

Suggestions Bring Cash To Many

Twenty-Three Share In July-August Awards

Fourteen men shared in the July suggestion awards and nine more were benefitted by the August recommendations, according to announcement made by P. C. Haldeman, chairman of the committee.

The July winners and their awards included:

William Gabriel—weld plate on place board from floor to inspectors' office at 84" turn over tables, \$2; lights over short conveyor at north end of 84" mill, \$2.50.

Charles R. Vandever—installation of plate glass panels in front doors of main office, \$2.50.

George Reymos, Jr.—platform for narrow gauge trucks for handling ingots with bottom knots, \$2.

Arthur E. Scheid—new style wrench for safe removal of 3" nuts at 206" engine, \$2.

John Dudas—change in posi-

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Mill Office Shorts

Roy Shank, Jr., spends much of his off-time emulating Frank Buck. Roy is a snake hunter but doesn't bring 'em back alive.

The office force is curious to know why M. Watterson calls a certain Main Office number at such frequent intervals.

John Stringer is recuperating from a recent operation. Members of the mill office force extend wishes for a speedy recovery.

Lou Goodman is back from his vacation and reports that he is fit as a fiddle.

Max Steinwachs is still receiving congratulations for winning the city comptroller nomination on the Republican ticket. Nice going, Max, now you can worry about those Army-Navy tickets.

Main Office Notes

Miss Marian Emery, tabulating department, and Ralph Bussinger, order department, were married Saturday, September 14th, at the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bussinger.

Recent seashore visitors—Miss Emeline Moulder, Miss Celeste Marsh, and Miss Irma McNamee.

Some real good news—Mrs. Eleanor Sydenstricker, telephone operator, has thrown away her "walking stick."

Miss Estella Barnes and Miss Sheffie Ryder toured the New England States during their vacation.

The four best rummy players in the Sales Department—Earl Kimes, Norwood Rogers, Joe Frantz and Walt Miller.

Sam McCarter has a new worry these days. Keeping cats out of the basement, especially wildcats.

Male Chorus To Be Organized Here

Mr. Hofmann Calls For Volunteers

Do we sing because we're happy or are we happy because we sing?

An old question, we will admit, but, at any rate, when we're singing there is no place, within a country mile, for the blues.

All of which brings us to the point that Lukens is ready and anxious to sponsor a men's chorus to be active during the coming fall and winter season.

There are a lot of mighty fine singers in this company, according to Herman Hofmann, chairman of the recreational and educational committee of the general plant committee, who is in charge of organizing the chorus.

Hofmann would like nothing better than to hear from some of these vocalists from every

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Nomination And Election In Oct.

All Employees Urged To Vote

Plant representatives and company representatives, to the number of thirty-four, attended the annual joint meeting of these groups held at a dinner session at the cafeteria on Monday evening, Sept. 23.

The feature of the meeting was the annual report of activities of the plant representative committee, which showed that this group has been quite active during the past year, with many accomplishments to their credit.

This report will be published in the October edition of the Lukens Plate.

Company officials also attended the joint session, as invited guests, and were called upon for remarks.

It was brought out at this session that the present representatives are anxious that all employees take advantage of their opportunity to participate in the nomination and election of 1935-36 representatives, which will take place next month.

Toward this end, a new and far more effective system of handling the nominations and

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Flower Gardens Prove To Be Pretty Sight

The flower gardens maintained at the carpenter shop, oil loading station, and the By-Products, are at their prettiest this month and have proved to be a real source of satisfaction.

The various flowers at Tom Morgan's department are probably the most colorful of the three places. The oil station boasts some beautiful plants, while the fire-bush at the By-Products is outstanding.

Persons who visited the plant this month have been agreeably surprised by the spectacle of flowers growing in a steel mill. They all agreed that the flowers here would do justice to any home.

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Three Groups Bunched For Safety Honors

The safety race for the 11th period came within an ace of being a triple tie, three divisions being separated by less than a point margin.

Open Hearth Department, Division No. 1, just nosed in the winner with a 93.4% mark. Division No. 5, maintained their remarkable no lost-time accident record and took second place with 93.1%, while Mechanical Shops, Division No. 4, wound up third with 93%.

The Plate Mills, Division No. 2, were slightly lower with 87.6% followed in fifth place by Division No. 3, Miscellaneous Shops, which had one lost time accident, the only one of the period, and which brought their total down to 47.9%.

The feature of the twelfth period, which is virtually complete, is the maintenance of the no lost-time accident record by Division No. 5, a department employing more than 350 men. They have now gone 173 days without a lost time accident.

