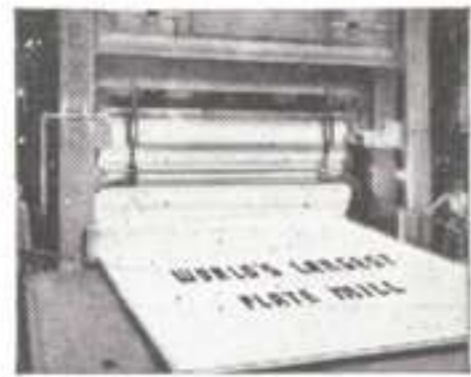




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VACATION LIST GROWS LARGER

Many Now Enjoying Week Off With Pay

There is little room for doubt that both management and workman share alike in benefits received from the vacation plan which is now in effect here for qualified employees.

Everyone feels the urge to "get away from it all" once in a while and the Lukens vacation plan is just the ticket. Employees return to work refreshed to a considerable extent and ready to go back on the job with renewed vigor.

Favorable comment continues to be heard on all sides regarding the vacations as Lukenites are invading all pleasure resorts in this vicinity for their week-off.

Lukens Plate again cautions all employees who are using their car while vacationing to drive carefully. We sincerely trust that no vacations will be marred by motor mishaps.

Those on the recent vacation lists include: Harry McCurdy, Frank Irwin, Charles Broomall, George Sherman, George Montgomery, George Hager, Richard Conner, George Urey, Albert Brewer, Lewis Hannum, George Rhodes, Christian Kennedy, J. Gregor, L. MacHenry, C. Faddis, G. Williams, W. Folke, R. Maxwell, J. Conover, J. Beecher, G. Dunlap, M. Jernigan, G. Wilkinon, J. Middleton, J. Herman, Marlin Kuhn, James Slody, David Smith, Charles Moore, Ahmet Soli, W. J. Acker, E. Magala, J. Kissel, J. Whibley, M. Taylor, G. Harris, J. Holland, P. White, L. Lowery, T. Buckle, E. Perry, B. Perry, J. Mitchell, V. Wood, Frank Ross, Ralph Taylor, H. E. Wright, W. Sagnor, Harry Whiteside, Harold Rubincam, Alex Wilkerson, Fred Rappold, Stanley Kuhn, William Ford, Charles Gurskey, Robert Osborne, A. Gentile, S. Repak, J. Marriszn, Joseph Sazo, Sr., Frank Valente, Edward Marshall, Albert Morton, Frank Swisher, V. Kostolsnskey, F. Frantz, Theodore Ronk, Ralph Rice, P. Robinson, Joseph Gehr, H. Sloan, L. Wallace, E. Sobriensky, F. Bailey, W. Hoyer, H. Keller, C. Gilmore, Charles Hall, Alex Balla, J. Perry, M. Hudock, G.

Meet Leroy



All dressed up like a big boy is this member of the Lukens-family, Leroy Klingler, Jr., two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Klingler. Daddy is a foreman at the 206" Mill Grinders.

Credit Union Members From All Nationalities

In this day with the tide of false nationalism and race prejudice running high, it is refreshing to view the high ideals of the Credit Union where all people, regardless of nation, race, creed or color, are welcome to join and freely receive of all its benefits in a truly democratic way.

A list of the members of the Lukens Employees Federal Union would drive a European dictator wild. More than a dozen different nationalities are represented on the books. The only difficulty experienced is that the treasurer has a tough time when it comes to spelling the names.

The Credit Union has the two-fold purpose of promoting thrift and making loans for worthy purposes.

The word "profit" is not in the Credit Union charter although it can and does pay liberal dividends to share holders.

Smith, F. Smith, William Miller, Paul Taran, David Elmer, William Haines, Lloyd Wolfe, Clarence Yarnall, Herman Weaver, Frank Showalter, William Gordon, C. J. Alferez, Paul Myers, Charles White, Harry Connell, Joseph Donato, William Jackson, Mike Monko, Paul Kerupist, William Biggan, S. Nolodziej, Frank Perekinka, John Riddle.

