembling.

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APN System Work Takes R. Whitcomb To Pleasantville

Bob Whitcomb, Quality Control department manager, is taking temporary leave from his present duties to assume a new role in the Engineering - Administrative department.

Effective Oct. 15 Bob becomes a senior engineer in Bill McAboy's department and moves to General Precision Laboratory headquarters in Pleasantville, N. Y.

During Bob's absence, the duties of Quality Control manager will be assumed by Paul Metzger, chief inspector, according to an announcement by Vice-president Bill Bratton.

Bob's reassignment presages an anticipated increase in Librascope production responsibility for the Laboratory's APN systems.

He will work with GPL engineers in Pleasantville for the next six or eight months coordinating the preparation of final drawings and specifications for the APN-66 system. He will also aid in the development of system test equipment and test specifications.

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Don't miss Librascope's "You and Your Future," broadcast Monday through Friday at 6:55 a.m. over radio station KABC.



SECRETARY OF THE Air Force Donald A. Quarles (left) and Congressman Edgar L. Hiestand (R-Calif.) were honored Company visitors Oct. 10. Shown here as they were greeted by Librascope President Lewis W. Imm, our distinguished visitors later viewed a display of Librascope products in the Engineering conference room. At the same time, they received a briefing on Company products from Bob Williamson, Engineering-Airborne. (Photo by Duggan)

4 Librascope Wives Discover They're It on "It Could Be You" Show

The wives of four Librascope employees gained a working knowledge of Bill Leyden's "It Could Be You" show recorded Oct. 4 and picked up a little loot to cover their embarrassment in the process.

The four women, Dorothy Krill, Christine Blackburn, Janet Wichman and Adele Seltzer, attended the show along with other members of the Burbank Junior Women's Club.

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In the Spotlight

Imagine their surprise when the "big eye" turned their way and Leyden began his routine of confounding them with bits of personal history even their husbands didn't know.

Three dumfounded members of the quartet didn't know that one of their group had done a little sleuthing for Leyden prior to the program and had supplied him with plenty of ammunition.

Janet Wichman, wife of Bill Wichman, engineering-special devices, kept her wits about her long enough to collect \$87 in the reunion quiz feature of the show. Janet guessed correctly that it was her father hidden off stage. He had been frown in from Colorado to appear on the show.

Can Glen Go?

Adele Seltzer, wife of Glen Seltzer, employment manager, was awarded a six-day all-expense stay for two at a Carmel resort. The only item remaining to be settled is Glen's availability. He's still pondering ways and means of making the junket with his charming wife.

The woman responsible for gathering Leyden's inside information on his victims was Christine Blackburn. Her husband is Wayne Blackburn, Engineering-Commercial department manager. Christine was herself surprised on the program when she was named to receive

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Bob Jewett Says "Thank You" for Remembering

A personal expression of appreciation for the many kindnesses of his Librascope friends has been extended by Bob Jewett, Burbank Division.

While he would like to thank each of you individually for your many cards, visits and contributions toward the TV set he received, he realizes this is impossible at the moment.

However, he wishes to thank all of you collectively for your generosity and thoughtfulness during his recent illness.

Bob, accompanied by his wife

Betty, stopped in at the Personnel office for a few minutes Oct. 8 to let us know he had finally been sprung from the hospital.

Bob is now on the road to recovery following two major operations—one for a perforated ulcer, the second for removal of an abscess. Bob lost quite a few pounds during his ordeal but a few weeks of home cooking should get him back to normal.

We are all happy to see him on his feet again after seven weeks in the hospital and are looking forward to welcoming him back on the job in a month or so.



