

Poor Radio Reception Spoils RAT Broadcast

The vagaries of short wave radio communication prevented Librascope employees from hearing a unique account of a RAT firing direct from the deck of a U. S. Navy vessel operating somewhere off the coast of southern California.

The broadcast was a cooperative venture of the ship, the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station—Pasadena, and Librascope.

The event was of particular interest to Librascope people since many of them had worked on vital components of the RAT system in recent months.

Though short wave contact with the ship was lost immediately preceding the dramatic event, later reports indicated that the firing was satisfactorily completed.

A complicated communications setup was improvised to bring us an account of the firing.

As planned, NOTS was to pick up the broadcast from the ship, relay it telephonically to Librascope, and we were to put it out over our P. A. system.

The man responsible for coordinating all this was Jack Pelamati, engineering-shipboard. He was assisted by Leonard Ludvigsen, engineering-shipboard; and Lowell Eisenhower, engineering services.

Thiel, Branvold Promoted To Supervisory Positions

Fred Thiel, special devices designer, has been named Supervisor of Design and Drafting for the Burbank Division.

The appointment was effective Jan. 21 and came just one week after Fred had joined the ranks of the Libravets.

He replaces Trevor Hewson who assumes new duties as administrative assistant to Burbank Division Chief Engineer Charlie Krill.

The appointments were announced by Division Manager Dick Hastings.

Leonard Branvold has been appointed Supervisor of the Methods Department effective Jan. 28 according to a recent announcement by Tooling Supervisor Charlie Cole.

Leonard, who celebrates his fifteenth year of Librascope employment March 10, succeeds Bob Berg. He assumes responsibility for operation sheets and methods planning and all questions and problems in these areas should be directed to him.

Legal Dept. Handles F.E.A. Incorporation

The Future Engineers of America, an organization designed to stimulate interest in scientific and engineering careers among young people, became a legal reality last month as a result of Company interest in this important undertaking.

The legal formalities necessary to bring the Future Engineers organization into existence as a non-profit California corporation were handled by Ted Lassagne and Leonard Golove of the Legal department.

Hal Hamilton, engineering division, was a member of the original board of directors who assisted in organizing the new corporation. He also serves on the Finance and General Policy committees of the organization.

The Future Engineers of America is a joint undertaking of southern California education groups and industry. It is patterned after the highly successful Future Farmers of America, an organization that has done much to stimulate interest in agriculture among young people.

The Future Engineers organization hopes to interest high school students in science and engineering careers by bringing in practicing engineers and scientists to serve as advisors to high school engineering clubs established by the FEA.

Club members would work in close, personal contact with their advisors on a wide variety of group and individual scientific and engineering projects.

Emphasis to date has been on organizing and financing the parent body. Approximately 40 local engineering and industrial companies have been contacted thus far and the outlook for financial support and cooperation in supplying personnel to serve as advisors is encouraging, Hal said.

Death Brushes Barrios Boy in Pacoima Tragedy

News of the tragic Jan. 31 air collision between a giant DC-7B airliner and an F-89 Scorpion interceptor brought moments of anxiety to several Librascope parents whose children attend Pacoima junior high school.

These moments were longest for Eloy Barrios, contracts administration, who received word shortly before noon that his 13-year-old son Anthony was one of the victims.

Later reports indicated that the youngster suffered first degree burns about the head and arms and a cut that required a dozen stitches to close.

Fortunately, the boy's injuries were only superficial and Eloy reports that he recovered nicely.

No other reports of injury to a Librascope child were received, we are happy to say.



MEMBERS of Phil Hiner's Engineering Services section settled easily and quickly into their daily routines following the recent move to Bldg. 5. This

section has logged almost as much travel time as Field Services personnel, having participated in seventeen moves in recent years.

(Photo by Duggan)

Publications, Commercial Dept. Occupy New Quarters in Bldg. 5

Move Will Provide Space in Building No. 3 for Vitally Needed Engineering Division Expansion

Here Are Bldg. 5

Phone Extensions

The move to Building No. 5 has resulted in several changes of telephone extension numbers for members of Engineering-Commercial.

For the convenience of employees who must contact members of the department, we are listing their names and extensions.

Wayne Blackburn	401
Bob Garrett	
Phyllis Rudin	
Harold Schwartz	403
Hank Liebetrau	
Mel Nelson	
Arthur Donegan	404
Joe Afor	406
Isadore Bloom	
Warren Perrine	407
Lothar Schmidt	408
Gerald Harries	
Jim Cass	204
Wally Chase	209
William Reinholtz	217
Gerald Ott	
Frank Hill	232
A. J. Pankratz	
William Wade	
W. R. Davis	255
Gene Steen	
John Snyder	

Publications extension numbers remain unchanged. Extension 409 has been added to existing section phones.

