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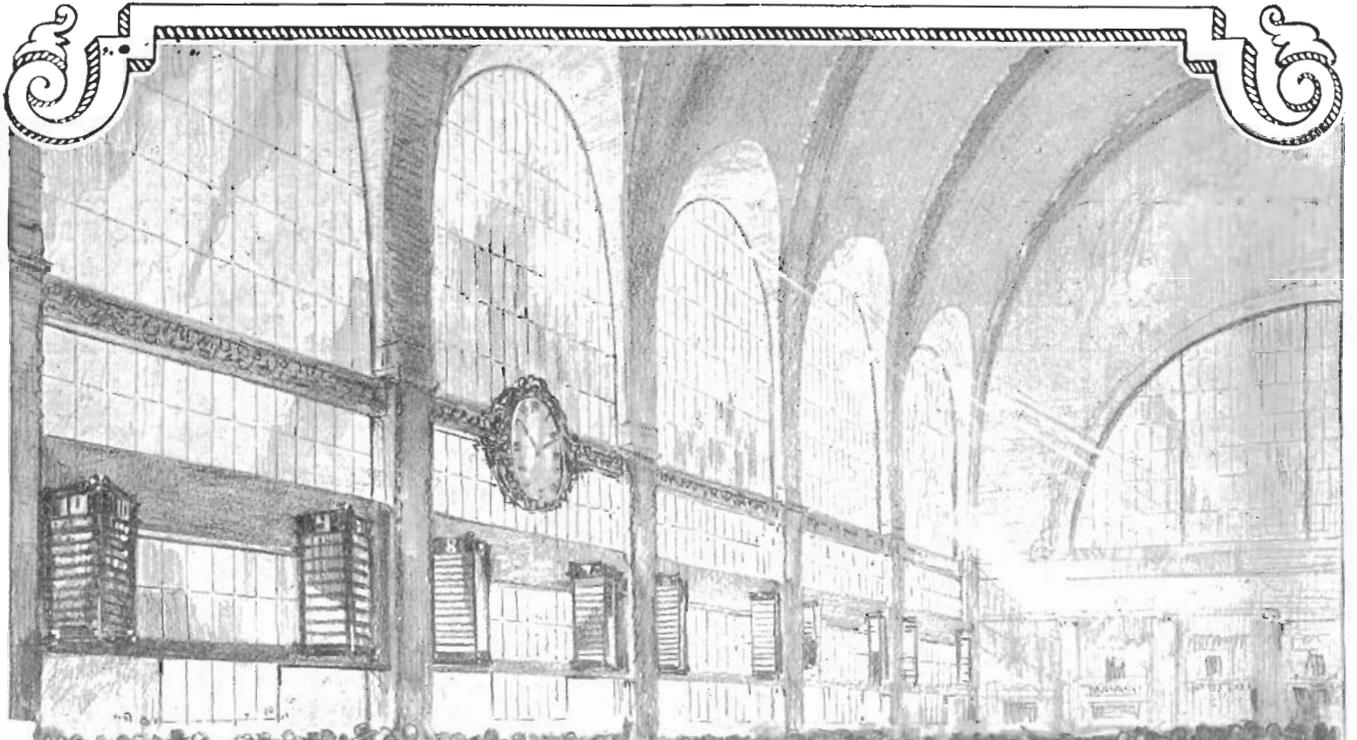
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The Frisco Employees' Magazine is a monthly publication devoted primarily to the interests of the more than 30,000 active and retired employes of the Frisco Lines. It contains stories, items of current news, personal notes about employes and their families, articles dealing with various phases of railroad work, poems, cartoons and notices regarding the service. Good clear photographs suitable for reproduction are especially desired, and will be returned only when requested. All cartoons and drawings must be in black India drawing ink.

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President Kurn and Veterans



IN DEDICATING this issue of the *Frisco Employes' Magazine* to the small but valiant army of Veterans of this railroad, I wish to add a word of commendation for these men who have aided in building the Frisco System to the powerful transportation unit it now is.

It is a matter of great pride to all of us that through these Veterans the Frisco has grown and prospered. There are many of you who remember its less affluent days. You served it then, and you have continued serving and building, growing and improving in service as it has grown and improved.

I want to tell you all, with the greatest sincerity, that to the Veterans of the present and to the Veterans of the future, the success of this great system is in a large measure attributable.