Eight Employees Share \$65 Suggestion Awards

Cash awards amounting to \$65.00, shared by eight employees, were announced last week by the Suggestion Committee, and represented both the largest amount of money and the largest number of employees to share in the cash dividends from suggestions in many months.

Heading the list of winners was Samuel Forbes, one of our oldest employees, who received \$25.00, for an accepted suggestion pertaining to the Flanging Department.

There were a trio of \$10.00 suggestion winners including William Jobe, John Psarto and Raymond Barnes. Coming in for \$2.50 each for their accepted ideas were Howard Griest, Lloyd Russell, Edward Spence and David Smith.

An award of \$2.50 also went to Robert Maitland, a former Lukens employee, whose last known address was 315 Lumber St., this city. Maitland may receive this money by calling at the Employment Office.

Both the members of the Suggestion Committee and the management were considerably heartened by the great number of suggestions received recently.

As always, the management is ready and willing to pay cash to all employees who submit ideas which will provide for the more efficient operation of our plant or promote safer working conditions.

If you have any ideas which you believe are of definite value, don't hesitate to submit them. They are assured prompt consideration by an impartial committee.

Main Office Girls Make Bowling Debut

The girls bowling team of the Lukens Main Office made a belated debut at the "Y" alleys the other night and dropped a close match to the Coatesville Independents, 1958 to 2031.

Betty Coates was the star of the contest, putting together games of 158, 176 and 131 for a nifty 465 total. Marion Miller had games of 101, 102 and 121; Anne Griffith hit 79, 113 and 113, and Mrs. Eddie Carpenter scored 102, then a commendable 174 and finished with 123.

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One Minute Pulpit

The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him. 1 Cor. 2:14.

Silver Dollars

A short time ago, a company in the Midwest took care of one of its payrolls in silver dollars.

It was more than just a "stunt"—it represented a vivid demonstration of what the industrial dollar actually means to the community in which busy factories are situated.

As these silver dollars passed over store counters, and from hand to hand throughout the town, the community could not help but realize how important industry was to its welfare.

Thus in a new way, something was emphasized that we all realize in the abstract, but are all too inclined to forget most of the time.

It's been reliably estimated that a factory employing 150 men will have located around it, and largely depending upon it, a community that stacks up as follows: a population of 1650 persons, 33 retail stores and retail sales of over half a million dollars, sales and service for 320 automobiles, 393 occupied homes, and opportunities for two dozen professional men.

In short, when the factory pays it wages in silver dollars, the rest of the community is surprised and delighted at the amount of silver that passes through its hands. But no matter whether paid in silver or paper, the money circulates just as rapidly and just as thoroughly through the town.

The industrial payroll's an absolute necessity to the average community in which a factory is located—but you don't usually realize it till it's brought home to you!

Electricians Have Fine Time On Visit

Employees of the Open Hearth Electrical Maintenance Department, twenty strong, invaded Birdsboro last week for a visitation to the Birdsboro Steel Foundry and Machine Company.

The entire trip was a fine success from every angle and the electricians were so well pleased that they are talking of another visit to the same place in the near future.

The party left Coatesville at 5:30 and arrived an hour later at a Birdsboro restaurant where a delicious chicken dinner was served.

The electricians traveled in "style,"

Halo-Charley



Charley Pratt, Machine Shop tool room, must have had a halo on his chest when this photo was snapped 15 years back.

Ross' See Graduation

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Ross, this city, were at Springfield, Mass., last Sunday to witness the graduation of their son, Dean Ross, during the annual commencement exercises at Springfield College. The father is employed at the Electric Department.

While at Springfield, Dean Ross participated in many extra-curricular activities and compiled a fine class roll record. He is a graduate of Coatesville High School.

"It was a real pleasure to witness the exercises," commented Frank Ross on returning to work.

taking along the well-known Poltrone boys, who furnished music while the dinner was in progress.

Then followed the inspection trip through the Birdsboro plants. Points inspected included the iron, steel and rolls foundry. Of special interest was a huge 70-ton steel casting.

The party returned to the restaurant for light refreshments and more music, following the visitation. A serious effort was made to induce Ben Kelly to call "figures" but he wouldn't produce.

