

Libravets Note Company's 20th Anniversary



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CHRISTMAS CARD COMMITTEE—Plans for the third annual Librascope Christmas Card Charity program are being formulated by Bill Greer, office services, and his committee. Shown here at a recent meeting are Joe Mesch, LIBRAZETTE editor, Kay Small, assembly, John Grieshaber, contracts, Greer, Angie Willis, production control, Blanche Staines, receiving, and Galen Mannan, engineering. Roy Gombert, model shop, is also a member but was unable to make the above meeting. (Photo by Duggan)

Xmas Card Campaign to Get Underway Nov. 25

Fund to Provide Help for Deaf Youngsters at HEAR Foundation

Librascope halls and walls assumed a holiday look this month following the November 25 kickoff of the 1957 Christmas Card Charity program.

The appearance of Christmas tree posters throughout the Company signalled the start of the third annual drive to eliminate the mass exchange of Christmas cards among employees and to replace it with support of a worthy charity.

This year, that support will go to the HEAR Foundation of 4507 York Boulevard.

Its full title is the Hearing Education Through Auditory Research Foundation and its objective is to bring sound and speech to deaf children. Dr. Ciwa Griffiths is executive director.

The HEAR Foundation depends upon public donations for support as no fees are charged. At the present time 92 youngsters are being helped by the Foundation.

It accepts congenitally deaf children up to five years of age or children of any age with hearing handicaps recently acquired through childhood diseases. Its youngest patient has been a 10-week-old baby.

Funds from our Christmas card campaign will go toward purchase of equipment needed to prepare the deaf child for education and social integration with the normally hearing.

This year's Christmas Card Charity campaign will parallel those of the past two years and will work as follows:

1. An employee committee, chair-manned by Bill Greer, office services, will conduct the drive.
2. Employees may participate by contributing to the charity fund money they would normally spend buying and mailing Christmas cards to fellow workers.
3. Contributors to the fund will be given a Christmas tree ornament which they will sign and fasten on their area tree. The ornament will serve as a symbolic Yuletide greeting to fellow employees.
4. Finally, signatures of all contributors will be included on a giant Christmas card which will be reproduced in the December LIBRAZETTE.

Committee members who are assisting in the 1957 campaign include Roy Gombert, model shop; John Grieshaber, contracts; Arlene Hesse, inspection, who is subbing for Kay Small, assembly; Galen Mannan, engineering; Blanche Staines, receiving; and Angie Willis, production control.

Tickets for Xmas Dance Now on Sale

Tickets for the greatest entertainment bargain of the year, the 1957 Christmas dinner dance, went on sale throughout the Company Thanksgiving week.

They are priced at \$3.50 per person and can be obtained from any Precisioneer officer or department representative.

This year's affair will be held at the Sportsmen's Lodge on Ventura Boulevard the night of December 14. It promises to be an outstanding event.

The Christmas dinner dance has annually climaxed Precisioneer yearly social activities and club prexy Jack Nelson is out to preserve that tradition.

Here is what the evening holds for Librascope couples in attendance:

Cocktail hour—7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Prime rib dinner—8:00 to 8:45 p.m.

A strolling trio will provide dinner music.

Pre-dance entertainment—8:45 to 9:15 p.m.

Comedian Bobby Sargent will yak it up during dessert and coffee.

Dancing—9:15 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. orchestra.

At \$7.00 a couple, that looks like a pretty good deal. The Precisioneers make it possible by assuming a major portion of the evening's expenses, Nelson pointed out.

Dinner, for example, will cost \$5.75 per person. You pay \$3.50, the Precisioneers ante up \$2.25. The Precisioneers also pick up the tab for the trio, the comedian, the orchestra, and incidental expenses.

Since it's employee money they are spending, the Precisioneers feel the Christmas dinner dance should be primarily a Librascope party.

If employees wish to invite couples from outside the Company they are asked to secure special tickets for them from Eileen Brown. These tickets will be priced at \$5.50 per person.

