# **Barnett Explains Effect of Defense Cutbacks on Company**

#### by JOE MESCH LIBRAZETTE EDITOR

(Ed. Note: Military contract cancellations, cutbacks, and stretchouts have been in the forefront of the news in recent months

Overtime work has been virtually eliminated and layoffs have been necessary in some industries as a result of Depart-ment of Defense efforts to keep spending within the budgetary limitations established by Congress.

In an effort to find out how these new policies have affected current military projects at Librascope and what they could mean to the Company's future in this area, the LIBRAZETTE interviewed Ralph Barnett, military planning department manager.)

Q. Conflicting stories have appeared in the press and magazines recently concerning the Department of Defense budget and what is being done to it. What is your understanding of the situation?

A. The overall defense budget has been cut only slightly. The prin-cipal change involves the manner in which the various departments (Army, Navy and Air Force) are permitted to spend the funds allocated to them by Congress.

They no longer can borrow against funds budgeted for the future to pay for current hardware, but must limit their spending to funds allocated for the current fiscal year. In essence, they are now on a "cash and carry" basis.

Q. There have been a number of reports of contract cancellations or stretchouts by both the Navy and the Air Force. What types of con-tracts have been affected by these actions and what programs are involved?

A. In general, most of the contracts cancelled to date have been of the development type. Both the missile and the air frame industries have been hit.

In some instances, a cancellation has involved one of two parallel programs, both of which have advanced to the point where it is pos-sible to judge which offers the better potential.

In other instances, contracts were cancelled because there was no known requirements for the hardware under development or where 'state of the art" advances made other approaches more attractive.

Q. To what extent has Librascope been affected by (1) contract cancellations and (2) contract stretchouts?

A. To date, there have been no contract cancellations at Librascope, ck of funds, however, has made it necessary for the Navy to delay Lack the RAT production for one year.

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BUREAU OF ORDNANCE REPRESENTATIVES-Steve A. Kollar, of the Bureau's Underwater Fire Control Branch, prepares guidelines for ASROC fire control meeting during his early October visit to Librascope. (Photo by Crawford)

### **Planning Meet** Slated Nov. 17-19

Librascope management personnel will hold their third annual planning meeting at Rancho Santa Fe, Nov. 17-19.

Company Division heads and Engineering department heads will submit plans for 1958 and for the 5-year period ending Dec. 31, 1962 to Librascope executives at the 3day conference.

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

### **Vehicle Code**



# **Company to Host Longtime Employes At Annual Libravet Party November 2**

Invitations went out this month to more than 200 employes who will be guests of the Company at the sixth annual Librascope service awards buffet and dance.

The guest list includes 120 employes who are completing their fifth year of continuous service with the Company this year.

These new Libravets will join more than 80 employes who have at least ten years of company serv-ice at the Burbank Elks Club the night of Nov. 2.

The program is scheduled to begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. with the presentation of service pins and award certificates to employes completing 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of employment during 1957.

20 Years For IMM President Lewis W. Imm, who founded Librascope in May, 1937, will receive a 20-year pin commemorating his score of years with the Company.

Although the Company is just 20 years old, two employes will re-ceive 25-year pins from President Imm during the evening.

Both M. L. (Lindy) Lindahl, vice-president-administration, and George Kucks, material control, will benefit from the Librascope with corporate affiliates when computing length of service. Lindahl was associated with Lib-

rascope's parent firm, General Pre-cision Equipment Corporation, for 19 years prior to joining the Com-pany in 1949.

Kucks worked for International Projector Corporation, a GPE af-filiate, for 15 years before coming here in 1944.

### Six 15-year Libravets

Fifteen year pins will be award-ed to Harlan Buseth, production division; Leonard Branvold, manufacturing planning; Cliff Dahl, building maintenance; Clayton Gary, machine shop; Bill McAboy and Roy Pedigo, engineering. Scheduled to receive their 10-

year pins are:

Art Davis, Howard Gilbert, Roy Gombert, George Henderhan, Bob McFarlin, Pauline Ponnish and Roy Van Holm, all of the model

shop. Lloyd Somerfield, Ralph Wood-Williamson, Lioyd Somerneid, Raiph Wood-ward, and Marion Williamson, machine shop; John Blake and Jesse Pemberton, assembly; Roy Dimon and Charlie Snavely, manu-facturing planning; Nico Borresen and Bill Singleton, production division.

### A Decade of Service

W. E. (Bill) Bratton, Evelyn Bergman and Betty Robbie, executive; Charlie Buckley, Fred Lenzen and William Pollock, engineering; Charles Bertrand and Ralph Metz, inspection; Chuck Hilgert, building maintenance; Clem Abbott, material control; and Bob Jewett, commercial division.

Carroll Wax and his orchestra will provide music for the dance which will begin immediately fol-

Dancing will continue until 1:00 a.m. with time out about 11:00 p.m. to permit Libravets and their partners time to enjoy the buffet supper.

