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Librascope Leases Grand Central Building

Incorporation Sought for Precisioneers

Formal incorporation of Librascope's employe recreation club, the Precisioneers, is a step closer to realization this month.

Club President Bob Sommerville informed the board of directors at an April 15 business meeting that the State of California has reserved the name "Precisioneers" for the organization and that work on the articles of incorporation and club by-laws is well advanced.

Retain Accountant

Sommerville announced that the Precisioneers have hired an ac-countant on a retainer basis to take care of club financial affairs. The accountant will submit monthly statements detailing Precision-eer financial status.

Sommerville and the club directors believe this approach will en-able them to place the Precioneer organization on a sound financial footing and will permit them to plan and promote employe activi-ties more effectively.

Income from the principal source of club revenue, the Precisioneer store, declined during the first quarter of the year. Much of this decline resulted from a drop in appliance sales stemming from elimination of "fair trade" pricing in the area in the area.

Inventory Down

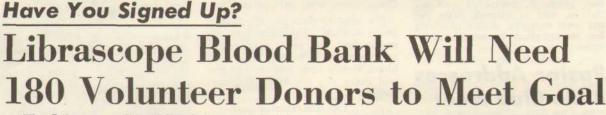
Store inventory stocks have been drastically reduced as well, further complicating an already complex situation. The Precisoneer officers have taken several positive steps to combat the situation.

Club incorporation is one. Hiring an accountant is another. A third and more painful step involved a cutback in club activities for the



A CLUB HOUSE atmosphere awaits the 150 Librascope employees who will be headquartered in the building shown above. The newly leased property at 520 Rodier Street is being completely renovated by

Cliff Dahl's Building Maintenance group and should be ready for occupancy about June 1. One of the property's most talked about features, the swimming pool, is shown at left. (Photo by Duggan)



The Librascope Blood Bank is scheduled for a refill May 16 when the Red Cross Bloodmobile pays its seventh annual call on the Company.

Announcement of the impending visit was made by Nurse Announcement of the impending visit was made by Nurse Mary Snyder, who will again head up the drive to enlist volun-teer donors for this vital program. As in the past, Mrs. Snyder will be assisted by Librascope's em-ploye recreation club, the Preci-sioneers, whose department repre-contactives are being visit was made by Nurse coming year is 150 pints, and past experience indicates that approxi-mately 180 volunteers will be needed to meet this goal, Mrs.

sentatives are now actively soliciting prospective donors. 180 Volunteers Needed

Our Blood Bank quota for the

coming year is 150 pints, and past experience indicates that approxi-mately 180 volunteers will be needed to meet this goal, Mrs. Snyder said.

Blood deposited to the Libra-scope account is available to all Librascope employes and members

of their immediate families, Mrs. Snyder pointed out.

Last May 31, for example, Librascope employes donated 117 pints of blood to the group account. Since that date, more than 80 pints have been withdrawn to aid members of the group. **Advantages** Cited

A blood savings account such as ours offers several advantages to members. (Continued on Page 2)

Joint Exhibit

150 Employes Scheduled to **Move in June**

Urgent space requirements of the Environmental Test Laboratory and of the Special Devices department were major factors in the decision to lease n e w quarters in the Grand Central Industrial Centre, President Lewis W. Imm an-nounced this month.

The new quarters are located on Rodier street between Flower street and the Los Angeles river about eight blocks southeast of our present buildings.

Approximately 150 Librascope employes are scheduled to move into the building on or after June 1 according to present plans.

Slated To Move

The units that will be head-quartered there include the En-vironment Test Laboratory, Pub-lications and the Commercial de-partment of the Engineering Di-vision.

Special Devices will transfer operations from Building 3 to Building 5 when the latter structure is vacated by Publications and the Commercial department.

Extensive remodeling of the Ro-dier street building will be re-quired before any of these moves can be made, Building Engineer Cliff Dahl stated.

Club House Atmosphere

The Spanish-style structure was designed originally as a private club and it has some features not normally associated with an industrial building.

The murals on the casino room ceiling, the swimming pool with its colony of frogs, the tennis court, and the second-floor rooms with their private baths are typical examples.

The murals and the rooms will remain. The fate of the pool and the tennis court is a matter for future decision.

year.

Long Range View

Sommerville and his fellow board members believe it is more important to secure the future of the organization by retrenching a bit this year than it is to bankrupt the club by scheduling activities it can't afford.

If store and vending machine revenues increase appreciably and if income received by the Precisioneers from Bob Bruce's canteen operations continues as it has, the club may be able to schedule additional events later in the year, Sommerville said.

