

DIVISION ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE SPRINGFIELD, MO.

H. H. McGARVEY, Reporter

Another one of these birds that is trying to get away from cigarettes is John Stauffer of Mr. Sill's office. John was seen the other day with a cigarette holder stuck in his mouth which would measure about twenty-six inches from tip to tip. There was about two inches of cigarette sticking in the end of the holder.

Harry Marsh, of the eastern division engineers force, quit the Frisco the first of July and accepted a position with the Missouri State Highway Department. Harry was assigned to work near Willow Springs, Mo., and if he puts out the work on the highways that he did for the Frisco, we'll have some good roads in that part of the state.

Another member of the eastern division force has left us. Tim Murray, who has been assistant bill and voucher clerk here the past seventeen months, has been assigned to position as voucher examiner in the auditor's office. Tim came here from the general office and with experience in both the division office and the auditing office, it ought to be easy sailing for him on his new job. It is the general belief around this office that if a few more men from the general offices could come out on a division and find out how the work originates, accounting on this railroad would be easier. Tim made many friends here during his stay and it is understood that he leaves a few broken hearts in Springfield. We are expecting a few concerns to go broke by Tim leaving, among them the Electric Theatre and Gabriel's Cafe.

Most people enjoy a north breeze in the summer, but not the eastern division office forces, as northern breezes hitting these folks comes directly over the roundhouse. It is estimated that two and three-quarter tons of slack coal and soot was deposited in the engineer and accounting offices during the last cool (?) north breeze.

TELEGRAPH GANG REPUBLIC, MO.

This will be some news from H. Bradley's gang! Work is progressing nicely under the supervision of Mr. Bradley. Our assistant foreman, Roy Scarlock is visiting his father and son in Glenwood, Mo.

Mr. Eggers has gone on the phantom job at St. Louis.

Our friend "Muggins" has bought a new Ford.

Buck Thomas and Ben Watkins are on a city job at Samson, at this writing.

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Wm. Blackman visited James Teer

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Comptroller

a short time ago. Reported a fine time. Leerman Ousley is taking a vacation and Eugene Weullner is laying off. Leo Jones has purchased a bull pup and named it "Muggins".

AGENTS' ACCOUNTS DEPT. ST. LOUIS, MO.

LILLY KULAGE, Reporter

Marie Kleyer is "back home and broke". No wonder, she never stopped going for two weeks. She visited Boston, Washington, Albany, Detroit and Chicago. We believe Marie is the girl who put the word "rave" in traveler.

Edna Dolen did not go so far from home, but she never craved excitement at that. She spent her vacation at Steelville, Mo.

A. P. Saugrain, was appointed general traveling auditor, effective July 1, with headquarters, same old spot, floor thirteen, Frisco Building, St. Louis. We congratulate you, Mr. Saugrain, and wish you success.

Bill Fisher is certainly going in for comfort these days. Rolled socks (I saw them), comes to work without a coat, besides riding a brand new Chevy car. What will he do next?

And Al Gerdel—you should see his new suit. It's a light checked with a little touch of red, watch for him some day.

But the best of all is about our sheik, Herbert Wingerter. If you see somebody speeding around St. Louis in a yellow and black racer model, with most any good-looking young lady beside him, that's Herbert. He says it "picks up" fine.

Loretta Butler spent her vacation at the Finney Avenue address. She sewed so much on her tresseau that she came back with a sore finger.

Beulah Bulger and her mother are making a trip through Yellowstone Park.

They say these are "dog days", and Merlin Eifert certainly knows it. He is very much interested in raising collies. Anyone wanting any dog information, see Merlin.

News is scarce this month, so just to fill up space, might say that I am spending my vacation at Wesco, Mo. Watch me put on weight!

SEVENTH STREET STATION ST. LOUIS

AGNES M. LARKIN, Reporter

Our Chief Clerk E. W. Miller, has gone and done it—gone in for pasture pool. Took a vacation day and caddie and away to Forest Park links where he said he had a delightful day (at the 19th hole?). Sarazen and Heid need not be worried as his first score was 147, and to think of it he picked the first day they started to charge, July 15. They don't owe him any refund, however, as it was necessary to close the links the next day to be manicured and broken sticks gathered up. Yet he insists he is going back for more. Goldberg was right!

Rosalie O'Toole, sister of the famous William of Gratiot fame, is now employed at Seventh Street as a comptometer operator. Welcome to our midst.

Carding Clerk Joe Francis is doing a cackling good business on his poultry farm at Bouneau Farms, near the Bluffs and in all seriousness, it looks like the Frisco is going to get some new business.

