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Transcript of a sound recording in MS 608, WLBZ Radio Station Records, Bangor, Maine, 1931-1973

Title: Nissen Baking Corp.; Paul Ford interviews Mr. Reynolds, a Nissen employee from Bangor, Maine

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Length of recording: 1:10

[transcript begins]

MR. FORD: Well I have one of the boys right here that works here. Now we are going to get the story from the other side. Tell me with the group going through there this afternoon, they have mentioned the various sundry things which impresses them, but you who work here – what is your name please?

MR. REYNOLDS: Hyde Reynolds.

MR. FORD: Where do you live Hyde?

Mr. REYNOLDS: 19 Abbott Street, Bangor.

MR. FORD: Well you work right here in the plant, tell me, probably it's an old story to you now, what are some of the things that do impress you about this remarkable way that they have of turning this bread out so rapidly.

MR. REYNOLDS: Well, the way they go through the oven so fast, and the way they pan themselves.

MR. FORD: It certainly is immaculately clean, you are yourself. Which section do you work on here?

MR. REYNOLDS: On the pans.

MR. FORD: Oh I see; you have got him on KP here. Well they certainly go to a lot of trouble to keep the place spotlessly clean and the personnel also. Do they have someone to check up you all of the time?

MR. REYNOLDS: Well they are; they are always checking up on you.

MR. FORD: I see. So anybody shouldn't have any qualms about buying a loaf of wholesome bread.

MR. REYNOLDS: Yeah. No don't worry about that.

MR. FORD: Well, thanks ever so much and I'll let you go and enjoy your sandwich and punch now, are those made out of wholesome bread?

MR. REYNOLDS: Well, I think so.

MR. FORD: Good. Thanks a lot.

MRS. HOPKINS: My father.

MR. FORD: Oh your father. How do you do sir? And what is your name please?

MR. GRAY: (Inaudible) 87 years old.

MR. FORD: You are 87 years old. Well step right over here to the microphone just a moment. You have seen a lot of changes in 87 years, what do you think of this plant here?

MR. GRAY: It's all out of reason, I couldn't imagine what there was here.

MR. FORD: Well it certainly has been quite an impressive sight for you. What is one of the things that has impressed you the most that you have seen here this afternoon in this wide expanse of this Nissen baking plant here?

MR. GRAY: The wrapping.

MR. FORD: The wrapping.

MR. GRAY: I have often wondered how they ever got those loaves wrapped so neat and nice and sealed.

MR. FORD: Yes, and look at that bread come out of the oven over there. There are four loaves in each pan as it comes out of there just as fast. That's a lot faster than you can make in your oven at home, isn't it?

MRS. HOPKINS: It sure is.

MR. FORD: Well I want thank both of you very much for stopping by. Thank you.

[transcript ends]

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