As the situation now stands, however, the club is on a strict pay-as-it-goes basis and will stay that way until a reasonable operating fund has been built up.

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

New Flag Adopted for LIBRAZETTE

Something new has been added to the LIBRAZETTE this month. We've acquired a new flag that more closely identifies both the paper and the Company with the General Precision Equipment corporate group.

This flag, which appears at the top of the page, was designed by Keith Kinnaird and Paul Kane, engineering services.

It follows the corporate aim, announced early this year, of emphasizing group identification and the relationship of the individual companies to each other and to GPE.

The GPE Companies — Askania, GPL, Graflex, Griscom-Russell, Herter, Kearfott, Librascope, Link, National Theatre Supply, Shand and Jurs, Strong, and SVE - have adopted similar logotypes and are using them in their advertisements, sales literature and related material.

The new LIBRAZETTE flag will appear in subsequent editions in column width ranging from two to five, giving us added flexibility in our make-up format. We hope you like it.

Planned for Dayton Show

Librascope will team with Gen-eral Precision Laboratory and Kearfott in setting up an exhibit for the forthcoming Institute of Radio Engineers show in Dayton, Ohio, May 12-14. The I.R.E. conclave is the most

important electronic show of the year in the eyes of the military, and it annually attracts the cream

of the electronics industry. Librascope's display this year will feature our transistorized amplifiers and miniature servo pack-ages, as well as our standard components.

Company personnel who will at-tend the three-day affair include President Imm, Ralph Barnett, and Dewey Nichols, military plan-ning, and Bob Williamson and Walt Spray, airborne department.

Despite its age (it was built about 1927) and prior usage, the building can be easily adapted to the needs of its new occupants, Dahl said.

More Space For All

Its 22,000 square feet of floor space will provide almost twice as much room for the groups moving in as they now have. What's more, they will be assured of ample parking. Dahl plans to provide a black-topped parking area for more than 200 cars on the rear portion of the three-acre property.

The move will be of especial benefit to the Environmental Lab and Special Devices.

A major buildup of environ-mental test facilities is now in process which, when completed, will extend Librascope capabilities

in this field significantly. Much of the equipment now on order or scheduled for purchase is of considerable size and there is

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GPE Sales and **Profits Hit New** Highs in 1957

Total sales by General Precision Equipment Corporation affiliates attained an all-time high during 1957 it was revealed in the recent-ly released '57 Annual Report.

The 1957 total of \$185,093,842 represented a 20 percent increase over 1956 sales which aggregated \$153,261,864.

Sales of commercial products amounted to 33 percent of total sales in 1957 as opposed to 34 percent in 1956.

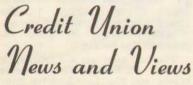
The corporate backlog as of Dec. 31, 1957 approximated \$160,000,-000 compared to \$167,660,000 at Dec. 31, 1956.

Consolidated net profit of the Corporation and its subsidiaries was \$4,263,949 last year. It represented a gain of almost \$2 million over the 1956 figure of \$2,-394,729.

The outlook for 1958 is generally favorable, the report indicates. This year's volume of business is expected to exceed the comparable figure for 1957, and the total backlog of business at the end of 1958 should approximate the total at the close of 1957.

expected to compare favorably with the net profit for 1957 despite increased competition, rising costs, and an anticipated slightly lower level of business in certain lines.

Profits for the current year are



The recent spell of hot weather served as a not-so-gentle reminder that more of the same lies ahead. You can beat the heat by installing that air conditioning unit now.

> CREDIT UNION HOURS 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday

If you are short of cash, the Librascope Employes' Credit Union is ready to arrange a low interest loan for you that will enable you to live in air-conditioned comfort this summer.

Loans for other purposes are also available through your Credit Union at terms that will amaze you.

Don Webster on European Tour

Don Webster, Librascope vice president and chief engineer, is currently on a month-long tour of Europe to acquaint himself with up-to-the-minute technological advances.

One of the highlights of his sev-

Librascope's reversal of the cur-rent employment trend continued during March. Addition of new employes continued at a high rate, particularly in the Production Division.

Librascope employment, as a re-sult, reached a new peak as of March 31 with a total of 1,327 on the Company payroll at the Glen-dale and Burbank plants.