Arrangements for the 1957 Libravet party were made by a seven man committee chairmanned by Bob Jewett. Members include Doris Appleby, machine shop; Arlene Hesse, inspection; Paul Kane, publications; Galen Mannan, engineer-ing; Lloyd Somerfield, machine shop; and Roy Van Holm, model

# Commercial Div. to **Occupy New Site On Verdugo Avenue**

The Librascope Commercial Division is on the move, Manager Dick Hastings announced this month.

It will move from its present locations at 59 and 133 E. Santa Anita Avenue to new quarters at 40 E. Verdugo Avenue in Burbank, early in November, he said.

The move will permit consolida-tion of activities within improved quarters, Hastings stated, and should result in closer coordination of commercial activities.

The new divisional home is a modern 2-story building located at the corner of Front Street and Verdugo. Prior to its lease by Lib-rascope, it was occupied by the Stuart Pharmaceutical Company.

The building is of brick and masonry construction and has approximately 24,000 square feet of floor space. Building engineer Cliff Dahl has had his men at work remodelthe interior since Oct ing operation should be completed in time to permit occupancy about Nov. 2, he said.

Traffic, License Law Changes in Effect

**3rd Xmas Card Charity Drive** 

**Employes** Plan

Plans for another Christmas Card Charity program were being formulated this month and the knowledge served to remind us that 1957 is rapidly coming to a close.

A committee, headed by Bill Greer, office services, is already laying the groundwork for what has become an annual feature of the Yuletide season at Librascope.

The Librascope Christmas Card Charity program was started two years ago by employes who sought a fitting substitute for the mass exchange of Christmas cards with their fellow workers.

#### What They Did

Their approach was simple and highly successful. Instead of mail-ing 5, 50 or 150 cards to fellow employes, to whom they could extend holiday greetings in person, they decided to contribute their Christmas card money to a worthy charity

Christmas trees prepared by artists in publications were posted in each department and contribu-tors to the fund exchanged season's greetings through signed ornaments on the trees.

In addition, a mass Christmas card containing the signatures of all contributors was prepared and reproduced in the LIBRAZETTE. Success From Start

The program was a success from the start. In 1955, for example, 93 percent of the employes partici-pated. The \$2,220 they contributed was used to purchase a stainless steel range and baking oven for youngsters at the Los Angeles Orphans Home Society in Holly-wood. Enough money was left over to buy a three months' supply of

food staples for the Home. Last year, participation rose to 95 percent and program funds were used to help the Glendale Society for Crippled Children. Vitally needed physical and occupational ther-apy equipment was provided for (Continued on page 2)

Also slated to attend are Hermann G. Place, GPE president and board chairman, and Edward A. Link, GPE board vice-chairman.

### **Radio Program to** Be Heard on KHJ

Librascope's morning radio program "You and Your Future" will switch from KABC to KHJ beginning Oct. 28.

Gene Emmett Clarke will continue to act as the "voice of Librascope" on the popular early morning show, and broadcast time will still be 6:55 a.m. Monday through Friday when the station change is made.

A number of State Vehicle Code changes went into effect in California Sept. 11.

Your knowledge of and compliance with these and other traffic laws will make you a better driver. More important, it will help curb the mounting slaughter on our streets and highways.

Here, for your information and use, is a digest of the more important new driver's license and traffic laws.

The new driver's license law provides that all drivers' licenses issued after Sept. 11, 1957, will expire on the birthday of the license holder.

Original licenses will expire on the third birthday after application. Licenses renewed more than 30 days late will also expire on the third birthday.

Licenses of operators and chauffeurs who have safe driving records will be valid till the fifth birthday after application, if renewed within 30 days of expiration.

Operators with two or more convictions for traffic offenses (except parking) in the last two years before license application will be issued licenses expiring on the second birthday after application.

After Sept. 11 no person may drive vehicles of more than 12,000 pounds unladen weight, or tow any vehicle of more than 6,000 pounds gross weight, unless he holds a valid chauffeur's license, or an operator's permit endorsed to permit such operation.

A person who is over the age of 15 years and six months and who has successfully completed in this State a secondary school course in driver training (behind the wheel) now may be licensed as an operator.

The fully licensed driver required by law to accompany a learning driver, who holds a valid Instruction Permit, must be 18 years of age or older.

Many traffic and vehicle equipment law changes also went into effect Sept. 11. Following are a few of the major changes now in effect:

The speed limit when passing a school or its grounds when children are present is now 25 miles per hour.

No person may drive a vehicle with any object obstructing the driver's view through the windshield.

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Initially. Hastings indicated, the first floor will house office, sales and purchasing personnel. LGP-30 fabrication, engineering test, inspection and the tool shop will also be located there.

Engineering offices and component assembly operations will be on the second floor, he said.

Commercial items now in production at the Division include the LGP-30, general purpose digital computer which we developed and now manufacture for sale by Royal-McBee; the Librascope Flow Computer, linear integrator and acces-sories; NOISERASER line of tape demagnetizers; Egg Blood Spot Detector; magnetic heads; and a number of small electronic components.