Gladys Graham Will Attend Security Meet

Personnel Manager Mac McKeague has announced that Gladys Graham will attend the forthcoming Management Security Course March 4-8 in San Francisco.

This marks the first time the course has been given on the West Coast. It has been presented by the Department of Defense at regular intervals during the past year at the Army Intelligence Center, Fort Hollbird, Md.

The course consists of a survey of the security requirements imposed upon management in connection with classified contracts with agencies of the Department of Defense.

Program Change

New Libravets to Gain Recognition During Anniversary Month

Anniversary dates will take on added significance for the more than 120 Librascope employees who will complete five years of service with the Company during 1957.

Individual recognition will be accorded these newcomers to the ranks of the Libravets by present-

By JOE MESCH
Librazette Editor

Forty members of Engineering Services packed their typewriters, blue pencils and air brushes and moved into new quarters Feb. 4.

They were joined in their Building No. 5 home by Wayne Blackburn's Engineering-Commercial department in a move designed to provide room in Building No. 3 for needed expansion by other departments of the Engineering Division.

The parking lot immediately adjoining Building No. 5 has been provided for personnel in that building. All available spaces have been assigned. Please do not park in that area if you are not authorized to do so.

The actual move was carried out Feb. 2 and was accomplished with a minimum of confusion and lost time.

Watch The Traffic

We journeyed across Flower street early that Feb. 4 morning (a journey, incidentally, that should be made with extreme caution since Flower street traffic is heavy and fast) to see how things were progressing in the new building.

We were greeted by Receptionist Pat Hansen in the lobby and began our tour of the premises.

Everything was under control in the Commercial department area. Engineers were pouring over their latest calculations in the dozen or so offices provided for them.

Garrett Returns

In the electronic bays, technicians were peering at (to us) unintelligible waveforms on their oscilloscopes. We noted, too, that Bob Garrett was back at his desk after an absence of several weeks.

On the opposite side of the building, things were a bit more hectic. As we entered, we saw a number of familiar figures scurrying about the huge room, squinting

in the harsh and unfamiliar glare of the morning sun.

Writers, editors, artists and clerks were transferring the contents of a host of pasteboard cartons into desk drawers and file cabinets.

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Personnel Dept. To Occupy Former Integrator Room

Integrator and differential assembly is in business at a new location following a January move.

The section is now located in the forward end of the main assembly area in Building No. 2.

The area formerly occupied by the section is being remodeled for use by the Personnel Department.

Personnel Manager Mac McKeague said the following department functions and personnel will be housed in the new quarters:

Training—Walt Sertic
Records—Thelma Mays
Security and Insurance—Gladys Graham
Job Analysis—Maury Kimmel
Librazette—Joe Mesch

Mr. McKeague and Wage and Salary Administrator Ray McDonald will remain in their present quarters. They will be joined by Employment Manager Glen Seltzer as soon as the necessary remodeling operations are completed.

The Applicant Interview booths will be moved into the present Personnel office and the Credit Union will take over all the area behind the lobby, Mr. McKeague indicated.

The necessary alterations will be completed by the end of February according to Building Engineer Cliff Dahl. Meanwhile, it's business as usual in Personnel.

Reserved parking spaces will also be assigned to new Libravets during their anniversary months.

The 84 employees who have completed 10 or more years of service with the Company will be honored as a group at the annual Libravet party later in the year.

Broad Navy Fire Control Experience Required For Field Service Work

Men Must Know What to Look For; Where to Find It; How to Fix It When Something Goes Wrong

By JOE MESCH
Librazette Editor

From Guantanamo Bay to Pearl Harbor (and at a dozen points in between), a group of highly skilled specialists are carrying out an important but little known phase of Librascope operations.

These men, members of Raymond (Rocky) Rockwell's Field Service section, carry the ball for the Company once our products have reached the customer—the U. S. Navy in this case.

Their duties take them many thousands of miles each year (several have logged more than 100,000 airline miles in Librascope service) and a new problem usually confronts them at the end of every trip.

They Know Their Business

The installation, checkout, adjustment and repair of Librascope and associated shipboard fire control equipment is an increasingly exacting task.

But it is a task our field service engineers and technicians are well-qualified to handle.

All are U. S. Navy veterans with years of Fleet and shipyard experience in the fire control field.