Paul Gordon liked the mints; Alec DeMarco passed up the spaghetti; Sam Irwin went for the pretzels and Frank Ross enjoyed the scenery.

The return trip home was uneventful except that Harry Mock, one of the drivers, got lost en route. This comes under the heading of news due to the fact that Harry was born in Birdsboro and lived in Coatesville for 30 years.

Those who made the trip were: Harry Mock, John Lusky, Charles Witmer, Dave Wertz, Harold Hall, Frank Lied, Alex DeMarco, Art Townsley, Paul Gordon, William Miller, Floyd Lynch, George Donnelly, Scott Roberts, Samuel Irwin, Francis Slaymaker, Walter Hoffman, Paul Woodward, Ben Kelly, Frank Ross and George Bernard.

"WHY LUKENS IS AT COATESVILLE"

Compiled from Company and County Records by Stewart Huston in collaboration with George M. Gillen.

PART II. REBECCA WEBB LUKENS

Rebecca Webb Lukens, who took over the management of our business when it was in its infancy, has left such a stamp on the present Lukens Steel Company that her girlhood and early education have marked interest. According to tradition, she was born in a small house where her parents were then living near the "Buck Run" or "Federal" Slitting Mill. In 1798, when Isaac Pennock reacquired the Slitting Mill and moved back to Buck Run, Rebecca was only four years old. Most of her childhood impressions thus would have been formed at Buck Run.

While her parents were strict Quakers, she tells in her memories that she was indulged by her father and allowed to do much as she pleased by her mother, who was "occupied with the care of an increasing family."

One of her greatest pleasures was being permitted to spend a week occasionally with some older cousins, "a brother and two sisters," who "were the first to endeavor to train my mind and give it its proper bias." Isaac Pennock, "affluent in his circumstances, had spent a few years in the metropolis of our country to give his family the advantages of education." On returning to the country Rebecca was "placed at a boarding school," where she "continued for a year."

Soon this arrangement was changed. After spending a short time with her family, Rebecca went to a "different seminary" in the "pleasant town of W——," where the young lady soon found herself at the head of all her classes.

Quite candidly she remarks that "the wealth and respectability of my father made many eagerly seek my favour," and her free hours were spent "in the rambling propensity, which had almost grown with my growth. Every beautiful and romantic situation was explored with unabated enthusiasm."

The head of the school was "a minister in the religious society of friends," and when "he showed to us the wonderful order of the Heavenly bodies, he dwelt with energy on the Great Glorious Architect."

(to be continued)

If you are not sharing in the many advantages afforded the more than 1,000 members of the Lukens Credit Union it will be to your advantage to investigate the plan.

Lukenites Active In Successful Parade

Scores of Lukens employees took a prominent part in the first annual parade staged by the Chester County Firemen's Association, held here last Saturday afternoon with 4,500 men in the line of march and 20,000 spectators watching the spectacle.

George Miller, Coatesville Fire Chief, served as grand marshal for the entire parade. Other Lukenites who acted as marshalls for the various divisions included Raymond March, Raymond Clark and Peter Kabli.

Lukens employees were in the majority among the marchers from three Coatesville fire companies in the first division of the parade.

Both the parade and the social events which followed in the evening were a great success from every angle and stamped Coatesville as playing the part of the perfect host.

All of the visiting firemen were enthusiastic about the reception they received here and left town praising the Coatesville brand of hospitality.

Lukens Plate salutes our remarkable volunteer firemen, including many of our own employees, for doing a swell job with the parade.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT MACKEY

Employed here, except with a brief interruption of service, since 1900. Mackey worked in the loading banks during his entire employment with Lukens, having served as foreman at the 84" Mill Loading Bank since February 9th of 1936. Mackey relinquished his position at the 84" Mill on the 20th of December, 1939, due to illness. His death occurred on May 30th.

R. FARNUM HILTON

Employed as a time checker at Lukenweld since May 1st, this year. Death was due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident on May 30th.

Store Employees Enjoy Second Annual Picnic

Employees at the Lukens Store, members of their families and friends, were present at Carpenter's Point, Md., last Sunday afternoon for the second annual picnic and succeeded in having a great time.