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



ACHIEVER HANDIWORK—Bill McFee, president of the Happy Mug Company, displays some of the Junior Achievement firm's products to Librascope vice president M. L. (Lindy) Lindahl, McFee and his fellow Achievers produce these mugs and glasses from bottles at the Burbank center with a helpful assist from production advisor Trent Albizati, assembly. (Photo by Duggan)

Here's a Made-to-Order Holiday Gift Item

If you are in the market for a holiday gift item that is attractive, useful and inexpensive, take a tip from Bill McFee, president of the Happy Mug Company, and try happy mugs and glasses.

Both McFee and sales manager Jeff Stander are convinced that once you see their products, you'll want to buy.

These young businessmen are but two of the fourteen Junior Achievers who are turning out mugs and glasses at a record clip for the Librascope-counselled firm every Monday night at the Burbank Junior Achievement center.

Larry Westphal heads up production for the Happy Mug Com-

pany and already has delivered 40 mugs and 20 glasses to company sales personnel.

The firm expects to have its products on display at the Precisioneer store by the end of November and its salesmen will be making their appearances at Librascope shortly thereafter to take orders for their wares.

The Happy Mug Company is but one of 25 Junior Achievement firms who are learning by doing at the Burbank center.

The youngsters are assisted in setting up and operating their companies by advisors from busi-

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QUARTER CENTURY CLUB—President Imm presents the first 25-year service pins ever awarded by Librascope to "Lindy" Lindahl, vice president-administration, and George Kucks, material control. (Photo by Duggan)

Imm, Lindahl, Kucks Receive Top Service Awards at Annual Party

A hardy crowd of more than 280 Librascope partygoers braved a November 2 downpour to attend the sixth annual Libravet buffet and dance at the Burbank Elks Club.

Heading the guest list were 81 employees who have completed 10 or more years of continuous service with the Company. Invitations also went out to approximately 125 employees who are celebrating their fifth anniversaries with Librascope this year.

They came to witness presentation of service awards to 37 fellow employees, then proceeded to the principal order of business for the evening—winning, dancing and dining.

20th Anniversary Marked

This year's awards ceremony was an historic one for it marked both the 20th anniversary of Librascope's founding and the formal recognition of employee service compiled with company and corporate affiliates.

The Libravet membership, which includes all Company employees with five or more years of continuous service, took special note of the Librascope anniversary in presenting a service award certificate and a 20-year Libravet pin to President Lewis W. Imm.

LWI Honored

President Imm's certificate reads as follows:

"The members of the Libravets extend their grateful appreciation to Lewis W. Imm, founder and president of Librascope, Incorporated, for his recognition of employee loyalty and service and congratulate him on the 20th anniversary of the Company's founding."

Vice presidents M. L. (Lindy) Lindahl, administration, and W. E. (Bill) Bratton, operations, teamed up to make the actual presentation to Librascope's chief executive.

A second Libravet highlight came when Imm presented 25-year pins and certificates to Lindahl and George Kucks, material control.

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There Are Days When It Pays Not to Get Up

This year's Libravet party proved to be just one of those things for first time guests Buzz Newman, engineering-administrative, and his wife Aileen.

Anticipating an early buffet, the Newmans arrived at the party damp and dinnerless only to learn that they wouldn't be able to eat until 11:00 p.m.

The hungry twosome tightened their belts during the awards ceremony, then slipped out for a quick sandwich.

They were foiled again when they couldn't locate the family car in the parking lot. After a fruitless five-minute search, the Newmans ankled over to the Burbank police station and filed a stolen car report.

Still hungry, they returned to the party, made arrangements to ride home with Red Brown and his wife, then settled down to enjoying themselves.