FOCAL POINT of the new kitchen at the Los Angeles Orphans Home Society in Hollywood is this stainless steel stove and double oven combination purchased with funds from our 1955 Christmas Card charity drive. Miss Margaret Ingram (left), Home superintendent, once again expressed the gratitude of her staff and her small charges for the generous support of Librascope employees. Shown with her are Galen Mannan (next to Miss Ingram) and Chuck Baumgard (extreme right) members of last year's committee, along with Don Bourquin, a 1956 committee member. (Photo by Duggan)

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Charity Program to Replace Mass Xmas Card Exchange

Do you remember our highly successful 1955 campaign to replace the company-wide exchange of Christmas cards with a Yuletide program of aid to the kids of the Los Angeles Orphans' Home Society?

We know that all of you who were with Librascope at that time do. Furthermore, your whole-hearted cooperation and generosity were strong indications that you would like to see the program continue.

As a result, a new committee has been named to carry out a similar program this year.

Here's the Plan

For the benefit of those employees who have joined us since Christmas, 1955, and to refresh the memories of the rest of you, here is a brief rundown on what we plan to do.

The purpose of the program is to reduce the interchange of Christmas cards among employees to a minimum. Two years ago, Librascope employees were exchanging approximately 10,000 cards.

Many of us were developing writer's cramp in addition to putting an increasingly severe strain on our pocketbooks.

Early last fall the suggestion was made that we substitute some form of philanthropy for the in-plant exchange of Christmas cards. The idea sounded like an excellent one and a committee was appointed to work out the details.

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NLRB Rules Union Contract Doesn't Extend to Burbank Division

The National Labor Relations Board ruled recently that the labor agreement between Librascope, Inc., and Precision Lodge No. 1600, International Association of Machinists, AFL-CIO, does not extend to the production and maintenance employees at the Burbank plant.

In its ruling the Board also granted the Company's petition for an election at the Burbank plant. It ruled that the Division, headed by Dick Hastings, constituted an appropriate unit for col-

Ed Dobstaff Injured When His Car Smashes Into Glendale Store

Ed Dobstaff, model shop, suffered multiple severe lacerations about the head and face in an auto accident Oct. 13.

Ed apparently lost control of his car near the Canada Boulevard-Verdugo Road intersection in Glendale and struck a bridge abutment.

His automobile then swerved across the street, struck another car a glancing head-on blow, and smashed into a building at 1524 Canada Boulevard.

Hospitalized following the accident, Ed was reported in "good" condition a few hours later.

Pete Maimone, publications, arrived on the scene only seconds after the accident had occurred. He stopped to lend a hand but was unaware until later in the day that he had been helping a fellow Librascope employee.

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lective bargaining purposes and ordered an election held within 30 days of the date of the decision.

Before an election could be held, however, the Union bowed out of the picture by informing the Board they were not interested in an election at this time. As a result of this action the Board canceled the election.

The NLRB ruling was the outgrowth of a grievance filed by the Union in behalf of a Burbank employee who had been terminated.



LIBRASCOPE EMPLOYEES who will serve as advisors to a Junior Achievement group during the 1956-57 school year are shown discussing the item the youngsters will manufacture and sell. Ed Hirt, Burbank Division (second from right), points out some of the features of this year's product, adjustable stilts, which he feels will boom sales. From left

to right this year's committee members are Carl Culver, wiring, the production advisor; Hugo Shane, Burbank Division, the sales advisor; Bill Bell, contracts, the business advisor; Herb Darby, assembly, production advisor alternate; Ed Hirt, sales advisor alternate; and Hal Luth, accounting, business advisor alternate. (Photo by Earl Crawford)

Company Sponsors Junior Achievement Group for Third Consecutive Year

Youth development programs are becoming a familiar sight on the American scene. On the business, the technical, and the athletic fronts increasing emphasis is being placed on helping youngsters help themselves.

Librascope, for the third straight year, is proud to join with industrial concerns throughout the Nation in sponsoring a group of boys and girls in a Junior Achievement program.

The Junior Achievement Program is designed to give the youth of America a first hand working knowledge of our business and economic life.

Financed by contributions from leading U. S. industrial firms, the program has enabled more than 100,000 boys and girls to learn the facts of corporate organization and dissolution while participating in the planning, production and sale of a variety of products.