The LIBRAZETTE welcomes the following new group of readers who joined the Company in March: Assembly

John Bareis, Wireman Lois Benjamin, Production

Wireman Jimmie Boatwright, General Assembler—Electrical

Anthony Cacchione, Wireman Delmer Davies, General Assem-bler—Electrical

John Ferrero Jr., General Assembler—Electrical

Ruth Forzano, Wireman

Rosalino Galiza, Production Wireman

Carol Hillebrand, General Assembler-Electrical

Joseph Reinhart, Wireman

Gene Rhone, General Assembler —Electrical Donald Tutor, Wireman

Albert Villa, Production Wireman

Marshall Woodward, General Accembler—Electrical

Machine Shop

Colon Bass, Burrer Bomar Beck, Machinist-Gear Cutter

Robert Bond, Burrer John Cox, Machinist-Gear Cutter

Donald Crawford, Machinist— Special Drill Press

Theodore Dehomme, Machinist —Special Drill Press

Francis Donohoe, Machinist-Milling Machine

Fred Fries, Machinist-

Toolroom Jigbore Frank Ives, Machinist—Special Drill Press

Leo King, Machinist-Jig Mill David Nesbitt, Machinist— Special Drill Press

Gerald Opre, Burrer

Jack Pellant, Burrer

Russell Ramsey, Burrer Leonard Richardson, Operator -Drill Press

Frank Rocha, Burrer

Ron Roderick, Burrer

Don Skellie, Machinist-Gear Cutter

Paul Shaul, Burrer

Ronald Thompson, Burrer

Philip Thurmond, Burrer

Richard Wymer, Machinist— Milling Machine

Gary Wynn, Operator—Drill Press

Howard York, Machinist— Toolroom Jigbore

Model Shop

where.

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Bank.

May 16.

-24 hours a day.

William Davis, Experimental Machinist

Herbert Frankenberg, Experimental Machinist Erle Lippard, Experimental Machinist

Plating and Processing Shop

John Albert, Plater-Helper James Buteux, Plater—Helper Danny Lacey, Plater-Helper **Production** Control

Nick Capuccino, Parts Mover

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2. Our account provides for

3. We have access to rare blood

4. We are protected day or night

5. There is no charge for blood withdrawn from our account. A

doctor or hospital may charge for

giving transfusions, but the Red

Cross receives no part of this fee.

vance that you or a member of

your immediate family may need blood, notify Mrs. Snyder and she

will make the necessary arrange-

Tell The Doctor

In case of an emergency, how-

ever, simply notify the attending

physician that the patient is a member of the Librascope Blood

Contributing to the Librascope

Blood Bank has become an annual

habit for a number of employes.

Of the 117 pints donated last year, 30 were given by employes having

five or more annual contributions

to their credit. Another sizeable

group will attain 5-year status on

It's easy to draw on the Librascope account. If you know in ad-

types not easily obtainable else-

cases of multiple transfusions.

Rick Schell, Parts Mover Shipping and Receiving **Richard Barrett**, Truck Driver Stockroom Bobby Allen, Stockroom Clerk

Company Employment Soars to Alltime High of 1,327 in March

Tool Design Phillip Poirier, Tool Designer

Toolroom Joseph Anderson, Maintenance Mechanic Helper

Walfrid Chellgren, Machinist-Toolroom Grinder Pasco Peluso, Parts Mover

Inspection Victor Baxa, Inspector-Electrical David Gardner Jr., Inspector-

Electrical Earle Horneman, Inspector-

Parts Raymond Koehler, Inspector-

Electrical John Mathews Jr., Inspector— Electrical

Richard Panneton, Inspector-Electrical

Paul Prager, Inspector— Precision Electrical James Vivona, Inspector— Electrical

Accounting Ismal Boase, Timechecker Charles McKallor, Timechecker

Richard Tichenor, Timechecker Assembly

Ray Bagley, Foreman

Engineering—Airborne Victor Farel, Staff Engineer John Jewett, Engineer

Engineering—Administrative Phillip De Grazio, Production Engineering Associate

Richard Dodd, Design Draftsman

Ruth Fisher, General Clerk William Lamme, Electrical Technician

Carolyn Nielsen, General Clerk Laurel Stephens, Engineering Draftsman

Otto Thress Jr., Electronic Engineering Associate Patricia Weaver, General Clerk

Engineering-Shipboard

Joyce Marshall, General Clerk Engineering-Special Devices John Kurtz, Electronic Technician

Carl Lekven, Engineer Edward Lindell, Junior Engineer

Richard Seminario, Electronic Engineering Associate

Ronald Vielicka, Designer Methods

Carl Gammino, Time Study Analyst

James Gibbs, Methods Analyst Donald Mattson, Methods Analyst

Office Services Ronald Watts, Building Layout Draftsman

Production Control Philip Carpenter, Dispatching Coordinator

Louanne Johnson, General Clerk Elroy Sowter, Parts Coordinator

Production Division Orin Shoemaker, Assistant to Production Manager

Publications Jess Pack, Engineering Writer-

Editor Purchasing

Douglas Weir, Procurement Follow-up Man

Color Movie Aids Blood Bank Orientation **Of New Employes** 1. We have a priority on existing blood supplies.

