

## \$89 In Cash Paid For Suggestions

### Fifteen Men Share In Company Awards

Fifteen men share in the latest cash distribution of the suggestion committee according to a recent announcement made by Lester M. Curtiss, committee chairman.

A total of \$89, for twenty-one suggestions, was authorized for payment as a result of constructive thinking on the part of those who submitted the accepted ideas.

Heading the list of cash winners was A. C. Scheid, 206" mill engineer, who netted \$18 on three acceptances. These included a signalling system between operators at the 206" mill to promote safety; wrench holder for the 206" engine, and a safety walk north of the 206" straightening rolls.

Joseph Hopson was another who had three accepted suggestions, netting him \$16.50. The suggestions included: relocating of oil inlet on steam blower valves, new tool for installing pump case wearing rings in B. & W. boiler room feed pumps, and an arrangement for adjusting Camber gauge (on straight edge) at the U. M. loading bank.

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### Steel In The Home

Steel is a constant servant in the home, from the time breakfast is cooked on an iron and steel stove in a steel pan until the steel alarm clock is set at night.

Housewives in the United States own and use an average of 600 lbs. of steel in their homes, according to recent estimates made by the American Iron and Steel Institute, which shows that housewives have become important indirect customers of the steel industry.

New method of comparison—  
as rough as a Coatesville street.

### Community League Champions



MEMBERS OF LUKENS BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row: George Snyder, Richard Slider, Sterling Lynch, George Long, Wallace Deering.  
Second Row: Ezra Dripps, Manager; Anthony Olseski, Percy Richards, Coach; John Martin, Herman Hofmann, Plant Athletic Chairman.

### Omissions Listed

It would appear as though the Plate made a few unintentional omissions in the "World's Largest Heads" story in the last edition, according to the comment received since that time. Among those who aided in this project but did not receive mention were the boys at the 206" loading bank headed by foreman "Jack" Gabel and including Preston Detterline and Lawrence Dunlap, cranemen; "Duffy" McMichael and "Bill" Conner, hook-up men; and George Baker and Harold Smith, checkers. Patterns for these heads were turned out at the pattern shop of which Roy Algiers is the head. The patternmakers were Gilbert Algier, Howard Powell and William Peoples.

### Navy Tops Users

The United States Navy ranks at the top of the list of consumers of stainless steel, according to estimates recently obtained. Nine different types of stainless steel are used by the Navy in large amounts, the tonnage of the different types varying from ship to ship.

## Basketball Team Had Fine Record

### Won City Title From Laundry

With the best record ever compiled by a Lukens basketball team to their credit, the employees' representative five recently brought to a conclusion their season's activities by making a fine showing in the state tournament conducted at the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A.

Among the achievements of the basketeers this year were listed the winning of the city championship and a good record in out-of-league competition.

The game which meant the most to the Lukenites was the play-off tilt with the New Idea Laundry which went to Lukens by a 44-40 count after one of the most hectic games ever played in this city.

The gymnasium was packed with several hundred fans for this all-important set-to and the Lukens contingent went wild when their favorites built a 19-18 half-time advantage to 30-18 at the start of the second half before the Laundry could gain their bearings.

It turned out to be lucky for Lukens that they grabbed this margin as the Laundry put on a copyrighted spurt of their own in the late minutes which brought the score to 43-40 and

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## Lukens Plate

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## Lukens Steel Co.

### "Then And Now"

#### Fifth Of The Articles Being Published

Following the incorporation as the "Lukens Iron & Steel Company," effected in 1890, the business expanded so rapidly in the following fifteen years that three additional mills were built to handle the increased demand for steel.

The first two Open Hearth furnaces were erected in 1891 at about the time that the 120" mill (now the 112" mill) was constructed. This three high roughing and finishing mill was the largest of its kind at the time of its construction.

In 1899 the Universal Mill, a 48" unit, three high structure, capable of rolling plates up to 100' long, was erected. At this time a total of fourteen furnaces were in operation. In the summer of 1903 the 140" mill was put into operation. This mill, capable of rolling plates up to 136" wide, was the first successful four-high rolling mill in the United States, thanks to the untiring efforts of C. L. Huston to perfect this particular type of equipment. All of the larger plate mills and strip mills in the country now embody many of the original 140" mill's features in their construction.

These mills and furnaces proved capable of handling the demand for plate from 1903 until May, 1918, when the 204" mill (now the 206") mill was put into operation and eight more Open Hearths added. Six of the original furnaces have since been dismantled. The 206" mill, as is generally known, is capable of rolling the widest plates in the world. A mill at Witkowitz, Czecho-Slovakia, is second in this respect, is said to be able to roll plates 187" wide.