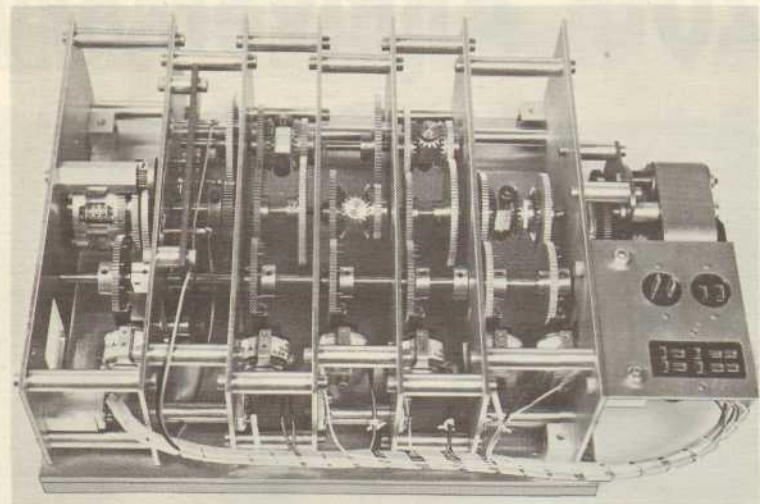
Buffet time finally arrived and the Newmans loaded up their plates, only to be denied a third time. The Browns had a baby sitter problem, had to leave immediately.

Weak but smiling the Newmans were carted off home where, after making a desperate midnight raid on the icebox, they finally managed to get something to eat.

A final note for the record—the police recovered the missing car the following day less than a mile from where it had been stolen.



20TH ANNIVERSARY—Librascope founder and president Lewis W. Imm accept a special Libravet certificate commemorating his 20 years of service from Vice presidents Lindahl and Bratton as Bob Jewett, 1957 Libravet committee chairman, looks on. (Photo by Duggan)



WILLARD'S WORK—This mechanical summing device was designed for the Flow Recorder by Willard Opocensky. Summing of the input pulses from flow computers is accomplished by means of bevel gear differentials and the results stored in the 5-decade counter mechanism at left center. (Photo by Duggan)

Librascope Engineers Develop Device for German Industry

President Eisenhower stated recently that he favored a greater exchange of [unclassified] technical information among the free nations of the world.

Librascope engineers indicated this month that such an exchange is already underway. To support their claim, they pointed to a flow recording device, the Zentrale Energiekontrolle, which went on exhibit at the International Technical Fair in Dusseldorf, Germany, Nov. 2.

The flow recorder was developed for the West German firm of Schoppe and Faeser by Librascope engineers Willard Opocensky, Joe Ator and E. W. Silvertooth.

German engineers believe that flow is the key to operating success in such installations as their highly automated chemical, petroleum and power plants.

The Librascope flow computer, which Schoppe and Faeser is licensed to manufacture, provides a means of obtaining flow data from an individual station within such a plant.

The flow recorder will totalize the output pulses from as many as ten Librascope flow computers, accumulate these pulses on an electromechanical counter, and provide for recording the existing total on IBM punched cards at any time.

Schoppe and Faeser visualize systems in which as many as 3000 flow computers would supply flow data to 300 flow recorders. The recorders in turn would print out their stored information daily, thus providing plant managers with immediate cost information.

The important element of the Zentrale Energiekontrolle unit is its mechanical summing device designed by Willard Opocensky. Summing is accomplished through bevel gear differentials.

A unique feature of his design is that there is no loss of counts from individual flow computers during readout time.

A mechanical counter stores up the pulses occurring during the readout period, then feeds its count into an electrical accumulator after readout is accomplished.

The electronic circuitry for the flow recorder was designed by Joe Ator. Bill Reinholdt was in charge of equipment installation at the Dusseldorf fair.

The ability of Librascope engineers to produce on short notice a device such as the flow recorder has important long range implications for the Company, Silvertooth pointed out.

Jr. Achievers

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ness and industrial firms in the San Fernando Valley.

Librascope advisors this year are Bill Burns, accounting; Trent Albizati, assembly; and John Cronan, Commercial division.