Marshall (Nick) Carter, who joined Librascope last year, is the old man of the group in point of experience. He was Chief Fire Control Technician with 27 years of Navy duty behind him when he hired in.

20-Year Men

Jim Simon, with Librascope since 1955, held a similar rating when he retired after 20 years of Navy service.

Wilbur Carter (no relation to Nick) is another 20-year Navy man. He came to work for us last year, too.

Sol Elkin had 12 years of Navy service, a Warrant Electrician's rating, and 2 years' duty as a fire control mechanic at Pearl Harbor Navy Yard when he was employed in 1955.

George Kirkman and John Kennedy had 13 years' combined Navy and shipyard fire control experience behind them when they came to work for Librascope in Jan. 1952.

Summing Up

All told, the average experience of the 14 men in the Field Service group is just under 15 years, an outstanding figure for a group as young as this one is.

These men are concerned primarily with seeing that Librascope fire control equipment functions as it was intended to.

To accomplish this successfully, a field service man must possess engineering knowledge on the operation of every type of fire control instrument we produce.

He must be able to locate and eliminate mechanical and electrical troubles quickly and accurately—disassembling, assembling and adjusting the instruments as neces-

sary, under conditions that are far from ideal.

One-Man Show

When field service got underway at Librascope in 1949 (with Rocky Rockwell conducting a one-man operation) the only Company products in service use were the Mk 4 Attack Director and the Mk 60 Computer.

Development of the highly successful Mk 5 Attack Director brought increased demands for field service work and the necessity for more personnel to handle it.

Bruce Luther joined Rocky in 1951, to be followed in 1952 by John Kennedy, George Kirkman and Dick O'Connor.

Dave Hatfield and Chuck Cardea were added in 1953; Sol Elkin, Jim Simon and Bruce Posey in 1955; the Carters and John Kelly in 1956.

Most recent addition is Wren Ensinger, who transferred from Engineering-Shipboard in November.

Plenty To Learn

Among the Librascope-developed instruments these men have had field service responsibility for are: Mk 2 and Mk 3 Position Keepers; Mk 3 Range Converter; Attack Directors Mk 4, Mk 5, Mk 6 and Mk 7; Mk 8 Analyzer; Mk 12 and Mk 16 Plotters; Mk 13, Mk 14 and Mk 17 Angle Solvers; Mk 39 Firing Panel; and Mk 65 Computer.

These instruments, however, rarely function independently. They are combined with components manufactured by many other firms to form integrated fire control systems.

Consequently, the field service engineer or technician must have a working knowledge of these associated components and of the complete system in order to carry out his work.

Among the items with which he must be familiar are sonar, stable elements, stabilization computers, main battery directors, computers and gun mounts, to name but a few.

Must Know Systems

In some instances, Librascope has been assigned responsibility for field service work on complete systems. These include the Mk 105 Mods 5 and 6 and the Mk 107 Fire Control Systems.

An additional function of the Field Service group is to assist in U. S. Navy evaluation and test of Librascope instruments.

As might be expected, field service men lead a hectic existence.

Their motto could well be "Have kit. Will travel."

And travel they do—to Bath (Me.), Boston, Norfolk, Key West, Chicago, Seattle, Pearl Harbor, Tokyo—whenever and wherever their services are required.

Most of them operate out of here. However, a little more than a year ago, in Jan. 1956, the Company established three semi-permanent field service stations, one in Boston, a second in Norfolk, and a third in San Diego.

The decision was based on the fact that sufficient quantities of Librascope products were in use in these areas to justify assigning a field service engineer on a full time basis.

Dick O'Connor handles the Boston area; John Kennedy has just returned from a year's duty at Norfolk; and Bruce Luther keeps things under control at San Diego.

As more Librascope equipment is added to the Fleet, there is a possibility that additional stations may be established. Meanwhile the men must travel and the wives must wait.

Bldg. 5 Move

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Building maintenance men were making last minute checks and adjustments of newly installed equipment.

Business As Usual

It wasn't long, however, before order began to emerge. System schematics appeared as if by magic on the walls. Typewriters and ruling pens were unlimbered. Phones began to ring. Building No. 5 operations were underway.

For Engineering Services, moving day was no novelty. The section has participated in 17 in recent years. Six involved a change in buildings, the remainder, physical relocation under the same roof.

Ten years ago, the section called the present Burbank Division plant on Santa Anita avenue home. Then the Company moved into Building No. 1, and the section had a new roof over its collective heads.

They've Been Around

It wasn't long before the section was on the move again—this time to a building at the corner of Parrish Place and Verdugo avenue in Burbank. Then it was back to Building No. 1, followed by a second trek to Burbank, this time on Third street.