The entire party, numbering about 70 people, set up their picnic tables on the lawn of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chambers and had a gala day of swimming in Chesapeake Bay, pitching quoits and generally doing as they pleased.

Not the least among the features was the picnic lunch which was a

story in itself. There was everything to eat that anyone could imagine.

Tops among the quoit pitchers for the day were Oscar Mallalieu, Raymond Caldwell and George Galloway.

Employees from the store who were present for the picnic included Warren Hohl, Herb Trupe, John Evans, Elmer Platt, George Galloway, Raymond Caldwell, Lou Wilson, Tommy Spencer, Carl Zipse, Ed Brown, Clyde Brown, William Kennedy and Fred Mallalieu.

Lukens Band Active

Lukens Steel Company's crack band, numbering 25 pieces, will make their public debut for the season tomorrow night at the Pomeroy Fire Company Fair. On Saturday night the Lukens Band will travel to Kennett Square and perform at a fair at that place. Other engagements are listed for the near future. Warren Hohl of the Employees Store is business manager of the band and will be glad to hear from any concerns wishing the services of the Lukens Band during the summer months.

Use of a higher proportion of scrap and consequent lower proportion of pig iron in the "charge" of raw materials reduces the total time needed to refine the charge into steel of uniform high quality. This is one of the principal reasons for the increase in productivity of open hearth furnaces in the past decade.

One of the Main Office girls celebrated her birthday last week.

"Did she take the day off?"

"The day? She took two years off!"

Pipe Shop Fishermen Garner 46 Specimens

There was loud wailing and gnashing of the teeth last week when the Pipe Shop went fishing at Bowers Beach and returned home with the grand total of 46 fish to show for their efforts.

After getting lost in the fog en route the Pipe Shoppers finally made the bay and went about their business but it was a case of not much luck. Those who made the trip were Roland Bonsall, Jack Moore, Tom Scott, Bob McCoy, Ernie Trionfetti, Happy Taylor, Frank Steele and Lloyd Wolfe. Tom Scott won the prize for the first fish and Lloyd Wolfe for the biggest one.

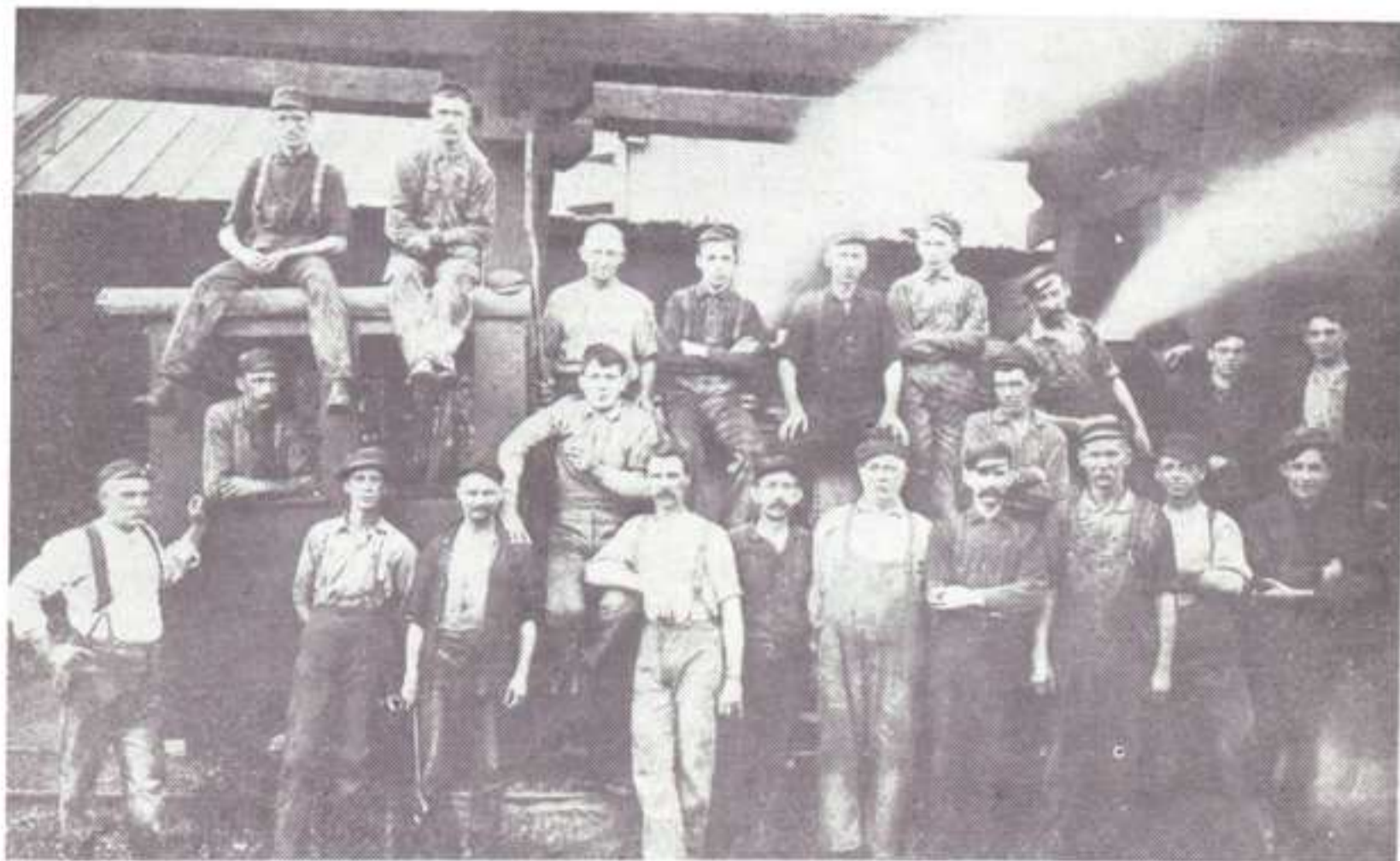
Favored by ideal conditions, with the bay as smooth as glass, a party from the Mill Office enjoyed a day of fishing on Sunday, June 2nd, at Cedar Beach on the Delaware Bay.

