



RAY GASKIN, OLD-TIMER AT LINDEMAN'S, DIES



Well, he gets his picture in the News Cast again. I remember we had quite a time getting this picture of Ray which is not necessarily a good picture but I think very typical. We ran it in our first issue of News Cast because he was, other than Ross Lindeman and myself, the oldest member of this organization. He, Ross, and I cut and punched the steel, blacksmithed (not forged), bolted and painted (with a brush) a lot of disc harrows, disc ditchers and fruit trailers in the early years of our manufacturing efforts together.

I think Ray was better known to most fruit growers in the Yakima Valley than any single person outside of their own immediate personal friends and ranch managers. I can't recall that he ever had a cross word with any customer though he always upheld the company's rights in any discussion. This does not mean that Ray didn't stand up for what he thought was right. He could put more emphasis and meaning in his, I believe, only cuss word "dad gum-it" than the best "mule skinner" with all of his cuss words. I know, for I had him, on more than one occasion, tell me exactly where I stood and why, and when he had finished I didn't have much to say because he usually stood on sound ground in whatever he did or said.

On, if I recall correctly, his 52nd birthday we held a party which was attended by all employees of the company, at that date numbering approximately 15, at which we

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FOUR VETERANS REJOIN LINDEMAN

Kenneth Gaskin, welder, Claude Hauver, foundry, Pete Austin and Jean Walker also of foundry are back on the job after receiving discharges from the service. They were all former Lindeman men.

Discharged veterans new on Lindeman rolls are Gilbert Beckwith, experimental engineer, James W. Hall, machinist helper, Leo Riesland, machinist helper, Gene C. Johnson, machinist, Vernon J. Wilcox, helper, Charles McOmber, draftsman, Francis Ertz, mechanic, Ronald Warren, machinist, Roland Weaver, inspector's assistant, David Gazzola, machinist, and D. A. Wilkins, machinist.

Other new employees are Jess S. Boche, furnace man, Burton Jones, forging, Henry Cordes, engineer, Louis Koebrick, machinist, William Gannon, helper, Floyd Barrick, helper, Lester Hilton, engineer,

EMPLOYEES CLASSES TO BEGIN SOON

Some time ago questionnaires regarding employee classes in blue print reading, geometric layout, shop arithmetic, etc., were sent out with the payroll to all employees. Quite a number of these questionnaires have been turned in indicating a desire for such classes. It is planned to get them underway soon. It is felt that these classes will provide valuable information to all who are interested in the subjects offered.

If you had intended to return your questionnaire but misplaced it there are more available at the engineering office.

HELP! CLOTHES WANTED IN NATIONAL DRIVE

Unneeded here, old clothing is desperately needed abroad by the war ravaged people who are our one time allies in arms.

A quick look in the closet, basement or attic at home will discover an old, unwanted garment that will give warmth to some man, woman, or child who is cold, wet and miserable.

Discarded coats, sweaters, shoes, dresses, suits, etc., are wanted. For your convenience a collection barrel has been placed in the stock room. Bring something tomorrow morning that will help answer the plea of the suffering people abroad.

OFF THE VINE

There has been some talk around the shop recently about reverting plant working hours back to "war time schedule." This plan fits right into the glove of the back yard farmer and fisherman giving them an extra day light hour to poke around in the garden or to catch the illusive trout, if the plan goes into effect.

MILT STEVENSON SENDS GREETINGS

The holiday mail brought best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Milt Stevenson. Milt's address is: Pvt. Milton Stevenson, ASN 39491329 AGFRD No. 2, Fort Ord, California, Troop E, 5th Regt.

STORK VISITS

A seven pound baby girl, named Carol Yvonne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theo Hauser on January 4th.

Glenn Collins, grinder, Lawrence Heinl, draftsman, and Archie Crabtree, mechanic.

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RAY GASKIN PASSES

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all had quite a time. While he only told one or two of them, the evening was spent largely in telling stories, chiefly by Scotty Campbell who could tell Scotch stories as no one else can. I shall always remember this for the huge enjoyment that Ray got out of listening to those stories for he had a very rare sense of humor.