The completion of Building No. 3 in mid-1954 signalled yet another move, and the section rejoined the rest of the family. There it has remained until an expanding Engineering Division made this latest move necessary.

Is It True

What They Say About Baker?

Has success changed Ed Baker? Intimates of Production Control's clown prince are wondering.

Not too long ago they say, Ed was content with the simple things in life...walking in the rain...listening to his TV set...joining the gang at Ace and Harold's for a tall, cool one...taking an occasional trip on a plane...but no more!

Ed bought a Cadillac and suddenly became a man of distinction. Rumor quickly had it that where he used to go for cigarettes, he had switched to cigars.

Rare steaks served by candle-

light had supposedly replaced bowling alley hamburgers on his menu. And "the man who suits the universe best" no longer suited Ed. What's more they said he was sporting the labels to prove it. Or so went the story.

Since all we wanted were the facts, we tracked Ed down and finally flushed him out from behind a Mk 5 case.

"Say, Joe, did you hear the one about the..." he began, and we knew at once that nothing—not even a Cadillac—could ever change Ed Baker.



... George A. Johnson

Editors Make Mistakes, Too

Proof positive that editors are only human and as prone to err as the next fellow was brought home to us when we picked up the January LIBRAZETTE.

There, on page one, was a story about the retirement of Model Shopper George A. Johnson and there was his picture... or was it? We did a double take. Yes, it was George, all right. GEORGE A. JOHNSON not george a anderson as we had captioned it.

Our apologies to Mr. Johnson and we hope our error hasn't caused him too much embarrassment.

Provision Made For Converting Group Insurance

Librascope employees insured under our Aetna group coverage plan now have the privilege of converting their group hospital and related benefits to an individual policy.

Prior to Jan. 1, 1957, such conversion was applicable only to the life insurance portion of the group insurance coverage.

Under terms of a recent agreement between the General Precision Equipment Corporation and Aetna Life Insurance Company, however, this conversion privilege has been extended to group hospital and related benefits.

Effective immediately, the conversion privilege to an individual policy will be available to:

1. The surviving spouse of a deceased employee provided the spouse was insured under the group policy.
2. Dependent children who are no longer eligible under the group policy because they have reached age 19 or have married provided they were insured under the group policy.
3. Employees who terminate provided they are covered at time of termination.

The conversion privilege must be exercised within 31 days except that employees wishing to re-insure dependent children who have already reached age 19 or have married must do so before March 1, 1957.

Employees may obtain additional information on the conversion plan as well as the necessary forms by contacting Gladys Graham in Personnel.

Shutter Cliques Focus on New Year

Librascope Shutter Cliques tried a bit of "brainstorming" at their January meeting as they focused on the big picture for 1957.

Members of the camera club were looking for ways of gaining even more pleasure from their hobby at the session and they managed to come up with several ideas for the new year.

The club wound up a highly successful year under President Cesar Goldstein, toolroom, at their Christmas party. A few weeks earlier they had journeyed to Sailee's for their third annual banquet.

Ralph (Woody) Woodward, jig bore, will head the Shutter Clique in 1957. He and his fellow club members extend a cordial welcome to Librascope camera hobbyists to join in the fun. Those interested should contact Woody.

Next meeting of the Shutter Clique will be held March 13 at the home of Harold Engle, 1125 E. Maple, Glendale.

Credit Union Annual Report Shows '56 Gains

The Librascope Employees' Credit Union completed its third full year of operation on a couple of high notes, a study of its 1956 annual report reveals.

Credit Union assets and earnings were at a new high, and the total amount loaned since it was organized in April, 1953 went over the million dollar mark in 1956.

Year-end assets were almost \$350,000 compared with \$310,000 for Dec. 31, 1955. Earnings to members totaled \$10,235 as compared to \$7590 in 1955.

Although a slight drop in total membership occurred during 1956, the percentage of employee membership showed a five per cent rise over 1955. Average savings per member were up 16 per cent (to \$500) over the 1955 figure.

The Credit Union made 678 loans totaling \$312,424 during 1956. Corresponding figures for 1955 were 654 and \$383,163 and for 1954, 361 and \$267,610.

Hal Luth, accounting, was re-elected president for 1957 by members in their annual election. Felix Ellingson, systems, succeeds Mildred Huggins, accounting, as vice-president. Dorris Eberle continues as secretary-treasurer.

Other election results saw Gene Strong, engineering - administrative; Glen Harrison, model shop; Keith Kinnaird, publications; and Clinton (Ted) Donley, tool design; selected as members.