The officers of the Happy Mug Company are: Bill McFee, president; Nicholas Lewis, vice-president; Marilyn Mortimer, secretary; Noble Hill, treasurer; Jeff Stander, sales manager; Larry Westphal, production manager; and Bill Davidson, safety inspector.

The remaining Achievers are: Sharon Gutzmann, Owen Flynn Jr., Delmar Anderson, Pat Kieswetter, Lionel Grove, Mike Mitchell and Carol Hefflinger.



... Flow Recorder

If we can help the Germans solve some of their problems, they assuredly can help us solve some of ours. The benefit to be gained from this mutual technical assistance program should be obvious to all.

Children's Party Set for Moose Hall in Burbank

Santa will pay a pre-holiday call on Librascope youngsters when the Precisioners host Company small fry at the annual Children's Christmas Party December 14.

The party will be held at the Burbank Moose Lodge, 1901 W. Burbank Boulevard. It is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until noon.

Chairman Bill Griman, shipping, has lined up a program that should provide tots and teenagers alike with an enjoyable morning's entertainment.

Star of the show will, of course, be jolly St. Nick. He will be on hand to pass out gifts to all the youngsters and to check up on year-long behavior before making his Christmas rounds.

As in previous years, the Precisioners need to know both the age and number of children who will attend. They ask your cooperation in filling out and returning the insert enclosed in your November 21 pay envelope to your supervisor by December 1.

Precisioneer Calendar

Christmas Dinner Dance
Sportsmen's Lodge — Dec. 14

Children's Christmas Party
Burbank Moose Lodge
Dec. 14

Librascope Employees Find U.S. Savings Bonds Are a Real Buy

United States Savings Bonds are proving to be an attractive investment for many Librascope employees following the recent increase in bond interest rates.

The interest rate on the new Series E Savings Bonds is now 3½ percent. Consequently, Series E Bonds purchased since February 1, 1957 grow in value faster and mature sooner.

Approximately one out of every five Librascope employees is taking advantage of the opportunity to purchase these bonds through a regular payroll savings plan.

They know that U. S. Savings Bonds offer absolute security, for the Federal Government guarantees return of interest and principal.

So attractive is this form of thrift that 40 million Americans today hold \$41 billion in Savings Bonds.

The majority of these bondholders have made their purchases through a payroll savings plan such as that offered at Librascope.

Your government asks you to consider the opportunities for future security you will gain by investing weekly in United States Savings Bonds.

You may obtain the necessary payroll deduction authorization forms from the Librascope Payroll section in Building 3.

Welcome

Librascope welcomes the following employees who joined us during October:

Engineering-Administrative
Pamela Crawford, Department Clerk

Robert Dimascio, Design Draftsman
Edward Bumbera, Design Draftsman

Judy Hicks, General Clerk
Richard Ingraham, Design Draftsman

Marguerite Leseney, Engineering Draftsman
Roger Paine, Design Draftsman

Engineering-Airborne
Louis Abel, Field Service Engineer

Keith Scholl, Electronic Tech
Engineering-Commercial
Norman Marshall, Junior Engineer

Methods
Nadine Buss, General Clerk
Richard Sak, Methods Analyst

Military Planning
Jean Wiseman, Department Secretary (Washington office)

Model Shop
Richard Myers, Experimental Machinist

Office Services
Sandra Nagy, General Clerk

Tool Design
Raymond Kablanow, Tool Designer
David Server, Tool Designer

CREDIT UNION HOURS

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Monday through Friday



A DECADE OF SERVICE—Twenty-eight employees reached the 10-year service mark during 1957. The majority of them are shown above. Reading from left to right are: Art Davis, Ralph Metz, Ralph Woodward, Bill Bratton, Clem Abbott, Betty Rob-

October Promotions Announced

The LIBRAZETTE congratulates the following employees who month of October:

Accounting
Irma Schwartz promoted from General Clerk to Key Punch Operator "B."