F. A. Miller, cashier, spent several days at Miller's Switch, Mo., renewing some of his boyhood acquaintances.

M. Ferguson spent the Fourth of July at Lilbourn, Mo. Something mysterious here. Scouts are now on the trail for dope.

George Dowling now wears his Sunday suit every day.

John J. Daly, chief claim clerk and wife, have returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in the east visiting Cleveland, New York City, Buffalo, Boston and Albany.

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Carding Clerk Theo. Ripplinger, "alias Shiek of Grand Avenue", is sporting a new Dodge sedan. Says he has to keep the doors locked to omit the flappers.

We feel assured that the many friends of John Spielman, operatic tenor, matinee idol, etc., will be pleased to hear of his having taken a prominent part in the operetta, recently given in the "Little Theatre" in the Artists' Guild, by the Algernon Tubbs Musical Society. Mr. Spielman's rendition of, "I Am Only a Rose from an Old Bouquet", was heart rending; women cried, girls fainted, men and boys sobbed, there was not a dry eye in the packed house! The applause was deafening and lasted for fully five minutes. At the conclusion of the performance, it was necessary to call the police reserves, they having difficulty in forming a lane for Spielman to enable him to reach his "car". It is reported that Mr. Spielman has been offered a place in the chorus of "Earl Carroll's Vanities", but has declined it, to quote Mr. Spielman's exact words: "For sufficient reasons." What are his reasons? Girl? Position? Ducates?

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
ST. LOUIS, MO.**

R. B. McBRIDE, Reporter

L. L. White, wife and two daughters spent the Fourth of July at Grand Haven, Mich., and from all reports, must have had a wonderful time.

M. E. Hickey, our file clerk, was the first one in this department to take advantage of vacation. Martin says the whole trip was a huge success, even the trip to Windsor, Canada. We are all wondering why the trip was made to Windsor. Our first guess will be that he was looking for "foam".

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nettleship have returned this week from Mackinac Island, Mich., where they spent their vacation. Mr. Nettleship says they enjoyed the trip and that Mackinac is hard to equal for a summer resort.

Arthur Beck and family spent their vacation this year visiting friends and relatives at Mount Ayr, Iowa. Beck says it surely is hard luck to start working again this hot weather.

Mary Graddy has accepted the position of stenographer in the voucher department. Everyone wishes her the best of luck with her new position.

S Lorimer and family have just returned from a motor trip through the east. They visited Buffalo, N. Y., Niagara Falls, and made several other stops at different points of interest. Lorimer has recently purchased a new Hudson coach and decided this was a good way to try out the motor and speed of the new car.

E. W. Gatzert, chief clerk, has taken part of his vacation and there is no doubt that he will soon be ready for the balance if this hot weather continues.

ST. LOUIS MECHANICAL DEPT.

LOUISE SCHUTTE, Reporter

You won't be able to call this a report—hardly. You see, when the temperature climbs around 110 degrees, and it was actually 118 degrees in the sun at Chouteau Avenue, you don't live, you merely exist. That is why I haven't much to report this time.

However, there is a marriage prospect, mebbe. Celestine Devereux spent her vacation in Memphis. Same old attraction there. It is said Celestine will marry the attraction. Serivous enough.

Peggy O'Neill is down in Kimmswick, Mo., taking care of the chickens, cows and pigs. Honest to goodness farmer, you know.

"Cullud Boy" to Mr. Gorman: "ise wants a pass fo' my wife and four children. Fust comes Lizabeth, she's 9; then Mary, she's 7; and Henry, he's 5; and Norman, he's 3. Then ise wants one fo' my sister, she's 18."

Mr. Gorman: "You mean, you want a private car!"

SOUTHERN DIVISION

**DIVISION ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

RALPH D. WILLIAMS, Reporter

Ahem-er-arah! To the many who vainly searched the July number of our Magazine from cover to cover without finding mention of the division accountants' office, Southern Division, the writer wishes to explain that he was away on a vacation and consequently very busy. Details supporting this information can be found in the July number, page 59, column 3, paragraph 5. I trust that this will not occur again. (The incident covered by article of above reference.)

Messrs. E. R. Belt and G. E. Kirkman spent several days on the Southern Division last month. While here, Mr. Kirkman, Mr. A. H. Sarafian and Mr. S. W. Booth played several exhibition games on the local tennis courts. Limited space will not permit reporting details of the results.