The Junior Achievement program is conducted for high school students. Participating companies in a given area sponsor groups and furnish advisors who work with the youngsters during the course of the academic year.

Librascope employees, along with employees of a score of Valley companies, work with local students at the Burbank Junior Achievement Center. Librascope President Lewis W. Imm serves as area secretary for the program. Company advisors working with the youngsters this year include Bill Bell, contracts, business advisor; Hugo Shane, Burbank Division, sales advisor; and Carl Culver, wiring, production advisor.

Serving as alternates to the three just named are Accounting's Hal Luth, business advisor; Burbank Division's Ed Hirt, sales advisor; and Assembly's Herb Darby, production advisor.

The advisors and their alternates have been attending advisor training sessions preparatory to the initial meeting with their group the week of Oct. 15.

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Eileen Offers Oct. Bargains

"It whistles while it works" is Eileen Brown's description of her bargain of the month at the Precisioner store. The whistler is a Revere ware teakettle that no stove is complete without.

If your can opener is finding it difficult to cut its way through those can lids, retire it and pick up a 1956 deluxe model handy dandy for just \$3.25.

Some lucky person can pick up Eileen's last set of Rogers silver plate in the First Love pattern. The set, complete with chest, is a paltry \$40.50.

For a \$5 deposit, you can hold a set of Community silverware in your favorite pattern, and benefit from the special price Eileen has on these sets during September.

If you must buy stainless steel tableware, buy it here. Eileen has a plentiful supply. Its prize-winning design will grace any table and the price of \$9.50 for a service for four is hard to beat.

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Last Year's Program

The committee outlined a program which included:

1.—A single Yuletide greeting (in the form of a Christmas decoration on a department tree) from each employee to the members of his or her department.

2.—The donation of what the individual would normally spend for cards to fellow employees to a selected charity.

3.—Selection of a suitable charity.

4.—Publication of a mass Christmas card containing the names of all those participating in the Librazette.

The program was an immediate success. More than 900 Librascope employees donated a total of \$2,220 and reduced their Christmas card mailings from the 10,000 total in 1954 to a couple of hundred in 1955.

Youngsters Benefit

In so doing, they had benefited a half-hundred homeless boys and girls at the Los Angeles Orphan's Home in Hollywood. With the proceeds from the drive, the committee, aided by the invaluable services of Ivan Franklin, operations analysis, were able to purchase a stainless steel range and a double oven to replace the antiquated equipment the Home had been using. In addition, we were able to purchase a three-month supply of basic food staples for the Home.

Contributing to the success of last year's drive were committee members Val Castle, Chuck Baumgard, and Galen Mannan, engineering; Keith Kinnaird, publications; Herb Darby, assembly; Chuck Keesling, machine shop; Ruth Kennerknecht, materiel control; and Pauline Ponnish, model shop.

Many Cooperate

They were given valuable aid and assistance by the 30 or more

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Stork Club

Congratulations are in order to the following Librascope employees who have become parents since our last issue:

Tommy Thompson—methods

Son—Thomas Michael,

born Aug. 7.

Bill Wade—engineering-

commercial

Daughter—Janice Lorraine,

born Sept. 16.

Dave Hackett—engineering-

shipboard

Daughter—Danuta Barbara,

born Sept. 22.

Hugh Kilpatrick—engineering-

airborne

Son—Douglas Norman,

born Sept. 23.

Howard Cogan—publications

Son—Frederick James,

born Sept. 30.

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Social Security Changes Outlined

Important changes—changes that affect your future security and your current earnings—have been enacted in the Social Security Act through amendments enacted during 1956.

These 1956 Amendments provide benefits for disability payable at age 50; for disabled children 18 or over; for a mother with a disabled child in her care; and lower the retirement age for women from 65 to 62.

One of the major changes in the Social Security Act this year is the provision for disability payments.