John Nelson's consistency in catching two fish at a time was a notable feature, excelled only by the remarkable casting done by Heime Conquest, who "out-casted" everybody in the group by nine miles. Sam Kimes, who has a secret yen to be a captain in the Navy, took command of the boat from the start and did all right.

Those from Lukens who made the trip included: Polly Preston, Art Franciscus, George Kellenberger, Robert Murphy, Heime Conquest, Horace Swisher, John Nelson, Morris Faddis, Eugene Garrett, Frank Rissell, Lesh Townsend, Sam Kimes and Dinie Steen.

Oh yes, we almost forgot, the party succeeded in nabbing a total of 140 fish of divers types.

Old 112" Mill Group



These employees at the 112" Mill, more than 35 years ago, made convenient use of the locomotive as a back-drop for an imposing picture. Despite the fact that the steam was flying from the locomotive, these old Lukenites, a few of whom are still here, managed to "hold that pose." Here are the men in the picture who were identified: Leonard Thompson, Frank Sharp, Walter Cross, Ellis White, William Gilbert, Thomas Bengel, J. Townsend, Frank Walker, John Johnson, E. Hamilton, Rodney Martin, Horace White and John Wright.

45 NOW NUMBERED ON COMP. SICK LIST

Forty-five Lukenites are now on the sick and injured list with the large majority of these being off due to illness.

Lukens Plate extends best wishes to these people for a speedy recovery from their ailment and wishes them an early return to their jobs.

Those on the sick list are John Kolodziej, Walter Cephas, Trevis Kinsky, Patsy Sansinia, Clarence Hanaway, Joseph DiDavide, Arthur Winfield, Samuel Reed, James Mendenhall, William Root, Joseph Stanley, Bertram Ferguson, Wilmurt Albright, Lewis Branson, Elvin Brickus, Robert Hoffman, Frank Roberts, Edward Devore, Parke Rife, James Dowlin, Fred Shaver, Earl Benner, William R. Hamilton, Wilfred Stackhouse, J. Arthur Mann, Frank Thompson, Frank Sergovis, Emanuel Jones, Nicola Di Clerico, Benjamin Fiester, Richard Dowlin, Hope Womble, Michael Sheridan, Charles Richards, David Gilbert, Howard Harvey, Fred Fisher, Harry Downing, Norman Franciscus, Melvin Kuhn, Gorman Norton, Havard Nixon, Earl Washington, Frank Nagy and John Man-kow.