Mr. Otis E. Haman of the engineering department entertained a large party of friends at the drug store in the Rozelle neighborhood on the night of July 17. All report a fine time.

Messrs. C. E. Blair and H. S. Coleman were recent visitors in this office.

John F. Leahy has been very busy the past two weeks. His mother and friends, Miss Clista Devereux of St. Louis have been visiting here. Now everyone can understand John's seeming indifference to the fair sex.

"And she raised here jeweled hand!" This phrase can be applied to Miss Ruth Creese, stenographer to the chief clerk of the superintendent. Of course, as a reporter, the writer secured all the details, but was requested to withhold same until the next issue. The fact that Ruth came out with a beautiful diamond will be news enough for some.

M. R. Williams is spending his vacation in the Rockies. As the mercury in the office thermometer has been very intimate with the 100 degree mark the past few weeks, Maurice created quite a stir when he floated a loan for a sweater.

C. R. Bratton has a story which describes this climate very well. He was in Texas two or three years ago working a physical check of A. and B. work on a piece of track. It was about three o'clock in the afternoon when he noticed a greyhound chasing a jack rabbit. It was so hot that they were both walking. If you could have seen Mr. Bratton mopping his brow the day he told this, you would believe it, just as the writer did.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT
MEMPHIS, TENN.

KATE MASSIE, Reporter

Miss Gene Wingo, secretary to the executive general agent, has returned from her vacation visit at her home, Haskell, Texas.

Think everybody connected with this

department celebrated the grand and glorious Fourth. Commercial Agent Imboden attended the big barbecue given by the Royal Feed & Milling Company to their customers and friends. He declares he had the best time of all. Soliciting Freight Agent Dunkin and wife had a fishing party at Moon Lake—fished faithfully all day and caught three. Chief Clerk Cummings claims to have enjoyed his pipe on the front porch. Fortunately it was a day that could be spent in the open. Rate Clerk Cook was not "safe and sane", but bought a Ford and had a grand time ridin'. His assistant, Patten, played tennis, morning, noon and night. Miss Lula Manley, stenographer to the chief clerk, left for Houston, Texas, for her vacation, and we have cards from her saying she is enjoying her trip very much. The writer had two wonderful days with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ray and party, on the St. Francis river (near Oak Dotic on our railroad), where they have a place they call "The Camp", which if it belonged to me would be my summer home. It was cool enough for blankets. Fishing was good and the Ray's leave nothing undone to make you have a good time. You couldn't keep from being happy.

Executive General Agent Buchanan had the misfortune of having all his golf "togs" stolen from his car a few days ago. No clegs. We don't know whether he is going to quit playing golf or not.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL OFFICE

LAUNA M. CHEW, Reporter

The visit of our officials last week has created much interest in this district and we feel sure with the success of the proposed new warehouse facilities, the Frisco Lines will increase their earnings and service one hundred per cent.

Anyone who likes fresh, home-grown peaches would do well to call on Doctors Woodson and Wilder early each morning. The peaches which Dr. Woodson brings down each day are delicious, but have been unable to figure out whether it is the peaches which cause so many visits to the Doctor's office, or the two attractive assistants.

Our chief, Balfour Thompson, has been enjoying the balmy breezes of the Gulf Coast at Mobile while on his vacation. Let Balfour tell you about the fish.

You Memphis flappers better look out—Jimmy Gardiner, the office boy is coming over one week-end very soon.

Understand the passenger department has been so busy selling tickets they have had no time for frivolous affairs.

We are anxiously waiting for the next outing of the Boosters' Club.

**MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

R. E. BREEDLOVE, Reporter

As little as we all may seem in the eyes of some, East Thomas forces have missed Chief Clerk Whitten, who, I understand, is taking his vacation in Florida. Whitt, we are all set for that story about the size of the one that got away.

Bill Clerk J. G. Hughes spent July 4 and 5 in Chattanooga.

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Haven't heard "Boss" Gomer say, but think he has fallen for Ben Shirk's (pensioned assistant superintendent) stories of good fishing in Florida—as I notice that far-away look in his eyes at times.

Roundhouse Foreman Huckins, having been transferred to Amory, our local official family has a new member, Mr. Hardy Stevens. While we like Hardy alright, we had nothing against Huck.

Miss Etta May Paul, timekeeper, was called home the first part of July account of illness of her parents. We hope that her absence will not be long, and that her parents are improving.

Miss Mae Dudley, labor distributor, succeeding Miss Paul (temporarily) as Timekeeper, now realizes that all that glitters is not gold.