The Credit committee for 1957 includes Felix Ellingson as chairman with Bill Walker, production control, and Chuck Baumgard, engineering-administrative, named committeemen.

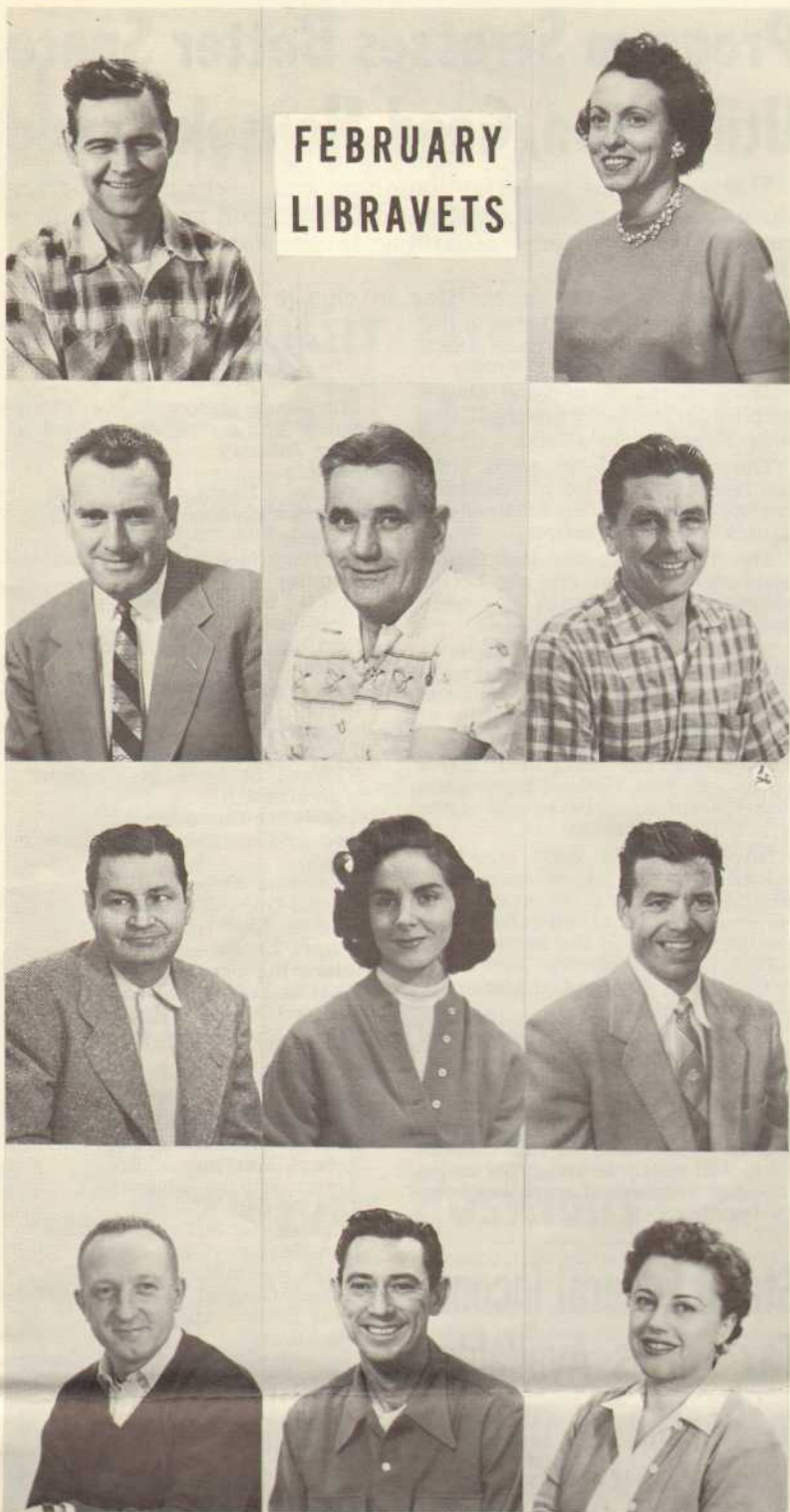
The Supervisory committee will be headed by Pete Mobley, payroll, assisted by committeemen Nettie Stone and Don Barnes, both of accounting.

If you are in the market for a new automobile, the Credit Union suggests that you check with them before making a deal. They feel you'll find their terms hard to beat.