Orientation of new employes has been faciliated to a considerable degree in recent weeks through use of a new 16-mm color film, Walt

of a new 16-mm color film, Walt Sertic, personnel training, reports. The film, titled "This Is Libra-scope," is a product of Lowell Eisenhower's Audio Visual Serv-ices group. Bob Duff did the edit-ing with the narration supplied by Don McNamara, a professional an-nouncer nouncer.

"This Is Librascope" presents a graphic account of Company facilities, products, personnel and ac-tivities, and is suitable both for our own employe orientation and for presentation to outside audi-

Pastor Addresses

The Librascope Bible Club was

Reverend Rosenberger is leaving

privileged to have Rev. Earl Ros-

enberger as a special guest speaker at their noon meeting April 23.

his Puente pastorate and moving to New Mexico where he will head

up the Practical Missionary Train-

ing Center. The Librascope Bible Club holds

regular meetings every Monday and Wednesday noon in the con-ference room at the rear of Build-

ing 1. Production personnel meet from 11:30 a.m. to noon and office per-

sonnel meet from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Bible Club Meet

en-country swing through Europe will be a visit to the Brussels World Fair. Webster is scheduled to return to his desk May 9.

Roland Smith, purchasing, serves as instructor and discussion leader. and he extends an open invitation to all Librascope employees who may be interested in attending.

The blood they have given has saved lives in the past. The blood you give now will save lives in the year ahead. Sign up for the Librascope Blood Bank today.

Testifies to Uur **Increasing Stature**

Librascope's ever-increasing stature in the computer and controls field is evidenced by the steady stream of important visitors that

stream of important visitors that pass through our Building 3 lobby. Military leaders, businessmen, scientists and engineers come to acquaint themselves with Libra-scope's capabilities in advanced computer and controls develop-ment and production. Among our April visitors were two groups that exemplify our

two groups that exemplify our point. On April 18, a party headed by Rear Admiral S. B. Spangler, commandant of the Naval Air De-velopment Center, Johnsville, Penn arrived Penn., arrived. The admiral was accompanied

by Captains P. G. Holt and E. E. Fawkes and LCDR F. E. Bacchus. Their primary concern was in ob-taining the Company's views on airborne anti-submarine weapons (ASW) programs. The necessary information was supplied by Bill Bratton, vice president-operations; Ralph Barnett, military planning manager; and Bob Williamson and Ed Quilter, airborne department staff engineers.

A second group seeking informaarrived April 22. These visitors were members of the Weapon Systems Evaluation Group from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

They are seeking out a few select firms with capabilities in the fields of photogrammetry and large scale data processing. The visitors were Dr. Ellis Rabbin, Col. Harvey Henderson and Clifford Cummings.

Once again Bratton and Barnett gave a general account of Com-pany operations and current development projects, with information on specific programs of interest to the visitors being supplied by Wayne Blackburn, commercial department director; Bill Wich-man, special devices project man-ager; and Lane Wolman, special devices supervisor of preliminary design.

Stay **Begins 6-Month**

Attractive Translator

An attractive young German fraulein with a flair for languages began a rather unusual six months' tour of duty with Librascope April 21.

TRANSLATING HIGHLY technical articles from German and French

TRANSLATING HIGHLY technical articles from German and French to English is a snap for Miss Inga Muther shown here with Engineering Services Supervisor Phil Hiner. Miss Muther recently arrived from Ger-many and will spend six months working for Librascope. (Photo by Duggan)

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The newcomer is Miss Inga Muther who arrived in Los Angeles via a polar flight April 19 to perfect her English technical vocabulary by doing translation work for the Company.

Miss Muther has been employed as a translator for the past two years by the German firm of Schoppe and Faeser with whom Librascope has a licensing agree-ment for production of the LGP-30, Librascope-developed general purpose digital computer.

LGP-30 Translation

One of the initial duties of the 23-year-old language expert will involve translation of the LGP-30 instruction manual into French and German.

Miss Muther has been assigned

to Phil Hiner's Engineering Services section and will work most closely with Technical Librarian Nate Sands during her stay with us.

In order to minimize conflict with governmental security regulations, Miss Muther will carry her work at the Burbank Division.