There is a certain spirit about service with the Frisco that makes men try harder, work more sincerely, and with more thought. That spirit was never more clearly manifested than at the Veterans' Reunion at Springfield, May 27 and 28.

I felt it as we mingled and talked at the barbecue.

I felt it at that fine banquet and meeting in the auditorium the last night of the reunion.

It was as much of an inspiration to me and to the other officers of this railroad as it was to you—perhaps more.

And in conclusion, let me add that I consider these annual reunions one of the most important of the many important things on the Frisco Lines. That spirit of co-operation, of camaraderie, of real service with and for and of the Frisco, is one that is almost invaluable to the success of the road and its men.

I congratulate you on your progress so far and on the progress I know you will make in the future.



President.

Twelve Hundred Veterans of the Frisco Railroad Meet for Two Glorious Days at Third Annual Reunion

THE home of the Frisco Lines, Springfield, Missouri, was turned over to 1200 veteran employes of the Frisco, lock, stock and barrel, on May 27 and 28, on the occasion of the third annual reunion of the Veteran Employes' Association of the Frisco System.

For two glorious days the "old-timers" of this great railroad system danced and sang, met old friends and swapped old stories, "palled" around with the officials, and, last but not least, gave a sterling lesson in loyalty and faithfulness to the 30,000 younger employes who are not yet veterans.

From the time the first veteran signed his name to the register at the Colonial Hotel, until General Manager J. H. Fraser dismissed the last meeting of the convention in the Shrine Mosque forty hours later, the reunion was a grand and glorious success.

At 8 o'clock in the morning of the first day, while the veterans and their wives were renewing old friendships in the lobby of the Colonial Hotel, the overcast skies let the first few drops of rain descend. The day looked like a murky, damp one, and the weather was chilly.

But the veterans hardly noticed it. For years they had paid little attention to weather of any sort when there was work to be done. This time it was pleasure—and torrents of rain wouldn't have stopped their fun.

And at 9 o'clock, when the special train was called to take the vets to Sequiota Park for an all-day barbecue and field day, not one of the old-timers changed his mind about attending.

The six-coach special left the Mill street station promptly at 10 o'clock, with more than 1000 laughing, shouting veterans aboard, and set them down at the park a few minutes later.

There, amid the beautiful surroundings of the natural park, the veterans officially launched their celebration.

And what a splendid, joyous beginning it was!

While W. E. Freeman, Mayor of Springfield, was delivering the address of welcome, and M. D. Welch, veteran conductor on the "Florida Special" and president of the association, was making the response, a dozen white-coated cooks were dishing out a delicious repast of honest-to-goodness campfire cooking.

Immediately after the short speeches were concluded the line formed for the noonday meal, and for an hour and a half the cooks filled plate after plate with good barbecued beef and pork, and a host of other good foods on the side. Ice cream in individual packages and a dozen different kinds of cakes and cookies completed the repast, while a barrel of lemonade and several huge kegs of coffee were on hand for beverages.

PRESIDENT KURN ARRIVES

President J. M. Kurn (he was plain "Boss" and "Chief" that day to his veteran buddies) arrived on the scene during the dinner and, accompanied by other officials, chatted and shook hands with the men who help make the Frisco the best system in the country.

When the last "Vet and Mrs. Vet" had finished at the barbecue the Frisco Orchestra, led by J. E. Foster, chief clerk to Superintendent F. A. Beyer at the West Shops, began the dance that was to last throughout the afternoon, and the point of interest was transferred to the pavilion where the orchestra held forth.

For those of the reunion who were athletically inclined, however, there was a-plenty to do.

FIELD EVENTS PLEASSED

Under the direction of John C. Conley, of the motive power department at Springfield, assisted by John K. Gibson, assistant to superintendent of motive power, a complete "field day" had been planned in the open pasture of the park.

Twelve separate contests were under way during the afternoon hours and included horseshoe pitching contest, fifty-yard dash for men, tug of war, fifty-yard dash for women, fifty-yard dash free for all, two egg races, sack race, ladies' race (150 pounds or over) and a three-legged race.

A large gallery of veterans and their wives watched the competition of sports, and a list of the prize winners in the various events will be found on Page 20 of this Magazine.

At 5 o'clock, when the last contest had been run, and the last square dance and fox-trot was over, Engineer "Biggy" Morton, sitting in the cab of the special, tooted the long blast for assembly at the train, and the tired and happy veterans returned to Springfield.