PRECISIONEER OFFICERS and board members meet to plan employee activities for 1957. Under the leadership of President Jack Nelson, production control, (center), they have come up with an outstanding program for the new year. From the left are Eileen Brown, secretary-treasurer; Cesar Gold-

stein, toolroom, director at large; Doris Appleby, machine shop, Bldg. 1 director; Loy Thompson, toolroom, night shift director; Nelson; Bill Greer, office services, board chairman; Bill Griman, shipping, Bldg. 2 director; Don Bourquin, contracts, vice-president; and Val Castle, airborne, Bldg. 3 director. (Photo by Duggan)



**FEBRUARY
LIBRAVETS**

A DOZEN LIBRASCOPE employees will mark their fifth anniversary of employment with the Company this month. The new Libravets are: (top row, l. to r.) Ted Smith, toolroom, and Ruth Kenmerknecht, purchasing. (2nd row, l. to r.) Mac McKeague, personnel, Jim Gaines, toolroom, and Ed Stanek, assembly. (3rd row, l. to r.) Carl Long, inspection, Gina Kinghorn, office services, and Naurice Langley, manufacturing planning. (bottom row, l. to r.) Bruce Shearer, production control, Fred Jensen, inspection, and Marie Russell, material control. Larry Moore, Washington office, is this month's twelfth Libravet.

(Photos by Duggan)



RECEPTIONIST Pat Hansen takes a call at her new post in the Bldg. 5 lobby. Pat serves as a combination greeter, traffic manager and security officer for the building. She can be reached on Extension 305.

(Photo by Duggan)

Opening Hour For Store Moved Up to 11:30 a.m.

New hours of business are now in effect at the Presisioneer store, Manager Eileen Brown has announced.

The store will be open to employees during the lunch hour, the afternoon break periods, and after work, she said.

The new schedule was adopted to give Eileen more time to devote to keeping her books and ordering stock.

Eileen has added several new franchises in recent weeks which means added savings to Librascope employees.

Among her latest is Webcor, maker of quality hi-fi equipment, tape recorders and record players. She also has franchises for Royal typewriters, Hoover vacuums and Philco products such as washers, dryers, refrigerators and television sets.

The store has an excellent selection of vacuum cleaners. Don't be caught short when spring cleaning starts. Order your Lewytt, Eureka, General Electric, Westinghouse or Hoover vacuum now.

Nor is it too early to start thinking about a gift for the June bride. Eileen can give you an extra special deal on Community Plate silver. She has a limited number of sets in the popular Twilight and Coronation patterns.



ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS of the Engineering-Commercial department made the switch from Bldg. 3 to Bldg. 5 without dropping a volt or losing a watt. Shown at work in one of the bays in the new building are Gerald Ott (foreground), Gerald Harries (partially hidden behind Ott), Ralph Stewart (left) and Isadore Bloom (rear).



COMMERCIAL Department
Manager Wayne Blackburn



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LibraSport News

Cherry Pickers, Guttersnipes Clash in Bowling Titantic

The two-way battle for first place in the Librascope Bowling League grew white hot Feb. 14 as Ed Warren's Cherry Pickers and Jim Owens' Guttersnipes clashed head on.

Four and one-half games separated the two contenders and a sweep of the series by the front-running Cherry Pickers would give them an almost insurmountable lead in the title race.

The LIBRAZETTE is sorry that it can't publish the results of this titantic (after all, we do have a deadline of sorts) so our readers will have to watch the bulletin boards for the outcome.

Some topnotch individual bowling the night of Feb. 7 produced a couple of new leaders in the season high game category.

Virginia Wall of the Four Hits and a Miss combine rolled a scintillating 201-39-240 game to take over the spot held for weeks by the Guttersnipes' Nancy Wyatt.

However, Guttersnipe teammate Neil Hinton hung up a string of seven straight strikes in fashioning a 229-28-257 game that was just one pin better than the previous high individual game effort of the season.

In so doing, Neil bettered the 230-26-256 effort turned in by Red Brown of the Misfits just a week earlier. Fame is fleeting, isn't it, Red!

Gun Club Slates 6 Championship Shoots for 1957

One of Librascope's oldest and most active clubs, the Librashots, held its fifth annual election this month. When the smoke of battle had cleared away, the gun club found it had installed the following officers for 1957:

President—Paul Litvinoff,
engineering-administrative

Vice-president—Len Soper,
inspection

Secretary-treas.—Paul Smith,
assembly

Range Master—Myron Strawn,
engineering-administrative

At a business meeting following the election, the Librashots lined up a 1957 schedule of six major championship matches for the 85 sharpshooting members.

Members will shoot it out in the following championship events:

Big bore rifle—200 yds.

Small bore rifle—50 and 100 yds

.22 cal. pistol—25 and 50 yds.