Of immediate importance to you as a wage earner is the new disability insurance tax that goes into effect Jan. 1, 1957 to defray costs of the coverage. Effective that date you and your employer each must pay a tax of one-quarter of one percent on the first \$4200 of your yearly earnings.

Disability benefits are payable, effective June 1, 1957, to persons covered by Social Security under the following circumstances and conditions:

1. If you are 50 years or older.
2. If you have Social Security credit for:
5 years of work in the 10 years before the established beginning date of your disability.
1½ years of work in the years before that date.
3. If you are so seriously disabled as to preclude any substantial work on your part and the disability is expected to last indefinitely.
4. If you become so disabled in the future.

The amount of the disability benefit depends on your average earnings; it is the same as the amount of the old-age insurance benefit for which you would be eligible if you were 65.

A second important change in the Social Security Act affects the working girl. As of Nov. 1, 1956, women workers eligible for retirement benefits under the law may, if they so desire, receive Social Security payments when they reach 62 years of age instead of waiting until they are 65.

If a woman elects to take the payments before she is 65, the amount of her monthly payments will be reduced. The amount they are reduced depends on the number of months she gets benefits between age 62 and age 65.

More important, if you choose to take benefits in a reduced amount before your reach 65, you will continue to get a reduced amount even after you are 65.

Another change provided by the 1956 Amendments relates to insurance benefits for disabled children more than 18 years of age. Eligibility requirements here include:

1. Disability prior to age 18
2. Unmarried
3. Dependence either on parent entitled to old-age insurance benefits under social security or on a parent who died after 1939 and was insured for survivors benefits at time of his or her death.

Payments on this part of the law will not be possible before January 1, 1957. Applications will be accepted at any time after Oct. 1, 1956.

All insurance must be paid by someone. In your case, you are paying only a part of premiums through Social Security tax deductions from your wages—your employer pays on equal amount.

Your share of the Social Security tax up to 1960 is 2 percent of your wages up to \$4200 per year. Your employer contributes an additional 2 percent.

Beginning in 1960, the Social Security tax you and your employer pay on your earnings is scheduled to increase ½ of one percent every 5 years up to a maximum of 4 percent in 1975 and thereafter.

You may secure additional information concerning your social security benefits either through your local Social Security office or in the Personnel Department.

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section chairmen who posted the trees, distributed the ornaments and collected the donations.

A similar program is planned this year. A new committee has been selected and is already working on the most difficult problem of all—selection of a suitable charity. Committee members would appreciate any thoughts or ideas that any of you might have in this direction.

If you have any possibilities in mind, contact any one of this year's committee. Members are Don Bourquin, who was elected chairman, contracts; Arlene Hesse, inspection; Keith Kinnaird, publications; Joe Mesch, personnel; George Metcalf, adjusting; Betty Meyer, production control; Ann Pavelko, wiring; and Patt Richards, publications.

Mr. Imm Presents 5-Yr. Service Pin to Kathleen Atkinson

Kathleen Atkinson, who has served as a Washington representative of Librascope since mid-1950, was awarded an honorary 5-year Libravet pin at a brief Sept. 24 ceremony in the Nation's Capitol.

Librascope President Lewis W. Imm made the presentation during a recent trip east in recognition of Kathleen's meritorious association with the Company. Kathleen has been associated with Librascope since July 13, 1950.



MEMBERS OF LAST year's Christmas Card Charity committee meet with the newly appointed 1956 committee to pass on the benefits of their experience. From the left, last year's members include Herb Darby, assembly; Pauline Ponnish, model shop; Chuck Keesling, machine shop; Galen Mannan, engineering; Keith Kinnaird, publications; and

Val Castle, engineering-airborne. 1956 members are Don Bourquin, contracts; Betty Meyer, production control; Patt Richards, publications; Ann Pavelko, wiring; George Metcalf, adjusting; and Arlene Hesse, assembly. Joe Mesch (standing) Librazette editor; and Keith Kinnaird are holdover members. (Photo by Duggan)



LIBRASCOPE'S DISPLAY at the recent ISA-sponsored Instrument-Automation conference and exhibit in New York City really packed them in according to the men who manned the booth. Among the

Company commercial products shown were the Flow Computer, XY Plotter, types A and B, and a variety of mechanical computing components.