Other commercial products are now in development for manufacture by the Division, Hastings said.

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PLUGGING THE LEAKS - Librascope's Art Pederson, GPE's Ernie Felago and INM's W. B. Trout Jr. get together on final details of the new document control system for safeguarding classified security information prior to putting the system into effect October 7 (Photo by Crawford)

# **Document Control System** Is Revised and Simplified

A revised and simplified document control system designed to safeguard classified security information at Librascope went into effect Oct. 7.

curity officer, and Ernest E. Felago, security coordinator for all GPE companies.

Assisting in the Handbook's preparation were Phelix Ellingson and Howard Myers, systems, Galen Mannan, engineering, and Bill Greer, office services.

The revised system parallels those in use at other GPE firms. It provides a simple yet effective means of accounting for classified documents entrusted to the Company.

Felago and Pederson briefed Librascope secretaries and security representatives on Handbook contents at an Oct. 4 meeting. W. B. Trout, Jr., security specialist in the Los Angeles office of the Inspector of Naval Material, sat in on the briefing.

An effective document control system, however, requires the cooperation of every one of us, Pederson said.

Here is how it will operate.

Hub of the system is the Master Document Control Station located in Central Files. The subcontrol stations established under the system in effect prior to Oct. 7 have been abolished.

The Master Control Station will act as a clearing house for all classified documents entering or leaving the Company. Frances Rose, the Document Control Clerk, will maintain records on the transmittal and receipt of all classified documents within the Company.

All incoming classified documents will be recorded in a Master Document Control register. Each will be assigned a document con-trol number, and a classified docu-ment receipt (Form G 567) stating to whom the document is assigned will be prepared for each document.

Details of the new system are contained in a Handbook on Security Matters prepared by Art Pederson, Librascope se-

## **Bargain Days for New** Car Buyers at Hand

Are you like the little man in the new Librascope Employes Credit Union poster, dreaming about a new car but wondering if this is the time to buy it.

It's a wise consumer who knows when to spend and when to save. The average new car buyer will find that he can effect the most savings if he purchases his auto-mobile during the last quarter of the year, Dorris Eberle, Credit Union Treasurer, says.

> **CREDIT UNION HOURS** 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday

This period is model changeover time for most auto manufacturers, and their dealers normally offer substantial savings on current models.

Before you buy, however, why not stop in at the Credit Union office and check on financing. Whether you are in the market for a new or a used car, the Credit Union may be able to save you money.

Its interest rate is low and your loan is insured. As an added con-venience and protection, the Credit Union has available a current copy of the Kelley Blue Book.

The Blue Book contains reliable information on the selling price of new and used cars as well as the approximate trade-in value of your old car. Check it before you sign that contract with a car dealer.

The Credit Union treasurer will be happy to assist you in any way she can. Drop around and see her.

# Librascope to Sponsor 4th **Junior Achievement Firm**

It's Junior Achievement time again, and a trio of Librascope employes are all set to offer advice to a group of teenagers on how to organize a company, select and manufacture a product, and sell their product for a profit.

For the fourth consecutive year, Librascope is participating



Librascope welcomes the following new employes who joined us during August and September:

**Engineering Division** Francis Girard, Physicist

Engineering-Administrative

Allan Castle, Design Draftsman Ward Coburn, Engineering Draftsman

Steven Downer, Design Draftsman Shigero Hanagami, Design Draftsman

Donald Kendall, Design Draftsman

Bernard Lebovitz,

Design Draftsman Howard Little, Electronic Tech George Manus, Production

Engineer David Parker, Engineering Draftsman Walter Timm, Design Draftsman Joseph Visoky

Design Draftsman

Engineering-Airborne Frederick Wade, Sr. Designer Milton Waxman, Sr. Engineer

**Engineering-Commercial** Jerome Braverman, Market Survey Analyst

Thomas Flesher, Electronic Tech

James Lowry, Engineer Engineering-Shipboard

Paul Castiglione, Designer Robert Chambers, Jr. Engineer Elizabeth Irion, Designer John Landon, Electronic Tech Arthur Ritter, Designer

Engineering-Special Devices James Conway, Jr. Engineer Kenneth Rendler, Jr. Engineer Clay Seaman, Physicist

**Office Services** 

Barbara Cochrane, Gen'l Clerk Publications

Joan Ceragioli, Dept. Clerk Elizabeth Cunniff, Statistical Typist

Rose Gitomer, Dept. Clerk Byron Williams,

Asst. Tech Writer

Shipping and Receiving Carmel Kirkpatrick, Gen'l Clerk

Washington Office Lola Klimes, Dept. Secretary

## **Xmas Cards**

(Continued from page 1) handicapped children in the area from the more than \$1,800 employes contributed.

**Provide Scholarships** 

We were also able to provide two \$300 scholarships for handicapped youngsters who wished to continue their education beyond the high school level.