Engineering-Administrative
Arthur Criege promoted from Experimental Machinist to Mechanical Technician.

Evelyn Moser promoted from General Clerk to Department Clerk.

Jean Underwood promoted from General Clerk to Department Clerk.

Engineering-Airborne
Burns Ewing promoted from Design Specialist to Engineer.

Engineering-Special Devices
Morris Birnbaum promoted from Engineer to Senior Engineer.

Machine Shop
Don Washcalis promoted from Machinist-Sheet Metal to Machinist-Sheet Metal Leadman.

Methods
Art Rodocker promoted from Tool Designer to Methods Analyst.

Don Sillars promoted from Machinist-Milling Machine to Methods Analyst.

Libravet Party

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A Libravet First

The quarter century awards were the first made under the Company's continuous service policy adopted late last year.

The policy provides that employees will receive credit for continuous service compiled with other GPE companies or with companies purchased by Librascope. Both Lindahl and Kucks were employed by GPE affiliates prior to joining Librascope.

Bob Jewett, commercial division, opened the awards ceremony and introduced President Imm. Imm expressed his appreciation for the loyalty and confidence in the company that Libravet members so clearly demonstrated.

Demonstration of Faith

The fact that we have 415 employees who have been with us five years or more is a pretty good indication of your faith in Librascope's future, he told the group.

Following Imm's remarks, employees who became Libravets this year were introduced by Lloyd Somerfield, machine shop, Galen

Mannan, engineering, and Roy Van Holm, model shop.

These incoming Libravets are receiving their five-year pins and certificates on their anniversary dates rather than at the party as was the past custom.

The 10-year and 15-year pin recipients were then introduced by Mannan, Arlene Hesse, inspection, and Doris Appleby, assembly. Presentation of awards was made by President Imm.

They Planned It

Plans and arrangements for the party were made by the Libravet party committee chairmanned by Jewett. Its members included Sommerfield, Mannan, Van Holm, Hesse, Appleby and Paul Kane, publications.

Keith Kinnaird and his illustrations group provided invaluable assistance for both the party and the Libravet program in general.

Carroll Wax and his orchestra provided the music for dancing, and Engineering's Lynn Fortina brightened the evening with her inimitable song styling.

15-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS—Six Librascope employees celebrated the completion of 15 years of service with the Company this year. Shown here after they had received service awards from President Imm are (l. to r.) Leonard Brannvold, methods, Bill McAbey, engineering-administrative, Cliff Dahl, plant maintenance, Roy Pedigo, engineering-administrative, and Harlan Buseth, production division. Clayton Gary, machine shop, was unable to attend the ceremony.

(Photo by Duggan)

bie, Lloyd Somerfield, Evelyn Bergman, Bob McFarlin, Pauline Ponnish, Roy Gombert, Charlie Snively, Chuck Hilgert, Roy Van Holm, Leonard Ludvigsen, Howard Gilbert, and Bob Jewett.

(Photo by Duggan)

Photo Flashes



PRIZE WINNERS—Shutter Clique members selected the three pictures shown above as the winning entries in their color slide contest. First prize was awarded to Juanita Delle Fave, engineering-administrative, for her mountain scene shown at the top. George Pierner, plant maintenance, took second with his shot of youngsters eating. The seascape of Ted Manley, inspection, was adjudged the third best slide submitted. Twenty-eight employees entered this year's contest and the Camera Club extends its thanks to those who submitted slides and promises a bigger and better contest next year.

3rd Quarter GPE Sales, Profits Substantially Higher Than in '56

Third quarter General Precision Equipment Corporation sales and profits showed substantial improvement over the corresponding quarter of 1956 according to figures revealed in an interim report to stockholders.

Consolidated net sales for the three months ending September 30, 1957 were \$45,327,615, compared with \$35,579,263 for the comparable period in 1956.

Consolidated net profit for the third quarter of 1957 was \$854,725 as opposed to a \$613,901 profit figure for the third quarter of 1956.