Librascope Products Get Big Play At Eleventh Annual ISA Exhibit

Librascope's Burbank Division Display had them standing in the aisles at the Instrument Society of America's eleventh annual Instrument-Automation conference and exhibit held Sept. 17-21 in New York City.

By the time the last visitor had made his final inquiry about the Librascope products on display, Hugo Shane, Stuart Schy and Ken Slee felt as though they had talked to every one of the 30,000 in attendance.

New Developments Featured

As in past years, the ISA show presented the latest developments in the field of instrumentation and automatic controls.

The Librascope products on display included the Flow Computer; a Type B XY Plotter charting the characteristic curves of a transistor; a Type A Plotter working off a punched tape converter and tape reader; and an error rate feedback loop showing a typical application of our integrators and differentials.

Interest in all our products was at a high level according to Hugo Shane, and the men who manned the booth had a hard time keeping up with the inquiries.

Questions Galore

Evidence of our products' popularity can be gained from the fact that the fellows had to press Dave Ogilvie (in town on a field service mission) and Burbank Division Manager Dick Hastings into part time service to handle the barrage.

Also doing yeoman service in the booth were our manufacturing representatives in the New York area, Hugh Davidson and Henry Hemminger. Bob Farrell of S. S. Lee Associates also lent a hand during the show.

Librascope's display was one of four in the General Precision Equipment Corporation exhibit area. Other GPE companies exhibiting their wares were General Precision Laboratory, Kearfott and Askania.

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New Organization Promotes Science Careers for Youth

How can we interest the youth of America in scientific and engineering careers?

A number of southern California educators and industrial representatives, among them Librascope's Hal Hamilton, engineering, and Walt Sertic, personnel, believe an answer may lie in an organization called the Future Engineers of America (FEA).

The Future Engineers of America is a proposed association of high school Engineering and Science Clubs. Its basic objective is to interest students in careers in Engineering and Science and in the study of science and mathematics in high school.

Hal and Walt attended the organizational meeting of the Future Engineers of America held Sept. 29 at the L. A. Board of Education. When the meeting was over, Hal discovered that he had

Welcome

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

Adjusting

Burton Heinmiller
Carl Krohn

Blue Print Files

Genevieve Busch

Engineering-Administrative

John Filkins
Walter Komar

Engineering-Airborne

Ronald Frilot

Engineering-Shipboard

Robert MacDonald

Machine Shop

Max Astor
John Ball
Allen Billington
George Collette
Arthur Donofrio
Louie Kirk
Gene Rogers
Charles Simpson
William Van Zyl
Norman Weisbaum

Manufacturing Planning

Paddy Kennedy

Model Shop

David Conrad
Merrill Schilling
Eddie Smith

Publications

John Northrup
Washington Office
Ann Bayne

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Promotions Go to Nineteen Employees During September

The Librazette congratulates the following Librascope employees who received promotions from within during the month of September:

Engineering-Administrative

Raymond Andrews promoted from Detail Draftsman to Engineering Draftsman.

Paul Litvinoff promoted from Surface Plate Inspector to Engineering Draftsman.

Eugene Strong promoted from Journeyman Assembler to Engineering Draftsman.

Engineering-Airborne

George Erhardt promoted from Design Draftsman to Designer.

Duane Ladine promoted from Engineer to Senior Engineer.

William Slauzis promoted from Design Draftsman to Designer.

Walter Spray promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

Engineering-Shipboard

John Gustafson promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

Thomas Ross promoted from Instrument Maker-Optical to Electronic Technician.

Hal Shartle promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

Engineering-Special Devices

Charles Perry promoted from Design Draftsman to Designer.