The primary goal of the Librascope Christmas Card Charity program is to obtain maximum participation while eliminating the mass exchange of cards among employes. It is obvious that the more we contribute, the more assistance we can render the less fortunate. The first concern of committees past and present, however, is to get everyone in on the act. Assisting Greer in selecting a worthwhile charity and in setting the program wheels in operation Christmas, 1957, are Galen for Mannan, engineering; John Grieshaber, contracts administration; Louise Morton, shipping and receiving; Kay Small, assembly; Angie Willis, production control; and Roy Gombert, model shop. The committee has only one request to make at present: Please don't order Christmas cards for your Librascope friends. Say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year this year the Librascope way.

in this program for young people at the Burbank Junior Achieve-ment Center, 121 East Verdugo Avenue

Firsthand Experience The Junior Achievement pro-gram, founded in the East more than 40 years ago, makes it pos-sible for teenage students to gain firsthand experience in ownership, management, and working for a business enterprise.

The youngsters are assisted in their efforts by advisors from firms such as ours. This year, Bill Burns, accounting, will serve as business advisor. Trent Albizati will be the production advisor, and John Cro-nan, Commercial Division, will be the sales advisor. Their alternates, who will as-

sume the advisor roles next year, are Pete Mobley, accounting; Buzz Newman, engineering-administra-tive; and Ed Hirt, Commercial Division.

Meet With Achievers

The Librascope advisors held their first meeting with the 15 achievers they will be working with during the current school year, October 14. By adjournment time, the group

By adjournment time, the group had decided to manufacture mugs and glasses and had named their firm, appropriately enough, the Happy Mug Company. The youngsters will fabricate their products from wine bottles, using jigs and fixtures prepared by production advisor Albizati The

production advisor Albizati. The bottles will be cut at a point just below the neck. The edges of both

below the neck. The edges of both pieces will then be beveled. **Bottles To Mugs** A handle, secured by two ano-dized aluminum strips, will com-plete the job of turning a wine bottle into an attractive mug. The bottle neck will be accurated into bottle neck will be converted into a serviceable wine glass or nut dish by inverting and securing it

The Happy Mugs and glasses will be sold in sets or individually and will be available at the Pre-cisioneer Store within 30 days. Selling price of the items has not wat been datermined but it will be yet been determined, but it will be nominal, sales advisor Cronan stated.

Election of officers and sale of capital stock was to be the sched-uled order of business at the Oct. 21 meeting, The Happy Mug Com-pany will be capitalized at \$100 with 200 shares of stock being of-fered at \$0.50 a share.

5 - YEAR SERVICE pins were awarded to Roy Poehler, machine shop; Evelyn Robideau, inspection; and Evelyn Russell, purchasing; during October. (Photo by Duggan)

# **Barnett Interview**

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Major production programs already in process at Librascope have been temporarily interrupted by changes in delivery schedules. No de-liveries can be made against existing CP-185 and Douglas Pilot Sight contracts until March 1. As a result, the Company has had to stop production on these items for the time being.

While some missile programs have been affected by Department of Defense cutbacks, we have been fortunate in that none of the programs in which we are participating have been cancelled.

### Q. How will the new Department of Defense fiscal policies affect development contracts at Librascope?

A. There will be no appreciable effect on our current development contracts that we can forsee at this time. There is always the danger that cost overruns on cost-plus fixed fee (CPFF) development contracts could result in their cancellation; since the customer might be unable to increase the cost of the program even if funds are available in the





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Each time a classified document transmitted to another person within the Company, a new receipt must be prepared and copies sent to the Master Control Station.

Similar receipts must be prepared for classified documents generated or reproduced within the Company.

These receipts will enable the Master Control clerk to maintain up-to-date files on every classified document.

It will speed up Company ac-countability for classified materials on completion of a given contract and individual accountability on termination.

The document control system is probably the single most important item in our security program, Ped-erson said, Prompt and continuing compliance with the provisions outlined in the Handbook on Security Matters will enhance the Com-pany's competitive position and prevent possible embarrassment to it and its employes.

## **Disneyland Offers Deal on Tickets**

Librascope employes may now take advantage of a special industry ticket program offered by southern California's biggest entertainment attraction -- Disneyland

The Magic Kingdom is offering special ticket books exclusively to industry employes at substantial savings over the regular book prices.

These industry ticket books, available now at the Precisioneer store, include admission and 20 Disneyland attractions.

They are priced at \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for juniors (12 to 17), and \$3.50 for children under 12, and represent savings over the regular price of from \$3.20 to \$3.90 a book. defense budget to cover these overruns.

Q. What are the long range implications of current Department of Defense spending policies for companies like ours?

A. In the first place, it will mean much stiffer competition for defense dollars. Fewer large contracts will be awarded and companies who cannot control their costs or produce efficiently will be in serious trouble.

Librascope has always been known as a producer of high quality products. Our ability to produce on schedule, however, has sometimes fallen below expectation.

"It boils down to the fact that the companies who can produce re-liable, high quality hardware on schedule will be successful in obtain-ing the major share of the prime and subcontracts called for in each year's budget," Barnett stated.

"There is no question that the change in policy will work hardship on some companies," he added.