The total backlog of orders on hand at September 30, 1957 was \$164,437,000 as compared with \$165,651,000 at June 30, 1957 and \$167,660,000 at December 31, 1956.

Hermann G. Place, GPE president and board chairman, stated in the report:

"As suggested by the backlog figures, cutbacks and stretch-outs in military procurement has so far affected the GPE Companies very little.

"The situation is presently not clearly defined, but at the moment there is good reason to believe that the current shift in emphasis from planes to missiles will result in increased business for the GPE Companies, several of whom are very deeply engaged in the missile field."

SHOPPING NOTE

The Precisioneer store is now open on Monday nights for the shopping convenience of employees and their husbands or wives. Store hours are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cagers Prepare For Industrial League Opener

A spirited group of prospective Librascope basketballers open pre-season practice under the watchful eye of Coach Bob Bruce at the McCambridge Park gym November 25.

All are seeking berths on the Precisioneer squad which returns to competition in the Burbank Industrial League after a year's absence.

A complete re-building job faces Bruce as he attempts to whip the team into shape for the forthcoming campaign and every position on the team is wide open, he said.

The squad is an unknown quantity as yet with the only returning regular from last year being Neil Hinton, production control. Hinton has starred on Precisioneer teams for the past three years and Bruce indicated he will build his team around the hustling youngster.

League play will get underway in late December and the Precisioneer quintet will play at least a 12-game schedule against such old rivals as Weber Aircraft, Collins Radio, and Menasco.

The schedule will be posted as soon as it is drawn up and Librascope cage fans are invited to come out and see their team in action.

Linsley, Copple Are Gymkhana Trophy Winners

Bud Linsley left the controls of his Stinson long enough to pilot his Simca Special, "Buttercup," to a first place finish in the Glendale JCC Gymkhana Nov. 3.

Linsley was one of seven Librascope employees who participated in the fourth annual running of the affair which was held in the Librascope parking lot.

The other Librascope entrants were Harlan Buseth, production division, Art Davis, model shop, George DuVall, shipboard, Frank Copple, Dick Saunders and Paul Smith, engineering-administrative.

Copple chalked up the best time among the Librascope drivers and won the Precisioneer trophy. Linsley was the 1956 winner.

Threatening weather cut this year's field to 123 drivers. Last year approximately 140 sports car enthusiasts were entered in the five different classes.

The program was directed by the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.

Sports Car Club At Librascope Being Considered

The possibility of organizing a Sports Car Club among employees is being considered by several Librascope foreign car owners.

Dean Frederick, engineering-administrative, is heading up the movement. He pointed out that there are more than 50 sports car owners at Librascope, only a handful of whom belong to a recognized club.

Membership in the proposed club would be open to all foreign car, T-bird and Corvette owners, Frederick said. Once it is organized, the club would conduct rallies and other sports car activities for its members and guests.

If you are interested in helping establish a Sports Car Club at Librascope, contact Frederick. If enough interest is evidenced, he will call a meeting to work out organizational details.

Frederick is being assisted by Frank Copple and Dick Saunders, engineering-administrative, Harlan Buseth, production division, and Johnny Delle Fave, tool design.

LibraSport News



SKEET SCATTERGUNNERS—Winning trophies in Librascope Gun Club competition is getting to be a habit with the sharpshooters shown above. Lee Simon (left), who finished first in the recent skeet shoot, was in the money in three earlier events. Runner-up Glen Reyman and third place finisher Jim Simon have carted home their share of hardware this year, too. Frank Copple, however, picked up his first trophy of the year for his fourth place finish.

(Photo by Duggan)

Lee Simon Outshoots Field to Gain Librascope Skeet Crown

Librascope sharpshooters toed the firing line for their last regularly scheduled meet of the year November 10.

The fifth annual Librascope skeet championship was at stake and 13 gun club members trekked out to the Aqua Sierra skeet range hoping to nail it down.