Model Shop

Robert McCollum promoted from Dispatcher to Expediter.

Publications

Robert Fossler promoted from Stock Number Coordinator to Technical Writer.

Joe Herdade promoted from Assistant Technical Writer to Technical Writer.

Nancy Slike promoted from General Clerk to Assistant Technical Illustrator.

Donna Snyder promoted from Editor to Technical Editor.

Systems and Office Services

Jay Wiltsie promoted from Executive Scheduler to Administrative Assistant.

Tool Room

Kenneth Parker promoted from General Machinist Apprentice to Toolmaker.

Wiring

Helen Perez promoted from Wireman to Experimental Wireman.

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The success of the FEA organization in stimulating student interest in engineering and science careers will hinge on the active and enthusiastic participation of engineers in the program.

The need is apparent . . . the opportunity a challenging one. A dynamic and expanding American technology can continue to exist only so long as we can develop future engineers for America.

Company Club News

Shutter Clique Holds Color Slide Contest

Librascope Shutter Cliques kicked off their 1956-57 season with a color slide exhibit the night of Sept. 12.

Members entered their prize vacation shots in the contest with the winners receiving color print enlargements of their winning entries.

Paul Kane, publications, did the judging. After considering all the entries from the viewpoints of composition, interest and color, Paul came up with the following:

1st place—Leo Heinz, optical adjusting.

2nd Place — Cesar Goldstein, toolroom.

3rd place—Al Wescott, machine shop.

Honorable mentions were awarded the entries of Moe Lehman, toolroom, and Walt Mateuski and Cory Davis, model shop.

Among the proposals made by camera club members for future meetings was one devoted to the showing of movies made by Shutter Cliques.

The club scheduled its second meeting of the season for Oct. 17 at the home of Cesar Goldstein. Principal order of business at this meeting was expected to be the annual dinner which will be held on a yet-to-be-decided date in November.



LEO HEINZ, optical assembly, was awarded first place in a recent Shutter Clique color slide contest for this action-packed shot taken at Knott's Berry Farm.



MOST OF YOU will have no difficulty recognizing this scene. Cesar Goldstein, tooling, was the second place winner in the camera club contest with this view of Walt Disney's Fantasyland.



THE MAJESTIC HIGH Sierras form a striking background for this prize winning shot of June Lake, Calif., taken by Al Westcott, machine shop. Paul Kane, publications, awarded third place to this entry.

LibraSport News

Art Davis Golfers Hack Their Way To Librascope Championship

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Company Keglers Open Competition In 8-team League

Last minute efforts to round up additional teams for the Librascope Bowling League were unsuccessful, and the league had to begin its season with only eight teams.

With action in the first round of play half-completed, the Gutter-snipes, captained by Jim Owens, publications, are leading the field.

The Cherry Pickers, with Ed Warren, engineering, at the helm, are just a game out in the second spot. In third place are the Luckies, three games behind the league leader.

Among the better games rolled to date by the fellows are a 221 by Dick Walsh, purchasing; a 205 by Ray Bigby, machine shop; and a pair of 200 games by Fred Killips and Jim McConnell, navy office.

Top games kegled by the girls include a 176 by Edie Wrobel, accounting; a 175 by Nancy Slike, publications; and a 171 by Ginger Wall, engineering-administrative. Nancy also picked up a difficult 6-7-10 split a couple of weeks ago.

Al Smith, drafting, has been elected league president, and Ed Warren, engineering, is the new league secretary-treasurer.

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR coordinating research activities among the five Engineering departments has been delegated to Hal Hamilton by Chief Engineer Don Webster. Hal's interest in his new assignment plus his background of theoretical and applied research experience makes him a natural for the job.

(Photo by Duggan)

Hal Hamilton Heads Up New Research Planning Program

A dynamic program aimed at improved technical communications and coordination of long-range research has been instituted by our Engineering Division, Chief Engineer Don Webster has announced.