Berlitz Student

She was reared and educated in Minden, Germany and studied French and English at the Berlitz School of Languages in Hanover.

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Play Begins In Twilight **Golf Leagues**

Sixteen teams teed off in the opening round of the Li-brascope Twilight Golf League April 29, and all had their sights set on winning the first annual Company championship.

annual Company championship. Under a plan instituted this year by the Golf Club executive com-mittee the teams are divided into two leagues, American and Na-tional, with the league champs meeting for the Company crown at the close of the season.

Inter-League Competition

Each league has eight 7-man teams selected by lot. Each team will play every other team in its addition there will be two rounds of inter-league competition and an intra-league position round.

Golf Club President Charles Guran, publications, announcing the official start of the season, had this to say:

"The executive committee has made every effort to provide Libra-scope golfers with a league pro-gram that will give them a maximum of enjoyment and competition with a minimum of effort.

Cooperation Needed

"In return, the committee will need cooperation from all golfers to insure a successful season.

"Team members are asked to choose a captain and to select a name for their team. All golfers are urged to turn in their score-cards promptly after each match. A box for this purpose has been provided at the main bulletin board near the canteen.

"A number of players are par-ticipating in the league for the first time this year. Their year will be an enjoyable one if league veterans will help them over a few of the hurdles they must negotiate.

Obey The Rules

"Most important of these, of course, is strict adherence to the 'Rules of Golf.' Our competitive play is based on these rules and all members must comply with them if we are to meet on an equal footing."

Guran footnoted his remarks with the announcement that the golf club has ordered a supply of club emblems and caps which are available individually or in com-bination to members. Orders may be placed with Howard Miller, production control.

Rosters of league members, individual teams and the league schedules for the season are posted on the bulletin boards. Members are advised to check the boards for additional information affecting the leagues.

C. U. NOTICE

Credit Union members are reminded that the regular Credit Union deduction will be made from their vacation checks unless they notify the Credit Union office at least two weeks in advance



WEEKLY PRACTICE sessions at the Glendale high indoor range are helping Librascope Gun Club members sharpen their eyes for upcoming championship shoots. Range facilities are reserved for club members every Tuesday evening at nominal cost. Presi-dent Lee Duggan, photo lab, believes these evening practices has stimulated interest in the club.

(Photo by Duggan)

Precisioneer Softballers Win Opener 7-2; **Return of Sam Houchin Sparks Title Hopes**

Championship hopes of the Precisioneer softballers soared this month with the return to the lineup of Pitcher Sam Houchin, model shop.

Houchin's return has relieved Manager Al Akins, production control, of his principal worry, lack of a first line hurler, and plugged up the only apparent weak spot on the team.

portant in view of the Precision-eers' 50-game schedule, divided equally between practice and The Precisioneer squad promptly celebrated the occasion by down-ing the Burbank Firemen 7-2 in league games.

All games will be played either at Olive Recreation Center or Mc-Cambridge Park. Game times will 7:00 p.m. for the early tilts, 8:30 p.m. for the late contests.

Practice and league schedules will be posted on the bulletin boards for the benefit of Librascope fans who want to see the team in action.

Team Roster	
Al Akins-Prod. Contp. (Mgr.)
J. Fallet—Airborne	of.
T. Flesher-Commercial	
W. Friedman-Mil. Planning	
T. Gaitan-Sp. Devices	
G. Henderhan-Model Shop	
H. Henderhan-Prod. Cont	of.
N. Hinton-Model Shop	2b
S. Houchin-Model Shop	
J. Kennelly-EngAdmin	
A. Moreno-Burbank	
W. Newcomer-EngAdmin.	
J. Schlegel-Inspection	
D. Server-Tool Design	
S. Smith-EngAdmin.	of.
R. Spencer-EngAdmin.	
J. Thompson-Inspection	
H. Valette-Sp. Devices	

Bowlers Shift From Winter to Summer Action

Librascope bowlers had time only for a deep breath between leagues this month as they completed winter league competition and plunged immediately into summer league play.

The Winter League closed out its regular schedule April 11 with Da Sputniks, captained by John Filkins, engineering — shipboard, waltzing off with the championship.

In second place, five and one-half points off the pace, was the Happy Five, captained by Jim Clarke, engineering — special devices

The remainder of the eight-team league finished some distance back.

Season Highs

Trophies for high individual seasonal efforts went to the following bowlers: Irma Schwartz for her 626 series and Jim Clarke for his 659 series; Marion Johnson for her high game of 229 and Glen Reyman for his 275 game.