Both 1956 champion Pat Lombardi and 1955 winner Frank Copple were on hand and aiming to repeat. Unfortunately for them and the rest of the crowd, Lee Simon showed up.

He racked up a creditable 20x25 score and walked off with the first place trophy. Model shopper Glen Reyman chalked up 13x25 birds to nose out Jim Simon who had 12x25.

A four-way tie for the fourth place trophy developed when Willard Mather, Bob Bible, Frank Copple and George Henderhan all scored 11x25. The sudden death shoot off was won by Copple.

This was the sixth championship shoot to be sponsored by the Librascope Gun Club during 1957. Previously members had competed for the small and big bore rifle and pistol crowns and the Librascope trap title.

All that remains on the 1957 calendar is the annual election of officers, slated for December.

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BELATED PRESENTATION—The Precisioneer softball team won its first championship in history this year. Manager Al Akins, production control, is shown presenting the trophy to Production manager Harlan Buseth, who accepted it for the Company. President Jack Nelson of the sponsoring Precisioneers just wanted his picture taken.

(Photo by Duggan)

Linsley Family Finds Vacationing by Air Both Thrilling and Practical

How many times have you heard a friend say on returning from his vacation:

"What a trip we had . . . covered better than 4000 miles in the past three weeks . . . got 19½ miles to the gallon, too."

You ask them how the trip was and they say "Fine, fine. Of course the kids were a little cranky, and we couldn't spend too much time with the folks, but, man alive, we sure covered the ground."

Bud Linsley, engineering-ship-board, and his family have found a highly satisfactory solution to the long distance vacation problem. They go by air.

Linsley's Magic Carpet

Their magic carpet is Linsley's 4-place Stinson, 361-Charlie. The flying Linsleys—Bud, wife Edith, son Doug, age 2, daughters Donna, age 4, and Debby, age 5—completed a 3200-mile air odyssey through the Northwest and Canada this summer.

Here is their story.

"Flying conditions were perfect when we took off from Glendale's Grand Central Airport about 9:30 one July morning and headed north. Two hours and fifty minutes later we were enjoying lunch in Sacramento.

Our next stop was Medford, Ore. where we refueled and let the youngsters blow off some of the steam accumulated in the two hour and twenty-five minute flight from Sacramento. Then, it was on to Portland and a two-day layover to see the sights and visit.

Leaving Portland, we flew on to Seattle, an hour and twenty minutes to the north. We spent several very enjoyable days visiting friends and reacquainting ourselves with the sights and sounds of this Northwest metropolis.

Seaplane Checkout

I found the sight of seaplanes taking off and landing on Lake Washington of special interest to



FLYING FAMILY—Edith Linsley and the Linsley youngsters, Donna, Doug and Debby, line up beside their flying station wagon—361-Charlie. (Photo courtesy of Bud Linsley)

me, and it wasn't long before I was gaining some dual time in the water birds.

From Seattle, we planed across Puget Sound to Vancouver, B.C. Flying conditions were none too good, but we made the short hop into Canada without incident.

We toured the Vancouver area, taking in the major attractions and visiting more of our friends, before taking off for our next port of call—Calgary.

We were well aware that our next leg would take us over some of the most rugged and lofty terrain on the North American continent. Although mountain flights were now old stuff to us, there were moments before takeoff when we wondered . . .

The weather reports were discouraging, too, but we were anx-

ious to be on our way. Our early morning takeoff from the Vancouver field was a memorable experience.

The field was clear, but fog patches were everywhere. Here and there building spires and tree tops pierced the white blanket. Lakes and rivers were shrouded with white fluff, and cotton balls of fog clung to the mountain sides.

On Our Own

In a matter of minutes we were alone among the mighty snow capped peaks of the Siskiyous and our flight plan assumed new meaning.

The country around us was so indescribably rugged that the chances of locating a plane down in the area were about a million to one. We put our faith in 361-Charlie and set out for Pentiction, where we were to refuel. Locating it was a snap. We just followed the beam.