Heading up the program as Coordinator of Research Planning is Hal Hamilton. Prior to assuming his new duties, Hal served as a project manager in the Airborne department.

Aids Departmental Crosstalk

In his new capacity, Hal's immediate responsibilities include aiding cross communication between departments of the Engineering Division so that each may be more fully aware of the technological progress of the others.

The new coordinator will have the further responsibility of keeping a finger on the pulse of engineering developments outside Librascope and of publicizing them among our people.

Hal already has his program rolling in these areas with the release of the first issue of his Engineering Semi-Monthly Technical Brief; the initiation of UCLA extension courses at Librascope; and the scheduling of in-plant technical seminars.

Capsuled Technical Tidbits

The Brief features a capsuled rundown of Company engineering developments, calls attention to local seminars and technical meetings, and notes technical scientific papers and developments engineering personnel deem worthy of wider attention by their co-workers.

Supplementing the newsletter is a technical bulletin board which will keep engineering personnel posted on current items of interest in the technical and scientific world.

The extension courses provide our people with an opportunity to gain basic information in our areas of effort, Hal pointed out. For those who may already have had this formal training and want to keep abreast of current developments in their fields, Hal is lining up a series of seminars. These seminars will feature both Librascope and outside leaders.

He Looks Ahead

As the coordinator of research planning, Hal will undertake a continuing examination of our fields of effort based on probable future technological trends and requirements. This examination will aid in the guidance of our technical program and should improve our competitive position in the various fields of activity in years to come.

Where appropriate, Hal will conduct research activities common and basic to the needs of the departments in a manner calcu-

Congressman Chats Informally With Librascope Shop Employees

Congressman Edgar W. Heistand (R-Calif.), representing the 21st U. S. Congressional District, was a Sept. 17 Librascope visitor.

Mr. Heistand spent part of the morning touring Company facilities with Librascope President Lewis W. Imm—then returned for an informal afternoon visit with some of our shop people.

Among those with whom he chatted were Charlie Carroll and Paul Porco, inspection; Tom Pinkston and Don Sillars, mills; and Carl Frain and Ray Setty, jig bore.

Interviewed following his double-barrelled visit, Congressman Heistand voiced his approval both of Librascope facilities and of Librascope people. Speaking as a businessman (which he has been for many years) rather than as a politician, Mr. Heistand said that he could appreciate some of the problems that face us and indicated that he might be able to help us in their solution.

While procurement problems are not political, he said, they are, nevertheless, part of politics. A firm may, for example, merit consideration in its bid for governmental business, but merit alone may not be enough to bring new business in the door.

"I am interested," he said, "in seeing that job opportunities for people in this area remain at a high level. I am deeply impressed with the caliber of men and women at Librascope and am happy to have met and talked with some of them."

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lated to support their independent research efforts.

Hal assumes his new duties following six years of service as a Librascope engineer. He is a graduate of Stanford where he was a physics major.

In his senior year, Hal assisted in the design and development of a billion electron volt linear electron accelerator, a device known more popularly as an atom smasher. Following graduation, he joined Western Precipitation Corporation as a research physicist before coming to Librascope.



SOMMY AND THE congressman evidently got the point of a Paul Porco quip (back to camera) if this shot through a computer cover casting is any indication.



CARL FRAIN (left) and Ray Setty took time out from their jig bore duties to pass the time of day with Mr. Heistand. The congressman returned for an informal visit with shop employees following an earlier formal tour with Librascope President Lewis W. Imm.

Art Davis's Team No. 7 capped a stirring late season rally with a smashing 11-3 victory over Joe Mesch's Team No. 9 to wind up as the 1956 Librascope Golf League champion.

After a slow start which found the team mired in tenth place midway in the season, the Davis aggregation suddenly caught fire. Racking up a total of 60½ points out of a possible 84 in the final six rounds, the league champs slowly closed the gap on the leaders.