Center fire pistol—25 and 50 yds

Skeet—50 birds

Trap—50 birds

A motion by Edward (Hoot) Chosa, engineering-administrative, to establish a Father-Son shoot was unanimously adopted. The question of special trophies for female gun club members also came up for discussion.

Plans for inter-club competition were also discussed, and a committee named to challenge gun clubs at several motion picture studios including 20th Century-Fox, RKO, Columbia, Paramount and MGM.

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

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This is Bldg. 5





PRODUCTION of Libracraft stilts is in full swing at the Burbank Center under the watchful eye of Production Advisor Carl Culver, Assembly, right. Carl has adapted mass production techniques to

stilt production—no mean feat considering the number of workers and the limited working quarters. (Photo by Duggan)

Junior Achievement Week Spotlights Youth Activities

Teen-age activities in the business world were spotlighted at the Burbank Junior Achievement Center the week of Jan. 21.

Visitors at the nightly open house sessions held by the Center in observance of National Junior Achievement Week were privileged to see youthful citizens of the community engaged in a variety of business activities.

Librascope, one of 21 Valley firms counseling Junior Achievement companies at the Center, had as its representative the Libracraft Company.

Gain Business Experience

The Libracraft organization is engaged in the manufacture and sale of adjustable stilts. Its 16 members, all students at local high schools, are gaining practical experience in the conduct of all phases of a business enterprise under the guidance of Librascope advisors.

Officers of the junior firm are Jacqueline Shuman, president; Tom McKeen, vice-president; Kathy Poe, secretary; Charlene Haas, treasurer; Dick Shelly, production manager; and Jack Busie, sales manager.

All told, there are 25 Junior Achievement companies in operation at the Burbank Center this year. They manufacture everything from hand lotion to automobile spotlights and get a real kick out of doing it. A second Center is located in Hawthorne.

Mr. Imm, An Officer

The area Junior Achievement program is conducted by Junior Achievement of Los Angeles County, Inc. Charles F. Bannan, Western Gear vice-president, is president of the parent body. Librascope President Lewis W. Imm is its secretary.

A nation-wide enterprise sponsored by leading industrial and business firms in cooperation with high schools, the Junior Achievement



LIBRACRAFT COMPANY'S attractive treasurer, Charlene Haas, demonstrates that her firm's product offers every youngster a chance to get his feet off the ground and take a good look around.

ment program seeks to acquaint teen-agers with the business and economic life of the community.

The program was introduced locally three years ago with Librascope an early leader in the movement.

We've Counseled Three

Modern products was the first of the Librascope counseled Junior Achievement companies. It manu-

factured planters and had as its advisors Norm Stevens, contracts administration, and Lloyd Somerfield, machine shop.

Our second firm was the Metal Enameling Company, makers of tie clips, cuff links and earrings. Ralph Barnett, military sales, and Frank Copple, engineering-administrative, were the advisors.

This year's group is advised by Bill Bell, contracts administration, Hugo Shane, Burbank Division, and Carl Culver, assembly.

If you missed this year's open house at the Burbank Center, we suggest that you take advantage of the next opportunity to see the Junior Achievers in action.

Their conduct and accomplishments are wonderful examples for young people and parents everywhere and point up clearly the value of providing our sons and daughters with the right type of group activities.

Jan. Promotions Go to 7 Employees

The LIBRAZETTE congratulates the following employees who received promotions during the month of January:

Engineering-Administrative

Robert Wadsworth promoted from Detail Draftsman to Engineering Draftsman.

Engineering-Commercial

Isadore Bloom—promoted from Electronic Technician to Senior Electronic Technician.

A. J. Pankratz—promoted from Electronic Engineering Associate to Engineer.

Engineering-Shipboard

Carl Krohn—promoted from Instrument Tech "B" to Electronic Technician.

Engineering-Special Devices

John Artman—promoted from Senior Electronic Technician to Electronic Engineering Associate.

Offices Services

Audrey Blythe—promoted from PBX Operator to Chief PBX Operator.

Publications

Richard Wilson—promoted from Assistant Tech Illustrator to Technical Illustrator.

Program Stresses Better Space Utilization, Good Housekeeping

The parts and material handling and packaging program has entered its second month of operation and progress to date has been satisfactory, according to the latest report of Ed Dobstaff.

Ed heads up the committee in charge of the program. He said emphasis in recent weeks has been on better utilization of existing space in production areas.

The importance of good housekeeping in these areas has also been stressed, he stated.

The steel racks for parts storage recently installed in Assembly are one example of the committee's efforts in this direction.