Lee Simon Wins **Gun Club Rifle** Championship

Librascope Gun Clubbers braved a marauding rattler, the heat and gusty winds to compete in their sixth annual small bore rifle meet at the Burbank Legion range April 20.

Lee Simon, engineering-administrative, refused to let any of this bother him, however, as he collected top honors with an aggregate score of 243x300.

Defeat Avenged

The win helped ease the sting of last year's upset loss to brother Jim Simon, field service, who once more borrowed Lee's gun for the competition. It paid off last year, but Jim, who hadn't fired a shot in competition since then, found the long layoff too big a handicap to overcome.

In the off-hand competition, Ralph Mershon, engineering-administrative, collected a trophy by firing a 49x100 score. Jim Clarke, engineering-special devices, tied Mershon and could have won but left early thus erasing the possibility of a shoot-off.

Len Soper, inspection, notched a creditable 87x100 from the sitting position to win the trophy in that category.

Bible Collects

Bob Bible, engineering-airborne, chalked up a score of 88x100 from the prone position to win the fourth trophy.

All told, 10 Librascope Gun Clubbers turned out for the event. In addition to those already named, the competitors included Lee Duggan, Charlie Perro, Bob McFarlin and Erich Stewart.

Next event on the gun club schedule is the trap shoot which will be held June 29.

Practice Sessions

President Lee Duggan, photo lab, reports that club members have been taking advantage of the opportunity to practice at the Glendale high school indoor range every Tuesday night.

The Club has reserved the range facilities for its members on Tuesday, Duggan pointed out, and the evening practice sessions will continue as long as members turn out.

Trophy shoots remaining on the Gun Club calendar include:

Trap Shoot-June 29

Big Bore Rifle-August 10

Big Bore Pistol-Sept. 21

Turkey Shoot (To be announced)

Skeet Shoot-Nov. 9

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the opening game of the practice round April 21.

Practice round play, which will determine league classifications for the various teams, will con-tinue through May 16, Akins said.

Formal competition in the Bur-

bank Parks and Recreation soft-

ball program gets underway May

19. Akins believes the Precisioneers will retain the A-Minor classification they held last year.

The Precisioneers manager was well-pleased with the performance of his squad in their first practice

tilt. He was able to field two com-plete teams in the contest, which

There are nine returning regu-lars from last year's fine team, plus an outstanding crop of rook-

both sharply improved this year and the two-deep squad gives Akins a really solid bench for the

first time in the past three years.

Bench strength is especially im-

the pitching duties.

Akins and Houchin dividing

Team hitting and fielding are

VOLUNTEER BLOOD donors such as those shown above are responsible for the success of the Librascope Blood Bank program now in its seventh year of operation. Nurse Mary Snyder and the Preci-

sioneers are currently seeking 180 prospective don-ors who will help refill the bank May 16. Sign up today. (Photo by Duggan)

Jim Kasper upped his average 14 pins during the season and was awarded a trophy as the Most Improved Bowler. Bert Elder re-ceipted for a triplicate award (identical three-game scores) from the American Bowling Congress.

The Winter League concluded its season with a Sweepstakes night April 18. Marion Johnson, Ray Bigby and Chuck Foodim copped the singles money while Ray Bigby teamed with Carl Culver to win the doubles competition.

In team competition the Happy Five picked up the marbles among the top four teams and Team No. 4 was the second division winner.

Summer Play Begins

Summer league play began April 25 at the Mar-Lin-Do lanes with eight teams swinging into action. League President Fred Killips is especially appreciative of

J. A. Mesch Editor Photographers Art Editor Keith Kinnaird Lee Duggan and

Earl Crawford

Correspondents Myrtle Gross, Engineering Services

the response shown by the Burbank Division in this league.

He reminds all potential bowlers that the Librascope Winter League will return to its traditional Thursday night time next September with action scheduled for the Mar-Lin-Do alleys.

The time has already been reserved and Killips is expecting a revival of bowling interest among employes come Fall.

Librascope's **Annual Picnic** Set for June 1

Librascope employes will welcome the coming of the summer season in traditional style when they gather at Joe Kennedy's Sunland Park June 21 for the annual Company picnic.

The affair is the first of several social events for employes that will be sponsored by the Precisioneers this year. In the past it has been one of the most popular dates on the Precisioneer calendar and Bob Garrett and his social committee are planning another bang-up day.

Sunland Park offers everything a family could ask for in the way of facilities. There is ample parking, plenty of tables scattered throughout the tree-shaded picnic area, a mammoth swimming pool, rides galore for the youngsters, an open-air dance floor, horseshoe pits and a volleyball court.