Race Goes Down to Wire

Going into the eleventh and final round of play, Art and his teammates were just a half point behind the group that had topped the standings most of the season, Ed Sullivan's Team No. 4.

When Ed's boys could only manage an 8-6 victory over Bill Newman's cellar-dwelling Team No. 12, it was all over but the shouting. Bill McAboy's Team No. 11 gave it the old college try and wound up a solid third, while Bob Berg's Team No. 10, who had been in strong contention earlier, faded in the stretch and finished in the fourth slot.

Final Results

Here is a rundown of the way the teams finally wound up:

Team No.	Points
7 (Davis)	92
4 (Sullivan)	87½
11 (McAboy)	85½
10 (Berg)	81½
1 (Simon)	78½
5 (Brown)	76
2 (Bratton)	75½
3 (McColl)	72
8 (Culver)	72½
9 (Mesch)	68½
6 (Sommerville)	68
12 (Newman)	61½

Final Meeting Planned

Ed Sullivan, 1956 Golf Chairman, is planning a final get-together for all team members at which time trophies and prizes will be distributed to members of the top three teams.

Ed is also trying to line up some instruction films on golf which should prove of interest to most of the membership. If he is successful, the films will be shown at this final meeting.

Looking ahead to next year, Ed and his committeemen are hopeful that we can set up an Librascope official golf club, complete with president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and committees.

While this year's program had its problems, most of the members are pretty well agreed that league play does increase overall interest and make for better play.

We personally believe that Ed and his co-workers did a fine job this year and feel that the committee rates a rousing vote of thanks for their efforts. We'll see all of you at the final meeting.

It's Bill McAboy Against the Field In Co. Calcutta

Sixteen of Librascope's top golfers are teeing up to determine who will be the 1956 Calcutta champion.

Wally Jobe, Burbank Division, is back to defend the crown he won in 1955, but as play opens in this, the ninth annual Calcutta playoff, the man to beat is Bill McAboy, engineering-administrative.

McAboy Is Favored

Bill has racked up so many victories in this event (he is a six-time champion) that his role as the odds-on favorite is automatic. Only Bob Berg, methods, who copped the crown in 1953, and Wally Jobe have been able to keep Bill from completely monopolizing the title.

Play in the first round was half completed as the Librazette went to press. Results to date find Johnny Grieshaber, contracts, a 1-up victor over Bert Haber, engineering-special devices, in a match that wasn't decided until the 19th hole.

Charlie Snively, methods, was a 3 and 2 winner over Ralph Metz, salvage, while Art Davis, model shop, had to sink that last long putt on the 18th hole to gain a 1-up triumph over Don Welty, military sales.

The winner of the McAboy-Bill Newman match will clash with Grieshaber, while Snively will meet Davis to determine who will enter the semifinal round in the upper bracket.

Mac Ignores Back

The only match played to date in the lower bracket found Forrie McColl, adjusting, scrambling to a 3 and 2 victory over Glen Seltzer, personnel. McColl overcame the dual handicap of a lame back and the seven strokes he had to give Glen to gain the win.

McColl will play the winner of the Carl Culver-Joe Mesch match to determine one semifinal berth. The remaining spot will be filled by the ultimate victor of the Ed Sullivan-Bill Bratton and Wally Jobe-Cliff Godwin matches.

The Calcutta pool this year totals \$155. The pool will be apportioned among the purchasers of the players as follows: Five percent of the total to winners in first round play; seven and one-half percent of the total to second round winners; 10 percent to victors in the semifinals; and 10 percent to the champion.

— VOTE NOVEMBER 6th —

Precisioneers Stop Baby, Wedding Gifts

Librascope babies and newlyweds will have to do without the baby blankets and wedding gifts supplied through the courtesy of the Precisioneers, Club President Bill Greer, office services, has announced.

The new policy, which went into effect Oct. 1, was necessitated by the increasing cost of Precisioneer-sponsored activities and a substantial drop in club income, Bill stated.