Regarding the management of the company since 1890, date of incorporation as Lukens Iron & Steel Co., the death of Dr.

Charles L. Huston in 1897, saw A. F. Huston assume the presidency and C. L. Huston the vice presidency. A board of directors of six members governed the policies at this time.

In 1916-17, the name was changed from Lukens Iron and Steel Company to Lukens Steel Company and three more members added to the board of directors, bringing the total membership to nine.

In the year 1925 both A. F. Huston and C. L. Huston retired from the active conduct of business, the former being named as chairman of the board, and the latter as vice president. A. F. Huston held his position until his death in January, 1930. C. L. Huston is still a vice president.

Robert W. Wolcott, former manager of the Lukens plant at New Orleans, was elected president of Lukens Steel Company in 1925, and there has been a steady advance in all lines, carrying out the company's age-old policy of going forward.

Under the guidance of Wolcott, two valuable subsidiaries, the By-Products Steel Corporation, an organization specializing in the shearing, blanking, and pressing of plate, and the Lukensweld, Inc., Div., a group specializing in welding of machinery and equipment structures, have been formed, and have grown to be recognized as outstanding in their respective fields.

Two special types of steel, Lukens Nickel-Clad and Lukens Cromansil, have also been added to the list of products turned out at this plant, and have done much to keep the name of Lukens Steel constantly in the forefront among steel manufacturers.

Lukens Nickel-clad is a corrosion-resisting bimetal, combining the corrosion-resistance of pure nickel with the economy of plain steel. It has found wide application in the process industries and is used in evaporator bodies, hopper, mixers, tanks, and other equipment. This material is made by bonding a surface of pure, solid nickel to a steel base, and the bond is permanent to the extent that the material can be sheared, bent, flanged, welded, or riveted, without cracking or peeling.

Lukens Cromansil steel is a recently developed high strength steel, famous for its ability to stand up under adverse conditions. Among the more notable of its applications are those as

the engine-bed for the record breaking streamline train, the Burlington "Zephyr," and in some of the plates on Harold Vanderbilt's successful America's Cup defender, "Rainbow."

In addition to alloy steels made in the Lukens open hearth department, this company also converts alloy material for many other steel companies. This conversion provides considerable additional work for Lukens employees.

At the present time Lukens is carrying on experiments and research work in the plant which will enable it to keep abreast of every new development and in so doing render satisfactory service to their customers on a par with any competitor. This work also serves to keep the company constantly on the alert for new outlets for material and products which can be successfully produced with the present equipment.

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George Myers received \$10.50 for three suggestions. They were: klaxon horn at south entrance of 84" mill; stop frog on slope east of 140" gas producers, and elevation of Brandywine track No. 4.

Other winners and their suggestions were: Harry Gilbert (\$1.50) safety platform at U. M. engine; L. Phillips (\$2.50) rack for straps, 206" mill pits; H. J. Woodward (\$2.00) device for moving kegs in store room; J. L. Quaintance (\$7.50) new hooks for stripping 90" and 70" ingots; Paul March (\$2.00) safety cable for 206" preheating furnace; H. L. Johnston (\$3.00) new method of opening tap-holes; William Ford (\$5.00) dog for holding clevis in position when hooking on crane—large double trolley peel at flanging dept.; W. M. Petrohoy (\$7.50) improvement on scrap guides at 84" rotary shear; R. G. Newhauser (\$5.00) install surface gauge on slotter in machine shop; William DeMora (\$5.00) protective roof for ash hopped, 206" boiler shop; Blanc Morris (\$3.50) extend goosenecks to drag-over 84" mill; and Charles Patterson (\$2.50) trapdoor over brakes on layout tables scale office in 84" mill.

## Basketball Team Had Fine Record

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almost sent the ultimate winners to the cleaners.

However, all's well that ends well, and Lukens clung to their thin margin in the last minutes for a well earned victory. This was sweet revenge for the setback at the hands of the Laundry in the play-off during 1933-34, won by the Laundry by a margin of two points.

"Cy" Lynch and George Long were high scorers for Lukens during the three-game play-off series with 38 and 33 points to their credit respectively. However, it was the work of "Wally" Deering, scoring champion of the league last year, who netted five field goals in the final game, four of them in the last half, that was the most important asset to Lukens.

"Garney" Poff and "Tim" Toomey, with 38 and 36 points, stood out for the Laundry. Lukens outscored the Laundry in the series by a single point, 109 to 108.

At the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A. tournament, March 21st and 22nd, Lukens defeated Milton and Forster St. (Harrisburg) before bowing to the Harrisburg Central Team in the semi-finals.