The racks take up less space, are easier to clean, and are better adapted to parts storage than were those formerly in use.

In addition, they permit parts to be stored where they are immediately available for the job at hand while reducing the possibility of damage to delicate components.

As an added safeguard, parts containers and cartons have been supplied for all jobs to cut down on handling damage.

Ed pointed out what could be gained through minor rearrangement of equipment. As much as 40 percent additional storage space has been gained in the harness and cable rooms, toolroom, and integrator and differential assembly by this method.

The net result is a cleaner and more efficient work area.

Ed is impressed by the cooperation accorded him and his committee in getting the program into operation. He believes this cooperation will continue and grow as increasing numbers of employees reap its benefits.

State, Federal Income Tax Forms Available In Personnel Office

Individual income tax forms, both state and federal, are now available in the Personnel department.

You are required by law to file a 1956 federal income tax return if your gross income exceeded \$600 (\$1200 if over age 65). If your gross income for the year was less than \$600 (\$1200 if over age 65) you should file a return to get a refund if tax was withheld.

If you earned less than \$5000 in 1956 you may use either Form 1040A (IBM card) or Form 1040. If you earned more than \$5000 in 1956 you must use Form 1040. Both forms are available as is the Internal Revenue Service pamphlet on preparation of the Form 1040 return.

You are required to file a California state tax return if you are single and your income exceeded \$2000. If married you must file a state return if your income exceeded \$3500.

The deadline for filing both federal and state income tax returns is April 15.

Welcome

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

Assembly

Norma Chastain—Electrical
Naomi Creedon—Harness and Cable

William Homans—Potentiometer

Louise Melonson—Potentiometer

Dorothy Taylor—Production

Frank Webb—Production

Engineering-Administrative

Donald Augustine—Design

Draftsman

Jack Devine—Design Draftsman

Richard Schlesinger—Design

Draftsman

Engineering-Commercial

Arthur Donegan—Mathematician

Engineering-Shipboard

Norris Guy—Engineer

Burton Lake—Engineer

Stuart Leong—Engineer

Engineering-Special Devices

Charles Bailey—Engineer

Clifford Moore—Engineer

James Moorhead—Junior Physi-

cist

Machine Shop

Bruce Buchanan—Burring

Bernard Emmons—Lathes

Eugene McKenzie—Burring

Robert Martinez—Mills

Aimar Miltun—Burring

Jack Moore—Burring

Thomas Netherfield—Grinder

Don Seellie—Gear Cutter

Beryl Vermillion—Mills

Material Control

Paul Bevis—Apprentice

Publications

Norman Ott—Technical Editor

Purchasing

Angela Amendola—General

Clerk

Sonja Blackstock—General

Clerk

Quality Control

Alma Rolland—General Clerk

Model Shop

Lawrence Cobb—Experimental

Wireman

Daniel Novelli—Experimental

Wireman

VFW Auxiliary Thanks Employees

Librascope employees who contributed holiday greeting cards for use in therapy work at the Spadra state hospital for mentally retarded children received a recent vote of thanks from the group sponsoring the project.

The expression of appreciation was extended in behalf of her organization by Mrs. Evelyn Cook, president of Ladies Auxiliary Chapter 1937, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Joe Merchasin, methods, who spearheaded the project locally, added his personal thanks for the cooperation extended him by Librascope contributors.

2 Men Promoted By Kearfott

Herman R. Stuart has been appointed vice-president—engineering for Kearfott Company, Inc., according to a recent announcement by President Don Smith.

Prior to his promotion, Mr. Stuart was director of engineering. This position has been filled by the former assistant director, Robert N. Brown.

Joseph B. Heinman moves up as chief engineer for Kearfott from his post as assistant chief engineer to complete the picture.

Management Dinner

More than 100 Librascope employees have been extended invitations to attend the 1957 Management Dinner at the Sportsmen's Lodge Friday, Feb. 22.

Those in attendance will hear President Lewis W. Imm and Vice-presidents M. L. (Lindy) Lindahl and W. E. (Bill) Bratton review 1956 operations and results and discuss plans for 1957.



JACQUELINE SHUMAN, Libracraft president, receives the Company charter from Sid Briggs, employee relations director. The presentation was made at the Burbank Junior Achievement Center during the celebration of Junior Achievement week. (Photo by Duggan)



SALES ARE THE lifeblood of industry—a fact that Tom McKeen, Libracraft vice-president, is learning early. Here he gives a sales talk to a prospective customer at the Burbank Center. Tom knows he has a good product, and his sales figures back him up. (Photo by Duggan)