"I believe an opportunity has been given Librascope to increase its military development and production work

"In order to capitalize on it, however, we must produce more at lower cost," he continued.

"This program will require the whole-hearted support and active participation of every employe. The rewards are considerable and the effort required to obtain them is great. I believe we have what it takes to succeed.

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### Precisioneer Xmas Dance Plans Set

Precisioneer social activities for 1957 reach a climax Dec. 14 when the Librascope employes' club presents its annual Christmas Dinner Dance.

The event moves this year to the Sportsmen's Lodge on Ventura Boulevard, and Precisioneer prexy Jack Nelson and his aides are planning a gala evening for employes and their partners.

The festivities will begin with a pre-dinner refreshment hour from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner guests will then adjourn to the dining room and a prime rib entree.

Nelson has secured the services of a trio of strolling troubadours who will provide music for the diners' pleasure. In addition, he is considering the idea of having an entertainer take over at dessert time and perform until the dancing starts.

A 13-piece orchestra directed by Earl Evans will begin its music making about 9:30 p.m. Dancing will continue until 1:00 a.m.

The Precisioneers will pick up approximately 60 percent of the total tab for the evening, Nelson stated.

"We have not definitely established the price of tickets as yet," he said, "but they will probably cost \$3.50 per person."

Tickets to last year's dinner dance at the Ambassador Hotel were \$5.00, he pointed out.

# Team No. 6 Leads Bowling League

The Librascope Bowling League completed its fifth week of play Oct. 11 with Team No. 6 holding a healthy 4-game edge over the second place Yak Yaks.

League president Bob Vernon, engineering, said the 8-team mixed handicap loop is now in pretty good shape after getting off to a shaky start.

Bowlers are still needed, however, and anyone interested in participating in the Friday night activities at Bowl-A-Rama Bowl should contact him, or league secretary Virginia Wall, engineering.

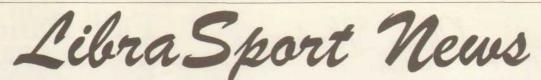
Among the top individual efforts for the season are the 370-168-538 and 523-138-661 series of Doris Appleby, machine shop, and Neil Hinton, production control.

The 168-40-208 game rolled by Marion Johnson, engineering, is tops among the women, while Bill Carnahan, production control, and Charley Breuer have rolled identical 204-30-234 games to tie for the high individual game lead among the men.

### Tennis, Anyone?

The possibility of forming a Librascope Tennis Club was advanced by Precisioneer president Jack Nelson this month.

The proposed club would provide tennis enthusiasts with an organizational nucleus around which they could promote wider participation among interested employees.



# Pistol Crown Won By Ralph Mershon With Borrowed Gun

A sharpshooting group of Librascope gunslingers fought it out for the fifth annual pistol championship at the Burbank American Legion pistol range Sept. 29.

It was defending champion Charlie Parker against the field as the men moved to the firing line and began squeezing off their shots.

Three challengers quickly moved in on Parker and engaged in a four-man duel for the championship. The contenders were Librascope's demon photographer, Lee Duggan; eagle-eyed Ralph Mershon, and the always dangerous Willard Mather.

The nip-and-tuck struggle finally ended with Mershon on top. Mershon's victory was especially noteworthy in that he won using a borrowed pistol.

Duggan and Mather wound up in a second-place tie with Mather outsteadying Duggan in the shootoff to gain the second place trophy. Parker had to settle for fourth place.

The size of the field made it necessary for the contestants to compete in three relays, with those in th tehird relay having the added handicap of a strong wind to contend with.

Whether it was strong enough to blow Myron Strawn's shots into his target frame, however, is open to question.

Others competing in the shoot were Lee Simon, Art Crieger, Eric Stewart, Charlie Perro, Bob Mc-Farlin, Sandy Hagadone, Bob Wadsworth, Dick Lewis, Bill Klingensmith, Ron Mazura and Jim Clarke.



**CHAMPIONS ALL** — The President's Cup and Burbank Division trophy winner, Dick Williamson, joins Whiffer Champion Jack Nelson and Low Gross shooter Ed Sullivan in a victory smile at the 1957 Librascope golf tournament banquet.

(Photo by Duggan)

works was provided by Commercial Division's Dick Williamson.

Williamson, a 27-handicapper,

came up with one of the best rounds of his life, a 93, and walked

off with both the President's Cup

His feat was greeted with mixed emotions by those attending the awards dinner. Williamson's name just happened to be the first printed out by the LGP-30, the Libra-

scope-developed and manufactured

computer which he had so thoughtfully provided for the tournament

Though there was little doubt that Williamson had won his trophies the hard way—on the course \_\_the strain proved too great for

After typing out the name of Ed Sullivan as the low gross winner, the machine threw the tournament committee into a tizzy when it came up with Howard Miller as the Whiffer's trophy winner and indicated that no one had won the Blind Bogey.