In the Milton game, played Friday night, "Tunis" Olseski caged eleven points to lead the scorers in a 31-20 victory, achieved rather handily. At noon Saturday it was the work of George Long, "Cy" Lynch and Olseski which aided greatly in turning back the Forster St. (colored) Y. M. C. A., by a 28-24 count in a hard fought contest.

With only eight players, including McLean and Poff of the Y. M. C. A. on their squad, and having played two strenuous games in the tournament, the Lukens team went down to defeat, but still fighting hard, in the semi-final game with Harrisburg by a score of 49-30. While their players were still fresh, Lukens held Harrisburg to a 23-18 margin at half time, but did not have the reserves to maintain the pace in the last twenty minutes.

"Cy" Lynch, Plate's nominee for the best player in the county this year, was the star in the Harrisburg tussle with 11 points. George Snyder also played a fine game.

Members of the Lukens team Community League champions, were feted at two banquets last week, one tendered by the company and the other by the league. Those honored included: "Cy" Lynch, George Long, "Wally" Deering, "Tunis" Oleseski, George Snyder, Richard Slider and John Martin. "Perk" Richards is coach of the team and Ezra Dripps manager.

The Plate's All-Community League team for the season is as follows: Long (Lukens), and Toomey (Laundry), forwards; Olseski (Lukens) center; Lynch (Lukens) and Poff (Laundry) guards.

Thumbnail description of a parking space—a sure place to get your tail light torn off.

## A Correction

The fact that there are plenty of good sports at Lukens was again borne out recently when foremen and superintendents of the company "shelled out" \$50, without any hesitation, to help send the Lukens basketball team to Harrisburg to play in the state tournament. Practically every one approached by the funds committee of the basketball team, comprising Ezra Dripps, "Perk" Richards and "Ed" Lake, aided the cause. Every donation, no matter what the amount, was received with the same enthusiasm, courtesy and gratitude by members of the funds committee. Any comment to the contrary, printed or otherwise, was not in accordance with the facts, and is keenly regretted not only by members of the funds committee, but also by members of the Lukens basketball team who wish to take this opportunity to thank every person who supported the venture in any way. They are also grateful for the keen interest displayed in their games played at Harrisburg as reflected in the number of inquiries received while the games were in progress.

## IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD HADDON—former engineer and yardmaster—one of the oldest members of Wawassett Society.

MRS. CHARLES KOPPLE—wife of Charles Kopple, Open Hearth craneman.

MRS. MARTHA McNELLY—mother of Amos McNelly, operator of planer at 206" mill.

MRS. RODGERS—mother of Norwood Rodgers of the Order Department at Main Office.

MRS. ALVINA MARKEY—wife of Michael Markey of 140" mill labor gang.

## Mr. Barnes Advanced

The second advancement within a month for Walter E. Barnes was announced recently when he was named assistant to F. H. Gordon, vice president in charge of sales.

Barnes, a short time previously, had been advanced to the post of Assistant to General Manager of Sales. Previously he was Manager of Claims. His affiliation with Lukens dates back to 1910.

## CHATTERBOX

According to our time dept. correspondents, "Duke" Chambers and "Ben" Elliott, ardent G. O. P. men, are now leaning towards the New Deal \*\*\* say it isn't so \*\*\* and at the same time Becker of the engineering is said to be showing sympathy for the elephant \*\*\* my how things do change \*\*\* "Bill" Krauss at the carpenter shop has been receiving congratulations \*\*\* the Krauss' received a "bundle from heaven" \*\*\* Paul Watkins once lost his false teeth at the race track \*\*\* and was he embarrassed \*\*\* Ezra Dripps resembles Lee Tracy, demon reporter of the movies, when he smokes a cigarette \*\*\* don't you think so \*\*\* one fellow at the pipe shop has pigeons 18 inches long \*\*\* three guesses \*\*\* our idea of a first rate argument \*\*\* Ralph Kennedy vs. "Les" Reynolds \*\*\* "Cy" Lynch went 60 miles to play basketball \*\*\* and then saw his girl in the stands \*\*\* spring is here again for sure \*\*\* "Ches" Taylor ditched the whiskers, wonder if anyone knows what it was all about? \*\*\* "Gus" Zipse is still in the wood business \*\*\* so he says \*\*\* and "Jim" Beecher says his prayers every night before going to bed \*\*\* meanwhile, Raymond Urbine took another airplane lesson last week \*\*\* he should be quite an aviator by now \*\*\* and a couple of June ceremonies are already on the way \*\*\* more about it later \*\*\* did you know that—J. H. McElhinney was formerly captain of the basketball team at the University of Pittsburgh \*\*\* this team was coached by the famed Harry Hough \*\*\* with outside coaches failing to give Coatesville High a championship football team for the past decade \*\*\* why not give a local boy a chance \*\*\* our selections for the pennants this year \*\*\* the Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals \*\*\* and Commonwealth to win the Kentucky Derby \*\*\* have you seen "Bill" Riddle's teeth \*\*\* they're snappy \*\*\*

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, South Sixth Avenue, recently observed their thirtieth wedding anniversary. "Brownie" is a well-known employee at the Lukens Store.