Our luck failed to hold after leaving Pentiction, however. Radio reception cut out as soon as we entered the first pass and it was navigation by dead reckoning all the way to Kimberly.

When we reported in over Kimberly, we learned that the Cascade range was blanketed by an overcast and that we would have to change our flight plan to Calgary.

Change of Plans

We requested permission to fly through the passes and sent out a new ETA for Calgary. We received the go ahead signal and began a flight that I shall never forget.

Cryptic chart notations did little more than indicate that peaks up to 11,500 feet filled the area. Compass interference factors made heading readings doubtful at best, and our radio was useless at the 9,000-foot altitude we maintained.

Rain fell intermittently, and we were belted by sleet during a portion of our flight. The journey through the Cascades was both nerve wracking and exhilarating.

We would fly up one pass then down another. At no time were we certain of what lay ahead, but I always made sure before entering a new canyon that I had room for a 180-degree turn if we ran into a dead end.

After what seemed an eternity of ducking into passes and joggling through notches between peaks we broke out right on course and missed our ETA at Calgary by only a minute.

Speedy Trip

Incredible as it seemed, the time was just 10:44 a.m. We had been in the air just four and one-half hours since taking off from Vancouver.

Looking back on our flight over the Siskiyous, the Kootenays and the Cascades, we still marvel at their rugged grandeur and beauty.

As usually happens, our camera was safely locked in the baggage compartment. We knew, however, that no film could ever capture the tremendous panorama that nature had unfolded all around us.

We visited Banff, Sundance Canyon, Lake Louise and other tourist attractions in the Calgary area before heading back to Seattle via the Utah panhandle and Spokane.

Enroute, Edith suggested a little detour over the Grand Coulee Dam. Viewed from the air, it is a truly impressive sight.

Gold Cup Bonus

When we finally touched down at Boeing Field, we found a new treat in store—the Gold Cup races on Lake Washington. Time was running out on us now, and the day finally came when we had to head homeward.

Our flight from Boeing Field to Glendale took just eight hours and fifty-five minutes. Although we were on familiar ground now, the directional confidence inspired by such landmarks as Mts. Ranier, Hood, Jefferson and Baker was comforting to have.

The majestic beauty of Mt. Shasta at our wing tip and the broad expanse of the San Joaquin Valley unrolling below us brought with them mixed emotions. Behind lay three weeks crammed with ex-

citement. Ahead was the promise of home and a lifetime of memories.

Checking my log later I found that our actual flying time on this 3200 mile junket was just 29 hours and that we had averaged 14 miles to the gallon.

Who Wants to Drive?

By way of comparison, we would have covered 4400 miles in making the same trip by auto. Our actual time behind the wheel, assuming an average speed of 50 miles per hour, would have been 88 hours.

The advantages of air travel require little elaboration. We found our vacation by air especially beneficial for the children. They never became tired or cranky although they did complain at times that we weren't moving fast enough.

Our major source of irritation was their blasé attitude toward the scenic beauty around them. How, we wondered, could they go on coloring and playing while a real life Cinerama unfolded just beyond our windows. Oh, well, you can't have everything. . . ."

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361-CHARLIE—This 4-place Stinson carried the Linsley family on their 3200-mile flight through the great Northwest this summer, proving to their satisfaction that vacations by air are the best kind. (Photo courtesy of Bud Linsley)



GRAND COULEE—Viewed from the air, Grand Coulee Dam is an imposing sight. This shot was taken through a window of the Linsley plane from an altitude of 4000 feet.

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FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE—Libravet pins and service certificates were awarded to eight Librascope employees during November. They are (from the top) Alvina Mowrey, packaging; Helene Whitt, purchasing; Olga Winstead, material control; Cleota Moore, model shop; Phelix Ellingson, systems; Don Miller, model shop; and Mary Stroud, assembly. Richard O'Connor, field services, is currently stationed on the East Coast and was not available for photographing. (Photos by Duggan)