A subsequent check showed that the LGP-30 was the victim of a man-made error. In the confusion

caused by the failure of several foursomes to complete their rounds, some erroneous data had

The computer used this faulty

data in figuring the tournament

results and came up with a couple

of left field answers insofar as the actual order of finish was con-

When order was restored, it was

been entered in the machine.

and the Burbank trophy.

committee's use.

the computer.

cerned.

# Williamson and Sullivan Share Top Golfing Honors

The tough East course of the Fox Hills Country Club proved more than a match for most of the contestants competing in the ninth annual Librascope golf tournament Sept. 15

Only four golfers in the record field of 97 were able to break 90. The tight fairways, yawning traps and tricky greens caused scores to soar and tempers A good part of the day's fire-

to boil during the long afternoon on the Slauson avenue course.

Low round for the day was fired by Ed Sullivan, whose 84 brought him the low gross trophy. Other under - 90 shooters were Forrest McColl, who fired an 86, and Cliff Godwin and Don Welty, who had 89s.

This year's event was not only the biggest, it was also the most hectic of Librascope tournaments.



**LIBRASCOPE PISTOLEERS**—Trophy winners in the fifth annual pistol championship are (l. to r.) Ralph Mershon (1st); Willard Mather (2nd); Lee Duggan (3rd); and Charlie Parker (4th).

Glendale JCC Gymkhana Slated

# Upsets Mark 1st Round Play In Calcutta

A wide open battle for the Librascope match play golf championship loomed this month as competition in the ninth annual Calcutta tournament got underway.

Two former champions, Bill Mc-Aboy and Wally Jobe, were among the field of 16 qualifiers for the event. On the sidelines, however, was the 1956 titleholder, Charlie Snavely.

Snavely soared over the hundred mark in the recent Librascope golf tournament at Fox Hills and eliminated himself from contention.

First round pairings were as follows:

UPPER BRACKET LOWER BRACKET ED SULLIVAN VS. CARL CULVER VS. WALLY JOBE FORREST MCCOLL FORREST MCCOLL FORREST MCCOLL SOB SOM-VILLE VS. BILL SIN GLETON CLIFF GODWIN JOE MESCH DON WELTY VS. DICK WILLIAMSON VS. S. DICK WILLIAMSON VS. S. BILL MCABOY VS. S. DICK WILLIAMSON VS. S. FRANK COPPLE

A wave of upsets marked first round play with four of the Company's top golfers already eliminated.

McAboy, a five-time Calcutta champ, found the seven strokes he had to spot Bill Bratton too much of a handicap and suffered a 3 and 1 defeat at the hands of last year's runner-up.

Bratton will take on the winner of the Williamson-Copple match in the second round.

Joe Mesch won the first four holes from Cliff Godwin, then held on to edge his opponent by a margin of 3 and 2.

In another first round match that had Forrest McColl talking to himself, Glen Seltzer strung together two birdies and two pars on the back nine to down the taciturn Scotsman 2 and 1.

Frank Elio upset Ed Sullivan 3 and 2 in the only other first round match played to date. Elio, a 19handicapper, then went on to eke out a squeaky 1-up victory over Seltzer in second round play.

Although the long-hitting Elio fired a sizzling 85 at Seltzer, it was the latter's erratic putting that cost him the match.

Those interested in the latest tournament results will find them posted near the canteen.

### Tryouts for '57 Basketball Team Now Underway

First call for basketball practice was sounded this month as the Precisioneer squad began preparation for another season of hardwood competition.

wood competition. Players interested in trying out for the team should contact Precisioneer president Jack Nelson or Coach Bob Bruce as soon as possible, since practice is scheduled to start about Nov. 1. The team faces a wholesale re-

building job again this year, with last year's captain, Neil Hinton, last year's captain, production control, the only returning regular Precisioneer quintet will The probably return to Burbank Parks and Recreation department Industrial league competition, Nelson indicated. The Librascope team dropped out of the Industrial league last year and entered the Glendale Municipal loop where it finished second. Team members felt they weren't playing enough games in the Glen-dale league and asked to return to the Burbank league, Nelson said. The Precisioneers, who captured the Industrial league Shaughnessey playoff championship in 1956, will face such oldtime rivals as Weber Aircraft, Menasco, Adel, Collins Radio and others during the coming season. Past encounters with these teams have provided players and fans alike with some real thrills and chills and offer similar promise for the future.

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There is the added possibility that inter-company matches could be arranged with other business and industrial firms in the area, Nelson said.

If you are interested in establishing such a club you are invited to contact Nelson at Ext. 363.



Christmas Dinner Dance Sportsmen's Lodge — Dec. 14 Children's Christmas Party (to be announced)

# For Company Parking Lot No. 3

Detroit "iron" will be conspicuous by its absence when the Glendale Junior Chamber of Commerce hosts its fourth annual Gymkhana in the Librascope parking lot, Nov. 3.

The Mercedes - Benz Club of America, Inc. will be co-sponsor of the affair, which last year drew 135 entries.

Sport car owners, a number of Librascope employes among them, will attempt to pilot their lowslung charges through an exacting series of driving tests during the meet.