Ray ran his department in a manner in which I don't think it will ever be run again. We realized this, particularly, when about five years ago the doctors told him that he was through, and for a short while he believed them and quit his position with this company. His quitting at that time was just about as tough for all of us including himself, as his passing is for his family and ourselves now. I forget how long he stayed away but one day I remember seeing him out in the plant and between his "dad gumming" the doctors and his inability to loaf and our concern over replacing him, I suggested that if he wanted to come back at his old salary and simply use a desk and chair in taking care of the details of his old department, he would be welcome, but only welcome if he restricted himself to that limited activity. Well he agreed to come but he didn't seem very sincere when he agreed to stay in the chair. I remember a few days later his doctor came by and was walking through the plant with me when he saw Ray working at a disc and the doctor really gave him a good talking to but Ray only said, "Dad gum-it, I guess I know what I'm doing." As I look back now I think he did know what he was doing. I can't possibly vision him living longer a few years by having to spend the past five of it in idleness. I think for him it was the perfect life and perfect ending. For his family we have the deepest

sympathy. He, I think we should envy. I know I do, for he did what he wanted to do.

Many of you will wonder why he was called Ray instead of Roy which was his correct name. When he first came with us he gave us, of course, his right name but some of us misunderstood and called him Ray. Just because he was not fussy by nature he never told us until it was too late. Ray he was to all of us and Ray he signed his name and it is my impression he became to be called Ray by most of his family.

I wish I could now hear him in the outer office raising the roof over some new paper rule and regulation that he and I particularly never had quite become used to. When he got through telling the boys what was wrong with their paper forms and rules and regulations along with a couple of well placed "dad gum-its," the boys knew what was wrong with their rules and regulations. But he was never disrespectful nor did he ever lose anyone's respect.

Ray is going to be missed by his family, by us and by a tremendous number of Yakima Valley people with whom he had associated in his life. I know for ourselves his name and memory of him will remain with us for as long as this company exists.

Jess Lindeman.

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CORRECTION

In a letter from Albert Roller, in Japan, he calls attention to an error that occurred in an earlier issue of News Cast. News Cast stated that Bob Thompson and Roller were in the same company. Albert, in his letter says that it's Weldon Thompson who is in his company. Roller recently received rating as a Tech. sergeant.

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SHARPSHOOTERS ATTENTION

Groundwork for organizing a Lindeman scattergun team is progressing rapidly according to P. H. Austin and Es Casebolt who are working out arrangements with the Yakima Gun Club for tentative shooting dates.

Plans are also underway for the formation of rifle and small bore pistol shoots. It is hoped to develop a "home practice range" at the plant.

Austin, a life member of the National Rifle Association has planned correspondence with the Association for a Lindeman rifle club charter. If a rifle club is formed it is understood that the Association will furnish a portion of the ammunition used, targets and some share of the range equipment.

More details concerning the formation of these shoots will be announced as rapidly as they develop.

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There would be plenty of "beefing" going on if the meat packers' strike reached our dinner table.

DEPUTY SHERIFF CONFESSES

Leo Stevens, part time Lindeman employee and Yakima County deputy sheriff, temporary contender for top place on the Lindeman duck ladder, confessed the other day that his duck was the finest, fattest, corn-fed barnyard duck that he could find in the county. It is reported that it took Leo all of one day to find just the right tame mallard he wanted. Weighing four pounds and three ounces it out-did its wild runner up on the ladder by fifteen points.

Casper Smelled Hoax

In checking up with duck ladder judge, Leo Casper, to see how such a thing as this could get by his "eagle eye," Casper, who is averred to be an expert on ducks, wild ducks, said he knew at the time that duck was entered that it could never have flown over a backyard fence, but not doubting the integrity of a deputy sheriff he could do nothing more than run the bird in the lineup.

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TIME SAVER IN OPERATION

The new overhead crane in the tractor department and the new paint vat are now in working order. Don Babbitt, tractor department foreman, says the new arrangement saves about four man hours daily.

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ED McNEIL WRITES

In a letter received recently from "Big Ed" McNeil who is now at Miami Beach, Florida, he voices concern about Yakima weather. Ed states that on days off from duty he has been going swimming and on Sundays has been taking in some deep sea fishing... with luck, too. Ed says that on one fishing trip he caught four barracuda and about 30 red snappers.

Ed relates that while stationed at Miami he has been serving in a warehouse as a clerk typist. Proof of his capacities as a typewriter operator was shown in the neatly typed letter that brought his message.