All of the divisions are striving to make the thirteenth period, last of the fiscal year, the best of the whole time. With cooperation from all of the workmen this is entirely within the realm of possibilities.

Corn Disappears At Pipe Shop Dinner

An old-fashioned corn roast, featuring the famous "Atglen specials" from Jack Moore's corn field, was held recently at the pipe shop.

The pipe-fitters had a regular banquet table for the occasion and managed to stow away all the corn and fixins' within a remarkably short time.

Harold Kinsey topped the list of corn-eaters, there being no less than seventeen dismantled ears along side his plate when the festivities were over.

Charley Miles headed the other extreme. He ate only three grapes.

One of the features of the meal was that there were no speeches whatsoever. Ed Ris-

sell started to outline a couple of the fitters' history but gave it up because of lack of time.

Norm Franciscus was a committee of one in charge of preparations for the meal and did a good job of it.

Those present included: Wybert Seachrist, Norman Franciscus, Ed Rissell, Harold Kinsey, Jack Moore, Charley Miles, Tom Scott, Ed Lake, John Jehas, and Bob Finnigan.

Here And There

Mr. and Mrs. Paul March returned this week after a 4-day cruise from Philadelphia to Boston. They made the trip on the S. S. Berkshire.

William C. Simpson has been transferred from the Research department to the Sales division at the Main Office.

Curtis Brown, at the flangers watchbox, does some game preserving on the side. He keeps the cats away from the young rabbits in that vicinity.

After being absent from work since March, due to illness, Earl Issacs returned to his position at the 84" motor room and was warmly welcomed back to the fold.

John Newlin, former steel inspector, who had been ill since last September, returned to work last week. He is now employed at the Metallurgical Department, replacing John Kirk, who resigned his position.

Stewart Anderson, who has been ill for many months, is reported recovering satisfactorily. Mearns McCummings, off since June 14th, is also recovering in fine shape.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ABBIE SIMMERS

Mrs. Abbie Simmers—mother of Irving, Clarence, Pennock and Clyde Simmers, paint shop employees. Died while visiting the home of Irving Simmers.

CHILDREN

Daughter, 8 months old, of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunnell. The father is employed as crane runner in 206" mill.

Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lammey. The father is employed at the mill office.

At The By-Products

Don Hatfield is now honeymooning in Canada. He intends to go back next summer and see the place.

Charley Mast, By-Products and Lukens third baseman, would rather meet a hard hit ball than a beer truck any day.

Anyone in a matrimonial frame of mind, please consult Dick Slider before proceeding further.

Gus Shenk has purchased his third set of bedroom slippers since joining the Floor Walker's Union. Little Richard is almost as handsome as the pater.

It is rumored that Fricky Richards sure missed that right hand of his while it was in a cast.

Why do Harry Galloway and Barney Richards walk around with that sweet smile of anticipation on their countenances?

Howard Chester Rudisill is always asking Johnny Horshock for grub-worms. Did anyone ever see any fish?

"Pretty Boy", alias Cow-Girl Dickens, swears he was mistaken for Gene Raymond while sauntering around Philly the other day.

Nomination And Election In Oct.

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elections has been developed, namely:

1. The dates have been set for Friday, October 11th, and Friday, October 25th. Both of these dates are pay-days and practically every employee will be present.

2. Election of officers will be at the First Avenue and Strode Avenue pay gates for both nominations and elections from the hours of 6 A. M. to 7 P. M., in order to afford everyone a chance to cast his vote without confusion. To avoid congestion and delay it is strongly urged that all employees vote before the paying-off takes place.

Chairman Joseph Lovell, of the plant representatives, who has rendered excellent services in this capacity, expressed the hope that every employee would vote at the elections.

Vote at October plant election.

Hundreds Here For Visitation

Novel Idea Is a Huge Success

A complete success from every angle—such is the consensus of opinion regarding the first annual visitation period observed by Lukens which ended last week after attracting hundreds of visitors from all parts of the East.

Many relatives and friends of Lukens' employees, who had been waiting for the opportunity to visit the plant and see for themselves how steel is made, were greatly pleased with what they saw and said so, in plain terms, upon completion of their tours.

Most of the outsiders stared in wide-eyed wonderment as they glimpsed the spectacular tapping process at the Open Hearth; watched the hot ingots passed through the rolling mills; and witnessed the shaping of heads on the fast-traveling flanging machines.

As an indication of the educational value offered by the visitation program, schools availed themselves of the opportunity and sent whole classes here to see the mills in operation.