Gymkhana officials expect a field of approximately 150 to turn out for the competition. It is slated to get underway at 10:00 a.m., with trophies and prizes going to winners in the following classes:

Under 100-in. wheelbase; Over 100-in. wheelbase; closed sedan; special; and women. Team trophies will be awarded to the winning 3car entry from a recognized club. Dash plaques will be presented to all entrants.

A special Precisioneer trophy will be awarded to the top Librascope driver, Jack Nelson has announced.

Entry blanks for the event can be obtained from Hal Shartle, engineering. The fee is \$2.50 and post entries will be accepted.

The Gymkhana is open to the public. Admission is 50 cents for adults, a quarter for children.

learned that the Whiffer's trophy (for 36 handicappers) had been won by Jack Nelson, the popular Precisioneer president,

It took a little digging, but the committee finally came up with a Blind Bogey winner as well. Norm Stevens called the turn on this one and wound up with the trophy.

Although the combination of the large field, late starting times, and tough course made it impossible for several foursome to complete 18 holes, the golfers were in general agreement that the day was a success.

Much of the credit must go to men like Bob Sommerville, Carl Culver, Andy Lee, Arnie Brown, Frank Copple, Art Davis, Ralph Metz, and Wally Jobe.

They have burned a lot of midnight oil since early April setting up the golf league and preparing for the tournament.

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### 1958 Computer, **Data Processor Plans Discussed**

Computer and data processing programs for 1958 were major topics of discussion at an October meeting of Librascope, Royal-Mc-Bee, and Royal Precision representatives.

The meeting, held at Librascope, was attended by L. S. Crandall, president of Royal Precision; H. C. Davis, Royal-McBee vice president in charge of marketing; and E. H. Dreher, Royal-McBee director of research and development.

Others in attendance included R. L. Rankin, Royal Precision; George Kress, industrial designer doing data processor packaging; Don Webster, Librascope vice president and chief engineer; and representatives of our Commercial Engineering department.

Production schedules and packaging for the data processor were among the subjects discussed as were proposed design changes in the LGP-30.

### **Mrs. Krill Named To Oratorio Post**

Mrs. Charles Krill, wife of Commercial division chief engineer Charles Krill, has been appointed to handle arrangements in the Burbank area for the eleventh annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah."

The oratorio will be sung simul-taneously in 75 Southern California areas on Dec. 8, according to Dr. Gordon Bachlund, who announced Mrs. Krill's appointment.

The Messiah presentation is sponsored by the Southern Cali-fornia Council of Protestant Churches.

## Vehicle Code

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U-turns are prohibited at intersections controlled by traffic signal lights unless a sign is posted to permit such a turn when the green light is showing.

After stopping for a red traffic signal light, you may turn right against the red light, from the proper lane, if it is safe to do so and no sign has been posted pro-hibiting such a turn.

After stopping on a one-way street for a red traffic signal, you may turn left against a red light, from the proper lane, into an intersecting one-way street upon which traffic is moving to your left, if it is safe to do so and no sign has been posted prohibiting such a turn.

Hand-and-arm or turning light signals must be made by the driver for 100 feet (instead of 50 feet) before making a turn.

Additional details of these and other changes in the Motor Ve-hicle Code are contained in the Vehicle Code Summary issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This Summary is available at any DMV office.

Photo Hashes

### by ELMER LEHMAN

Photography is both an art and a science and the individual who hopes to achieve excellence in the field must be both artist and technician.

Most of us possess, in varying degree, the artistic sensibilities indispensable to the production of effective photographs. In many instances, however, their full development may extend over a period of years.

Technical know-how, conversely, can be acquired and put into use by anyone in a much shorter time. There are many sources of informa-tion on the technical aspects of photography readily available to both the newcomer and the old hand in the field.

Among the more important of these are the instructions that ac-company every piece of new photographic equipment, every package of film and sensitized paper, every pack of photo chemicals.

Supplementing these basic items of information are the hundreds of books and magazine articles on photography that may be obtained at any library or bookstore.

It may come as a surprise to the beginning photographer to learn that he can make technically excellent photos from the start merely by following the printed instructions provided with his equipment.

He should confine himself, however, to those techniques and condi-tions for which his equipment was designed and with which he is thoroughly familiar.

Thus, the first and most important step to mastery of photography is to study and understand the instructions accompanying your equip-ment and materials. Follow them to the letter when taking and processing your photographs and you will have taken the first long step toward successful picture taking.

# **Store Will Open Monday Eves Beginning Nov.18**

The Precisioneer store will open its doors to Librascope Christmas shoppers on Monday evenings beginning November 18, Manager Eileen Brown has announced.

As in years past, employes will be permitted to bring their husbands and wives into the Com-

pany area from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Company security regulations will be in effect during these open house evenings and that visitors should remain in the immediate vicinity of the store during their

The cooperation of employes and

their guests in complying with this restriction will be greatly appre-

All visitors must be accompanied by a badge-wearing Librascope em-

ploye. Employes at the Commercial

Division plant in Burbank who do not have badges should secure a

temporary pass signed by Manager Dick Hastings if they wish to take advantage of the Monday evening

The Precisioneers have an excel-lent selection of Christmas gift

items this year, many of which will

Philco Slender Seventeener port-

able and table model television sets

on hand, A \$10 deposit will hold

For those who wish to give the

finest she has Emerson eight tran-sistor radios priced at \$40.