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EXTRA

Ed McNeil, former Lindeman welder, received an honorable discharge from the army air corps on December 13. Ed has arrived in Yakima from Miami, Florida, and returned to work at Lindeman's on January 14. The recent "big snow" proved quite a contrast to the weather "Big Ed" has been accustomed to wintering in since he entered the service.

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The experimental engineering department is busy working on five new projects. Improvements are also being worked out on other jobs.

173 EMPLOYEES ATTEND L.P.E. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Entertainment, Turkey Dinner, Songs, Fun and Music Provided
Big Evening at Donnelly Hotel

Under the able guidance of Jim Oldham, Bert Degooyer, and Martin Smith the Lindeman employees Christmas party turned out to be a bang-up affair and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Following dinner, Jim Oldham, master of ceremonies for the occasion, called upon Martin Smith for an introduction of all the returned service men back on the job at Lindeman.

Lots of Entertainment

The evening was well rounded out with music, songs, acrobatic and tap dancing. Bert Degooyer, assisted by his daughter, Barbara, presented a comedy act. Reverend Fryerson and Bob Barger sang solos and led the group in songs.

After an introduction of the lady employees, gifts were exchanged to top off the occasion.

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CRUNKLETON LEAVES FOR RE-ENLISTMENT

Ernie Crunkleton, who as a sergeant in the army medical corps was captured by the Japanese when Bataan fell, left Yakima for Seattle recently to re-enlist in the army. He was in Bilibid prison and Camp O'Donnal in the Phillippines during his 34 months in the hands of the Japanese.

Ernie has already put in nine years in the army and has elected to serve in the United States during his reenlistment. While at Lindeman Ernie first worked on beet loader shipping and for several months prior to his leaving he was employed in the stock room.

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Charles Orndorff, rotary blast operator was ill with the flu early this month.

CIGARS—AINSWORTH

At almost complete surprise to the boys at the plant, Bill Ainsworth of the hop picker department on December 31st made a trip to Puyallup, Washington where he and Miss Lucille Cahill of Seattle were married.

The couple is making their home at the Buckingham Apartments, 211 So. Naches Avenue.

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LINDEMAN KEGLERS IN TOP PLACE

Leo Casper, bowling team's captain, reports that the Lindeman clubs stand at top position in both the Commercial and Moose leagues in the early part of the second half of the season.

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LINGUIST WANTED

Letters of inquiry about Lindeman manufactured farm equipment have been causing the office gang no small concern. Almost every week the mail brings an epistle in some foreign hand. Letters have been received recently from Algiers, Spain, Belgium and France, each written in the "tongue of the land."

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Gib Hunt since the first of the year has taken over a newly created position as checker and expediter of work handled through the cleaning room. This new operation will give a daily inventory of work completed in that department.

FISH AND BIRD LADDER STANDINGS

Checks in the amount of \$10, \$5, \$2.50 and \$1 have been awarded respectively to the first, second, third and fourth place winners of the Lindeman Fish and Game Bird Contest.

Trout Contest

The top four on the trout ladder were Orie Durland, first place with a one pound thirteen ounce fish, John Roller's one pound-nine ounce entry took second, Otis Goode placed third with his one pound-eight ounce trout and George Schanz collected fourth money with his one pound-three ounce entry.

Paul Austin the only contender on the bass ladder captured first place with a one pound and 10½ ounce bass.

Salmon Winners

On the top rung, Joe Weber weighed in a 33 pounder from Puget Sound waters. Otis Goode entered a 25 pound salmon for second place while Jack Manda captured third and fourth position with a 19 pound salmon and a 12 pound steelhead.

Nimrod Standings

Taking the prizes for the largest pheasants were Everett Wilkins first with an 86½ point bird, Leo Stevens, second and third with birds totaling 85 and 84½ points each, and Otis Goode in fourth money with an 82½ point chink.

In the duck run, since Leo Stevens declared his hoax before prizes were awarded, Joe Lindeman took first place with a 52 point mallard and also bagged third with a 44 point bird. Leo Casper held the second rung with a 48 point duck and Herb Brown placed fourth.

New arrangements are being planned for the coming season to include awards for the finest displays of fish catches. It is hoped that with gas rationing a thing of the past there will be more entries in the fish and game bird contest this year.

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Frank Swan, grinder in the foundry cleaning room has been off the job with a back injury.