Plant officials responsible for arranging the visitation declared that the favorable comments received indicated that the plan was of real merit.

Gathered At the 206-140.

Dal Johnson is practicing to look like a constable—just in case.

Lew Cramer has one pet dislike these days. Ask him about liquidation.

Glenn Orr still goes for those tickets on anything at all. He figures this is his lucky year.

Albert Kahler is quite the paperhanger. His last job, they say, required about a month.

George Best now sincerely believes that he gets his vacation every other week—at the 140.

Hayfoot—"Hey, your shoes are mixed; you've got the left shoe on the right foot."

Strawfoot—"And here for twenty years I thought I was club-footed."

CHATTERBOX

Robert W. Wolcott enjoys horseback riding and golfing *** Comptroller W. J. Bassett has a fine hobby *** it's teaching a Sunday School class *** Walter Burr's Iron Rose Bible Class at the Presbyterian is a fine group *** one of the most active in the state *** Ray Wolfe is a radio fan par excellence *** his favorite entertainers are Honeyboy and Sassafaras *** Joe Barnes will have reason to remember the recent rainstorm *** what a time to select to fall down and go boom *** Frank Hollingsworth is always on the alert *** never misses a trick *** Bill Maxwell at the company store has a special dislike *** it's Dizzy Dean and his capers *** Lou Bunting has a start on the other bowlers *** he practiced this summer at Ocean City *** did you know *** that Gil Hatfield served in the Canadian army *** Ed and Ted Rissell were recent visitors at the Pocono Mountains *** getting the low down before the hunting season opens *** Elisha (new blood) McGuigan is reported in need of a transfusion himself *** how did the election suit you, Lish *** Harvey Poor and Denny Smith were recent visitors in Delaware State *** that's Harvey's home grounds *** Reds Byerly is proud as a peacock these days *** all because he got a new shotgun *** just as close as ham and eggs *** Johnny Johnson and his favorite cigars *** Nathaniel Morris was pepped up recently *** discussing the prospects at the 'Graw *** Slaymaker the electrician has applied for a patent on his latest invention *** the hand-operated mouse-trap, and it really works *** Ben Elliott is figuring on stocking Elmer Chamber's swimming pool with trout during the off-season *** Yank Carson will furnish the trout *** Ed Finnefrock's red sweet potatoes are running wild *** he may have to build a wall around his garden *** Walt Thompson is going to build a green-house *** and raise strawberries in January *** Charley Toomey is a fight fan *** sports of all sorts are what suits him *** we nominate Francis Mundy *** for the best dressed man in the U. M. *** Charley McCorkle doesn't like publicity *** that's o. k. Charley ***

Vote at October plant election.

Help prevent waste in plant.

Lukenites Enjoy Visit To New York

Many Lukens employees and their wives were among the members of a Sunday School class from the local Methodist Church which visited New York City recently for an all-day sightseeing tour conducted personally by George L. Gordon, Lukens General Manager of Sales, who is now located in New York. Miss Dorothy Fulmer, Gordon's secretary, ably assisted in escorting the visitors.

According to the Lukenites, the most interesting place visited was the famous Radio City, headquarters for the National Broadcasting Company.

Among those who made the trip were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Willard, Mr. and Mrs. William Krauss, Franklin Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Max Steinwachs, Ed Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cawthorne, and French George.

UNBEATABLE

Last night I held a little hand,
So dainty and so sweet;
I thought my heart would surely
break,
So wildly did it beat.

No other hand in all the world,
Could greater solace bring,
Than that sweet hand I held last
night;
Four Aces and a King.

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section of the plant, and line up a fine volunteer group within a short time.

Such an organization, upon completion, would be a real credit to Lukens Steel Company and a source of pride to all the workers.

Are you vocalists willing to give one evening a week to such an organization? Think it over, then get in touch at once with either Herman Hofmann, Open Hearth department, or Lou Jervis at the chemical laboratory.

Let's get behind this movement and put it over in typical Lukens fashion. Come on boys, sing it.

Participate in nomination and election of representatives in October.

Ball Season Over Bowling On Deck

Lukens Nine Loses, But By-Products Win

For the second consecutive year the Caln baseball team was responsible for the elimination from all further consideration of the Lukens nine in the Twilight League when they downed the representatives' nine, 3-1, in an all-important game at Central Park.

The brand of twirling put on view by Hen Jefferies, stellar Caln hurler, was just a little too much for the Lukenites in this game and they could do little with his slants at any time.