Practical gifts for the home available at the store include spe-cially-priced Hoover upright or

cannister-type v a c u u m cleaners and Presto fry pans in both the 11 and 12-inch models.

other gift suggestions on display at the store beginning Nov. 18. Do your shopping early and do it at the Precisioneer store.

You can see these and many

one of these fine gifts for you.

Eileen has a number of the new

be on display at the store.

Librascope security officer Art Pederson reminds employes that

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shopping hours.

# Dr. Garman Elected Vice President of **General Precision**

Election of Dr. Raymond L. Garman to the office of vice president engineering and research of General Precision Equipment Corporation was announced this month by Hermann G. Place, GPE president and board chairman.

The resignation of W. A. Reichel, as senior vice president-engineering and as a GPE director was also announced by Place.

Dr. Garman has had 25 years' experience in the fields of instrumentation electronics, motion picture recording and reproduction, television and radar.

He received the Presidential Certificate of Merit for his achievements at the MIT Radiation Laboratory during World War II.

Dr. Garman has been technical director of General Precision Laboratory, a GPE subsidiary, since 1945. He recently was elected chairman of the board of GPL, an office he will continue to hold.

"This promotion is in recognition of the outstanding results achieved by GPL under Dr. Garman's tech-nical leadership, particularly in the field of automatic airborne navigation for military and commercial planes," Place stated.



**Fall Dance Lures** 

A merry crowd of Librascope employes had themselves a ball at the Precisioneer - sponsored Fall Dance, Oct. 12.

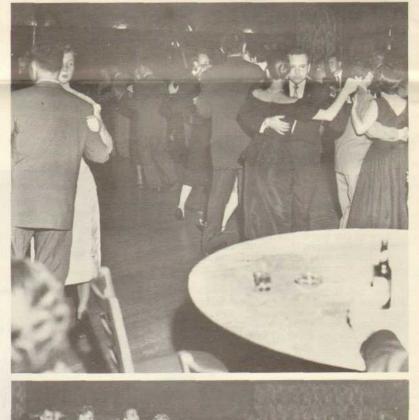
Approximately 250 turned out for the third of four dances on the 1957 Precisioneer calendar. A lastminute surge of ticket buying brought attendance up to the level of earlier dances and put a smile on the face of Precisioneer presi-dent Jack Nelson. Nelson and Precisioneer store

manager Eileen Brown did their bit toward making the evening an enjoyable one by coming up with a

new door prize gimmick. The two distributed approxi-mately 25 gag gifts to lucky ticket holders, and had both the recipients and onlookers in stitches in the process.

The music for the Oakmont Club affair was supplied by Earl Evans and his band with a late-evening yocal assist from Engineering's Lynn Fortina.





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#### Accounting

Harry Ewing promoted from Senior Department Clerk to Chief Machine Accounting Clerk.

### Engineering-Administrative

Darryl Dhein promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

Robert Heath promoted from Detail Draftsman to Engineering Draftsman.

John Kennelly promoted from Detail Draftsman to Engineering Draftsman.

Clarine Miller promoted from General Clerk to Department Clerk.

Richard Schlesinger promoted from Design Draftsman to Test Technician.

Harold Snyder promoted from Design Draftsman to Design Checker

Gaylord Vance promoted from Engineering Draftsman to Design Draftsman.

William Williams promoted from Designer to Engineering Associate-Test.

#### **Engineering-Airborne**

Parker Buzzell promoted from Instrument Tech "B" to Electronic Tech.

Lyle Crawford promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

Walter Diem promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

James Fairchild promoted from Design Draftsman to Designer.

Otto Gelormini promoted from Engineer to Senior Engineer.

Arville Trostrud promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

Engineering-Commercial

Donald Schofield promoted from Instrument Tech "B" to Electronic Tech.

### Engineering-Shipboard

Robert Binz promoted from Math Tech to Mathematician.

William Frazier promoted from Electronic Tech to Senior Electronic Tech.

Juanita Vanderford promoted from Math Tech to Mathematician. Paul Waller promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

### **Engineering-Special Devices**

Edmund Regan promoted from Engineer to Senior Engineer

Robert Vernon promoted from Junior Engineer to Engineer.

#### Model Shop

Mary Stroud promoted from Wireman to Experimental Wireman.



### **Golf Tourney**

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Pat Swope and Gina Kinghorn rate a vote of appreciation from Librascope golfers for their excel-lent work at the scoring table on tournament day.

Marsh Cowan and his material department crew, together with Bob Jewett at Burbank, turned in their usual fine job of lining up prizes for the affair.

The cooperation of the Precisioneers in providing trophies and prizes was another factor contributing to the success of the 1957 tourney.

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