What's more, the facilities are reserved for our exclusive use. Last year, more than 1500 em-ployes and their families turned with factors and the families turned out for the day and all had a ball.

Garrett announced one major change in this year's event. There will be no barbecue. Lack of funds has made it necessary to cancel this phase of the day's festivities.

There will be free rides, pop and ice cream for the youngsters; beer at five cents a cup for the grownups. It's yours to enjoy June 21 at Joe Kennedy's Sunland Park.

New Building

(Continued from Page 1) no space available in existing Company buildings for its installation and use.

New Equipment

The new equipment includes a salt spray chamber, two shock machines, a mechanical shaker, wo high-low temperature cham-bers, a humidity chamber, and a bers. radio screen room.

The Special Devices department requirements for more room stem from receipt of a million dollar's worth of development work for General Precision Laboratory.

The project for GPL involves design of a key unit in an experi-mental air traffic control data processing system that the Labora-tory is developing for the Airways Modernization Board.

The unit, known as an Enroute computer, is essentially a data processor with a large storage ca-pacity. It will incorporate some of the design features and components of the Mk 15 Data Processor which the Commercial department has developed for Royal Precision Corporation.

Big Memory

The Enroute computer will be The Enroute computer will be capable of processing 400 flight plans an hour and will have a memory capacity of 1,000 such plans. The system of which the computer is a part will automati-cally present air traffic informa-tion to the controller on which to have his decisions base his decisions.

The equipment will monitor the available air space and make continuous automatic checks for po-tential conflicts. Provision for imwitcho trol by the operator is an important feature of the system. While the ultimate AMB system will control air traffic from takeoff to landing, the present con-tract involves control of the en-route portion of the flights alone. Evaluation of the system will be-gin at a major New York City air-port in 1959.



JUNIOR ACHIEVER Marilyn Mortimer poses beside the prize-winning display of the Happy Mug Company, Librascope-counseled J.A. firm. The display, designed and built by Trent Albizati, assembly, was one of several ribbon winners in the recent J.A. Trade Fair Display Contest held at the Burbank Center during National Junior Achievement week. (Photo courtesy of Trent Albizati)

Achievers of Happy Mug **Company to Compete for** National Industry Awards

Selection of the Happy Mug Company, Librascope-counseled Junior Achievement firm, as an entrant in the annual Junior Achievement National Industry Awards contest has been announced by Donald O. Schumacher, Owen-Illinois Glass Company

The pint-sized firm was chosen, along with 16 others from the 65 companies operating at the

three J. A. Business Centers in the Los Angeles area.

The selections were made by a L.A. Juinor Chamber of Commerce judging committee chairmanned by Schumacher.

National Honors At Stake

The local entries will compete for national honors with J.A. companies from 222 communities in the United States, Hawaii and Canada. Awards will be based on company performance in organizing, fi-nancing, manufacturing and mar-hating its products or services keting its products or services.

Judged on their performance to date, President Bill McFee and his fellow Achievers should do well in national competition.

The Happy Mug Company was one of 25 J.A. companies that began business at the Burbank Cen-ter last October with capital of about \$100, raised through the sale of stock at 50 cents a share.

Learn By Doing

In May, each company will go out of business. During this eight month period, teen-agers from local high schools operate their busi-ness under the guidance of threeman volunteer adviser teams from concerns such as Librascope which serve as counselling firms.

In this way, the youngsters get a first-hand picture of the Ameri-

can economic system in action. Librascope marked its fourth year of counselling activity in the J.A. program this year and once again supplied a volunteer team of advisers to assist the youthful businessmen and women in setting up and operating their firm.

The Librascope team included Bill Burns, accounting, who served as Business Adviser; Trent Albizati, assembly, Production Adviser; and John Cronan and Ed Burbank Division, who Hirt. shared the Sales Adviser role.

Volume Production

The Happy Mug Company concluded manufacturing operations at its April 7 meeting and the preliminary production figures are mighty impressive. In their 20 hour-long production sessions at the Burbank Center, the Achievers turned out a total of 500 drinking mugs and 500 glasses.

What's more, most of their prod-ucts are already sold, and Sales Manager Jeff Stander is confident that the remainder will be disposed of very shortly.

A complete report of company operations must await corporate liquidation, and that is the task currently confronting the young people.

March Promotions Point Up Advancement Opportunities

Continued Company growth is resulting in an increased number of advancement possibilities for Li-brascope employes. The LIBRA-ZETTE congratulates the follow-ing group who were promoted dur-ing the month of March:

Accounting-Contracts Wallace Robinson promoted to Junior Property Accountant.