REVIEWING THE L. P. E. EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY



SILENT DUCK HUNTERS

Herb Brown, Es Casebolt, and Paul Austin of Lindeman had Hank Rupert, who usually gives the boys a trimming, as a guest for a duck shoot down on the river one day. The story, as it was reported, goes on to say that Herb after shivering for a spell without firing a shot left the three others in the blind while he took a stroll down river to see if he could scare up a few from some of the sloughs. Without success he returned near the blind just in time to see about 15 ducks settle in with the decoys they had set out. Herb covered his ears to subdue the noise of the bombardment he expected to hear from his fellow huntsmen but not a gun spoke until he finally had to shout to draw his partner's attention to the flock on the water. After their short communication with their pasteboard replicas the ducks took to wing. When the boys in the blind finally rallied, ONE of the stragglers dropped, probably due to old age.



First Machinist: "See what I just did. I ruined this piece! Oh, why did I ever dial in full depth for the first cut?"

Second Machinist: "Don't take it so hard. The other day I ruined three pieces."

First Machinist: "That's nothing! One time I worked a whole shift on a piece and ruined it on the last cut."

Boss: "If you guys don't quit bragging there won't be anyone working here."

Girl: (sweetly) "What was your classification in the air corps?"

Raymond Henn: (Absently) "A-W-O-L-F, first class. Let's cut a rug."

Al Sheffer: (looking through a barrel of rags) "People throw away things in this country when they don't show hardly any signs of wear. Look at this hat! Hardly worn at all!"

Walt Stanton: "What are those two holes in the sides?"

Al Sheffer: "Well now I guess that wasn't a hat after all."

We'd like to hear more of the "voice" of Barger.

WHAT THE "SHOP MAN" IS THINKING ABOUT

In explanation: Everybody knows what the "man-in-the-street" is thinking about on every conceivable question . . . but has any agency, local or national, ever taken the trouble to find out what the "man-in-the-shop" is thinking? The answer is a rhetorical NO!

For the express benefit of those, who, because they have never taken the trouble to find out, and therefore are inclined to believe that the "man-in-the-shop" does not think at all, the following poll is presented.

Gullap Poll

Question: What do you think of alligators for pets?

George Johnson: "They might be alright."

Lester Smith: "They are alright. A neighbor lady has one. It keeps people out of the bathroom."

Raymond Henn: "I wouldn't want one. They bite."

Walt Stanton: "I've got a little one."

Tom Lynch: "If I could get one that had its teeth pulled I would take it."

John Schuck: "They spread a sickness."

Don Stone: "Nothing I would want worse."

Art Guderian: "I wouldn't want one. What's the gag?"

Al Sheffer: "Just the thing for my boys! But hard on the alligator."

Johnnie Miller: "Where can you get one?"

Otis Goode: "Christmas presents were so hard to get this year that this might be the answer."

Don Slack: "Are they good to eat?"

Johnnie Emhoff: "If a guy had too much to drink and came home and found one . . . it would be a sure-fire-cure."

Tabulation:

- 46% would want one.
- 7% has one.
- 14% undecided.
- 23% no.
- 10% non-committal.

Conclusion: There is a market in Yakima for alligators.

—J.M.G.

Johnnie Emhoff: "Oh well, my boots need oiling anyway."

Otis Goode: "But you only spilled oil in one boot . . ."

Johnnie Emhoff: "How well I know."

Otis Goode: "And I could track you clear across the shop."

Johnnie Emhoff: "My boot must leak."

HAS ARM IN SLING

Jim Oldham, Lindeman traffic manager, received a slight fracture of his right arm while romping on the floor of his apartment with his small daughter. The injury wasn't severe enough to require a cast but Jim will have to do some left-handed figuring for a few days.

COUPAL AT HAWAII



In a January 3rd letter from Ray Coupal MM3/c he states that the last November issue of News Cast finally caught up with him after being forwarded all over the Hawaiian Islands.

Ray lacks only four points for a Navy discharge and would be home in February except that machinists mates are frozen at 38 points. Ray states that if he wasn't rated he would be home soon with his 34 points.

Ray Smith of the foundry recently acted as superintendent, foreman and crew of the Lindeman brass foundry while Art Frueh was recovering at home from a back injury.

Oscar Kerth and family spent the holidays visiting relatives at Centralia and Tacoma.

Art Flynn, tractor tool bar department, was off work a few days as a result from an injured wrist.

Bob Robertson of tractor department was ill at home a couple of days.

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