Dee Mowery pitched a good game for Lukens but was helpless because of his teammates weakness at bat. In defeat, though, the Lukens nine again put up a creditable showing and was far from disgraced by their efforts.

Members of the team are now looking forward with great interest to the annual banquet to be given by the Twilight League from the net profits accumulated during the season, which are in excess of \$200.

Bowling Season.

With baseball a thing of the past for another year, the By-Products nine having clinched the Inter-Plant League title, interest among Lukenites is now turned toward bowling, that popular indoor sport.

In all probability the Lukens Duckpin League, a success last season, will be re-organized and ready to go within a short time.

More than forty bowlers were active with the six teams in this circuit last year. The Metallurgical Department, captained by Charley Wilson, walked off with all the honors.

Unless some of the other teams gain quite a bit of new strength it is hard to see how anyone will be able to stop the champions from repeating the trick this winter.

Gilbert Hatfield, captain of the Travellers team, ten pin champions at the "Y" in 1934-35, and Lou Bunting, captain of the Mozarts who were runners-up in the hot race, are also lining their players up preparatory to another sizzling campaign.

Les Reynolds will likely make another attempt to get some of the good Lukens' bowlers on the Lukens team in the ten pin league while Ed Lake will strive

to build the Orioles into a winning combination.

The majority of these four teams are composed of Lukens employees and any one of them figures to win the title during the coming season.

Basketball.

Meanwhile, the plant representatives basketball team, champions of the city in 1934-35, will have to mark time for a couple of months before they swing into action. From all appearances the boys will again be there or thereabouts when the curtain has been rung down.

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tion of ladder to 206" floor crane, \$2.

Clyde Mann—new tool head on machine shop planer, \$5.

Charles H. Powell—changes in engineer's seat in gas locomotive, \$2.

Paul G. Hutchinson—method for handling roll drivers used in grinding rolls, \$2.

L. W. Townsend—rack for holding correspondence on desks, \$1.

Alexander Ratony—improvement of switch handle for Hercules electric grinder, \$2.50.

Herbert Hufnell—derail on car repair track, \$2.

Paul March—plate on top of accumulator to take control weight, \$5.

Francis Cummins—salvage of pins used with order sheets, \$1.

E. J. Dunn—improvement for Lukens exhibit at Sun gas station, \$1.

The August recommendations were as follows:

Thomas Morgan—cut off track between 140" loading bank and carpenter shop to enlarge roadway, \$2.50.

Joe Hopson—remove wooden timbers over 112" mill, \$2.50.

D. J. Donato—electric horn on hydraulic accumulator at 84" mill, \$5.

Lloyd A. Reel—use space at No. 11 furnace for lining furnace doors, \$2.

Patsy Cazillo—changes in flat plate used in sand blaster, \$2.

John Warihay, Jr.—changes to O. H. No. 3 crusher chute, \$2.

William Ford—carrier for flanging machine, \$2.

George Myers—extra window in cab of 22 and 23 gas locomotives, \$5.

Robert Patton—hook for removing head from peel on straightening block, \$2.

Lukenweld Wins Praise For Work

Main Frame Of Engine Welded Here

A twin-six engine made by the Winton Engine Manufacturing Corporation, of Cleveland, equipped with a main frame welded by Lukenweld, recently completed 210,000 miles continuous service on the Union Pacific Railroad before any repairs were necessary.

This almost incredible accomplishment, which far outstrips records achieved by steam locomotives, was reported by Ira Brown, Lukenweld employee, upon his return from a week's work at the Union Pacific car shops in Omaha, Nebraska, where the repairs and alterations were finally made.

Brown stated that the engine, used to power a three-car streamlined high-speed train operating out of Omaha had performed in such a manner as to exceed the fondest hopes of the railroad officials.

The record of the engine is all the more outstanding because of the type of country in which it was accomplished. The Union Pacific route into Omaha is for a large part over mountainous country, placing the engine under a constant strain.

Lukenweld officials were heartened by the performance of their structure in the engine on the Union Pacific and have utmost confidence that there is a great future in this field.

At The Flangers

Sam Forbes seen electioneering for Bergstrom; but it is understood that the chicken for the victory feed went bad. Izzat so, Sam?

Jack Reach, right hand man of Mussolini, seen recruiting help. If you want to go to Ethiopia, see Jack.

Bill Mowery vigorously denying companionship of Father Coughlin.

Bill Wolfe and Wally Deering discussing problems of international importance.

Marty O'Neil has started the bowling season right. He got trimmed in a sweepstakes affair at Downingtown recently.