Help prevent waste in plant.  
Help keep the plant clean.

## Busy Summer Is Ahead For Band

An organization which has been in existence more than twenty years and one of which this company can be justly proud is the Lukens Band of 31 members, made up jointly of employees of this company and residents of Coatesville and vicinity.

This group has been instrumental in upholding the position of music in the community since the days of its original sponsorship by Mrs. C. L. Huston. Many good musicians have been developed by the band and the concerts rendered by this group have been on a par with those of professional performers.

Although the field for bands at present is not nearly so opportunity-affording as it has been in the past, the Lukens Band still holds its regular Monday night sessions at the Eagles hall and is looking forward to a fairly active season.

The regular concerts will be given at the three playgrounds of this city during the summer months while bids have also been placed for several jobs at fairs and amusement parks.

Eugene Hunsicker, an employee at the engineering department, is president of the band, and Warren Hohl, Sr., of the Lukens Company Store, is the treasurer. Other officers are, Carrol Mullen, business manager; and Raleigh Hughes, vice president.

William Watai, trombonist, is the only member now active who was a member of the original Lukens Band.

The personnel of the band is as follows: Leader—Chester Mullen; cornets—David Barrett, Benjamin Rubincam, Richard Lyons, Marlin Kuhns (assistant director), Warren Hohl, Jr., and Elmer Thompson; clarinets—Eugene Hunsicker, Charles Mast, William Street, John Herr, Harry Peace, Horace Reynolds, and Lewis Rudisill; drums—Charles Thompson and John Refford, Jr.; trombones—John Refford, Sr., William Watai, Albert Schofstall, Warren Singer, and Charles Northeimer; horns—George Hopton, George Refford, Edward Roylles, and Edward Richards; bass—Parke Parel, Warren Hohl, Sr., and Earl Ross; bass clarinet—Ezra Morrison; baritone—Raleigh Hughes and Edwin Price.

## Assistant To President



W. A. HAUCK

Mr. Hauck has recently been named to this new position.

## Here And There

Don Spackman, Lukenweld executive, and F. H. Gordon, vice president in charge of sales, are back after vacations spent in Florida.

William Riddle, Jr., has been assigned to a position in the Cost Department.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oberholtzer of the Sales Department is back in this city again, after spending a brief period in the Lukens office in New York City where she substituted during the illness of a worker at that place.

R. W. Wolcott, company president, has been named to head the annual funds campaign of the Chester County Boy Scouts which gets underway in the near future.

"Jimmy" Herman and Emory Bachman, during a recent vacation trip to Miami, were playing golf one hole behind a group of players who were robbed and shot. One of the players died. "Close shave" the locals agreed.

A local weekly took a crack at the Lukens Company Store. They said, nothing, however, regarding the \$1,000 relief fund recently expended at that place. Many families benefitted by this generous act.

## Safety First

Safety in the plant is a matter which should constantly be in the mind of every worker in order to insure the well-being of the other fellow and at the same time to protect the individual against mishaps.

It is of course true that a number of the accidents within any plant can be traced to unavoidable circumstances but it is also equally true that just as many injuries to workmen are the result of carelessness on the part of someone.

No finer tribute can be paid a company than the statement "it is a safe place to work." Let's all pull together and make Lukens just such a place. It can be done.

## Boomerang Hits Man

Frank McCreary at the carpenter shop got hit with a boomerang last week and "Barney" Nethrey, the intended victim in the affair, is still laughing up his sleeve as this edition goes to press.

The boomerang was in the form of express charges collect on an old saw, sent back to the carpenter shop by Martin Conway, fuel engineer, after McCreary and several of his henchmen had told Nethrey to take the same saw from the carpenter shop to Conway's residence, as "he wants to use it."

Meanwhile, according to latest rumors, McCreary is trying to get Nethrey to "chip in" on those express charges which he was required to pay when Conway rejected the worn-out gift.

## Representatives Meet

"Ben" Griffith of the test room, old time ball player, has been named to coach the Lukens nine this year it was revealed at the regular meeting of the plant representatives last week.

Suits will be purchased for the team just as soon as a regular squad is picked.

Prizes will be awarded the winning team in the Lukens Duckpin League at the conclusion of the schedule. An elimination duckpin tournament will be held on Monday night (the 15th) at the "Y" alleys.

The trouble with champagne is that it makes you see double but feel single.