CHATTERBOX

Max Steinwachs comes forth with a plea for his orange fountain pen *** which he lost between the Mill Office and No. 1 gate *** finder please note and return *** many Lukenites attended a June 1st wedding at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour *** the bride was the daughter of Louis Jervis and the groom the son of Feree Trout *** Tony Scamuffa was welcomed back to work at the steel yard recently *** following an extended illness *** congratulations to Joe Scahill of the President's Office *** who was recently graduated from the Temple University Evening School of Commerce *** everybody is ready and waiting for the hot weather *** which reminds us to remind you to make liberal use of the salt tablets placed at convenient spots in the plant *** the Plate also extends congratulations to an old friend, Miss Grace Griggs *** who was recently a bride *** Mike Reymos, Flangers, came home from Delaware Park via Philadelphia last week *** the favorites at Delaware, incidentally, are performing in a style which is highly disgusting to the locals *** the betting is even money that George Armentrout, Machine Shop, doesn't get through June *** that combination of Leap Year and June is a tough one ***

Join the Credit Union.

Automobile Could Travel Plenty Fast In 1910 Says Joe Hopson, Then A Factory Demonstrator



The man at the wheel of this 1910 Chadwick car is our own Joe Hopson who avers that he could coax 72 miles an hour out of this baby. Joe was a factory demonstrator for the Chadwick people at their Pottstown factory in those days.

During a noon-time conversation somebody mentioned Wilbur Shaw, winner of the Indianapolis Speedway contest on Memorial Day with an average speed of 115 miles per hour. All parties agreed that was nice traveling for the 500-mile route and marveled at the speed of present-day machines.

"No question about it," said Joe Hopson, foreman of the Miscellaneous Mechanical Repair Department, "but automobiles used to travel pretty swift in the old days too."

Pressed for details, Joe, who for 13 years served as factory demonstrator for various auto concerns, recalled that he had seen some machines "do 120 miles an hour as far back as 1911 and this on a water-bound macadam road."

One of Hopson's prized souvenirs

at home is a hubcap off a racing machine which he helped service and which turned-turtle in a 1910 race when the driver attempted to take a curve at 75 miles an hour.

As a matter of fact, Joe used to go in for speed in a mild way himself, for some time holding the unofficial auto speed record from Philadelphia (Chestnut and Broad) to Coatesville during 1911-12, which trip he knocked off in one hour and seven minutes.

Hopson recalls that there were no less than seven toll gates between Coatesville and Philadelphia in those days and that the toll each way amounted to seventy cents.

Although he has never witnessed the Indianapolis Speedway test, Hopson is still a frequent spectator at auto races at Langhorne, Pottstown and Reading and gets a big kick out of the proceedings.

Seven Veterans Round Out Service Records During The Month Of June---Congratulations

Congratulations to these seven Lukens employees, who are celebrating their anniversaries of joining the company. During the month of June each one completes 20, 25, 30, 35 or 50 years of service with Lukens Steel Company.

Here are the seven who have given their best work to Lukens Steel Company for many years:

Name	Service Date	Years Service	Position
Michael J. Butler	June 1890	50	Police
John W. Refford	June 1905	35	140"—Foreman
Maurice Eaches	June 1, 1910	30	140" Loading Bank, Craneman
Harry Jervis	June 10, 1910	30	Testing Recorder
Jesse Gaines	June 7, 1920	20	Locomotive Conductor
Paul Kempest	June 22, 1920	20	Third Pitman, Open Hearth
Felix Polhanus	June 22, 1920	20	140" Sidehand

Many Lukenites Are In Twilight League

Lukens employees are once again numbered among the performers on each of the teams in the City Twilight Baseball League which is again

presenting its usual sterling brand of ball nightly at Central Park. This league has provided great entertainment for the ball fans locally for a number of years and this season's race promises to be one of the best in history. Come out and see the games and support the league.