Assembly

Nelda Arata promoted to Production Wireman.

Maxine Bart promoted to Wireman-Leadlady.

Lucy De La Cruz promoted to Production Wireman.

Charles Flickinger promoted to Assembler-Final Leadman.

Suzanna Kovalchik promoted to Wireman.

Viola Mattson promoted to Production Wireman.

Lorene Murphy promoted to Wireman.

Rose Pascone promoted to Wireman.

Maizie Soderstedt promoted to Wireman.

Engineering-Administrative

Wilbur Carter promoted to Field Service Engineer.

Harvey Goodwin promoted to Spares Coordinator.

Robert Holloway promoted to Assistant Drafting Supervisor.

Carroll Welch promoted to Senior Electronic Technician.

Engineering-Airborne

Ralph Delle Fave promoted to Senior Electronic Technician.

Officers Named

Two sets of officers managed Happy Mug Company affairs during its brief life with McFee head-ing both slates as president and Stander retaining his post as sales manager for the year.

Nick Lewis and Delmar Anderson held the vice presidency during the first and second terms respectively, while Larry Westphal and Lionel Grove took turns serving as production manager.

Marilynn Mortimer, who served as secretary the first term, succeeded Noble Hill as treasurer for the current term with Carol Heffleger replacing Miss Mortimer as secretary.



Annual Picnic Sunland Park-June 21

Summer Dance

Oakmont Club—July 12

Children's Christmas Party

Hoover High Auditorium (Dec. date to be announced)

Christmas Dinner Dance Sportsmen's Lodge—Dec. 27

Ernest Wooster promoted to Designer.

Engineering-Shipboard Butyrin promoted to Anatoly

Designer. Richard Roepke promoted to Senior Electronic Technician.

Machine Shop Vincent Coppola promoted to Machinist-Boring Machine.

Victor Falo promoted to Machinist-Special Drill Press.

Floyd Hodges promoted to Ma-chinist-Boring Machine.

Ivan Mahoney promoted to Ma-chinist—Boring Machine Leadman. Earle Tempesta promoted to

Machinist-Gear Cutter Leadman. Paul Watts promoted to Ma-chinist—Radial Drill Press.

Methods Alvin Paley promoted to Methods Analyst.

Building Maintenance

Arthur Van Essen promoted to Maintenance Man—Building and Grounds.

Production Control

James Walsh promoted to Parts Coordinator. Dewey Zimmerman promoted to

Dispatcher.

Purchasing Charles Brennaaun promoted to Purchased Parts Buyer.

Thomas Parker promoted to Outside Production Buyer. Toolroom

Jesse Brown promoted to Toolmaker Leadman.

McDonald Moves To Engineering Wage-Salary Post

Transfer of Ray McDonald from the Personnel Department to the Engineering Division was an-nounced this month by Don Webster, vice president and chief engineer.

Effective April 7, McDonald as-sumed full-time responsibility for wage and salary administration in Engineering.

He will report to Bill McAboy, engineering-administrative departengineering-administrative depart-ment director, and will be respon-sible for the preparation of engi-neering job descriptions. In addi-tion, McDonald will assist in the establishment of rate ranges for engineering jobs that are both equitable within the Company and competitive with other companies competitive with other companies of our type.

The company-wide Job Evalua-tion program now underway will not be affected by the transfer. Personnel Manager Mac Mc-Keague will assume McDonald's Job Evaluation committee chairmanship as well as over-all respon-sibility for the program.

I'll Be Doggoned!

Owner of Great Dane: "Doc you've got to do something. My dog chases sports cars." Veterin-arian: "Well, that's only natural. Most dogs chase cars." Owner: "Yes, but mine catches them and buries them in the back yard."

One Move Already Made

Another move involving Engi-neering personnel has already been consumated. Drafting opera-tions in Building 1 were moved to the old Burbank Division head-quarters at 133 E. Santa Anita avenue April 14. Approximately 30 draftsmen under Assistant Draft-ing Supervised Bak University ing Supervisor Bob Holloway were affected by the switch.

Two Commercial department designers also made the move.

The Building 1 space will again be utilized by the Adjusting section of the Assembly department.



FIVE-YEAR SERVICE pins were awarded to five Librascope employes in April. Four of the new Libravets are shown above. From the left they are: Curtis Gittings, engineering-shipboard; Earle Tempesta, machine shop; William Giles, inspection; and Larry Lemery, machine shop. Not shown is Donald Schofield, engineering—commercial. (Photos by Earl Crawford)