Mr. Arthur Schafnitt departed on his vacation, July 15. Arthur hasn't said where he is going, but I bet he is Missouri bound.

The writer has been dickering with Engineer Charley Barnard for a big-time story of his service with the Frisco. Mr. Barnard has had 37 years of continuous service with the Frisco as engineer, and since his engine, "Miss 1064" which pulls trains 103, 104, 105, and 106, has returned from an overhauling in the Memphis shop, we might

be able to get him to honor us with this said story, along with a picture of Mr. Charley and his engine.

Our new labor distributor, Miss Estelle Burns, seems to like her new place and from all indications is liked by all around the shop, as we have had several inquiries from the "Single Blessed", but I don't talk.

Editor's Note:—After we received the above family news, we also received a special delivery from Mr. Breedlove, reading:

"Since mailing you my family news, I have been highly favored by 'The Goddess of Happiness' and am the proud father of a very pretty, eight-pound baby girl, who was born on July 13th."

Congratulations and best wishes from everybody.

**TRAINMASTER'S OFFICE
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

VIOLET GOLDSMITH, Reporter

Anyone who enjoyed Birmingham's radio concert Wednesday evening, July 15, heard one of our Frisco artists, Henry Hargrove at the piano, accompanying his seven-piece orchestra.

Mrs. C. H. Goldsmith spent a week in Kentucky, visiting relatives.

L. J. Mantoux is spending his vacation in Texas. Mrs. Mantoux and son Lopez will return to Birmingham with him about the first of August.

Miss Ethel Copeland is vacationing in Washington D. C. Know she will have an exciting time to report when she returns.

Miss Mable Gentry, sister of Dispatcher Gentry, who has just recovered from an operation, is now ill with scarlet fever. We all hope she will have a speedy recovery.

We have several changes to report: B. W. Erwin was appointed assistant superintendent, vice B. S. Shirk, retired. C. H. Goldsmith was appointed trainmaster and R. T. Hynson was appointed night trainmaster.

R. T. Hynson is going to Seattle on a Knights Templar convention, and, by the way, if anyone knows of a good private secretary, think Mr. Hynson could use one to take care of his social correspondence.

We have had several changes in the freight house: Burt E. Dickerson, assigned as assistant cashier; Charley Vaughn, assigned as assistant night clerk; Charles L. McDaniels, assigned to the report desk. Ed. J. Sullivan, assigned to collector's desk. Glenn Backschies has come to the freight house from the East Thomas yards.

Now, I am going to leave Birmingham for a few weeks, myself—going to motor to Camp Walton, Florida. Will think of all of you while I am enjoying the good gulf breezes.

**STORES DEPARTMENT
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

WARREN PUCKETT, Reporter

Miss Minnie Rhodes, who has been a comptometer operator in the stores department for the past two years resigned on July 3 to make a trip to Coral Gables, Fla. Miss Helen Griffin has accepted the position which was previously filled by Miss Rhodes as comptometer operator for the stores department. We are mighty glad to have Miss Griffin with us and, of course, we hate to see Miss Rhodes leave us.

Hyman Kappell, "sheik of the stores department", who is stockman clerk, spent his vacation, which consisted of something like ten days, on the coast at Tybee Island, Ga. Hyman reports that he had a most enjoyable time at the beach and advises all that are interested in spending their vacations on the coast to give Tybee a try-out

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and see just what they have to offer. He states that there were plenty of good-looking girls there, but seems to think that the Memphis girls are hard to beat.

Mr. G. E. Westbrook, who has been storekeeper for sometime at Neodesha, Kansas, on the Northern Division, has been appointed storekeeper at Birmingham, Alabama, on the Southern Division. The appointment became effective July 11. Mr. E. E. Hobson resigned as storekeeper at Birmingham. Mr. Westbrook, no doubt, will be missed from the Neodesha Ball Club on which he was right fielder and won fame playing this position.

Miss Thelma Drashman has accepted the position of stenographer-comptometer operator in the mechanical department, which place was vacated by the recent marriage of Irene Snyder to Jim Williams, M. C. B. accountant.

George (Tiny) Morris, chief clerk, spent a few days in Fort Smith, Ark., and Springfield, Mo., recently. George states that he had a most enjoyable trip back to the ole home town, after shaking hands with a lot of the ole boys.

John Sprohs, clerk from the Western Division supply cars, is now traveling with Hart Howell, who is in charge of the supply cars on the Southern Division. We are always glad to see new faces come to our division and hate to see old ones go. We hope that he will enjoy making his monthly visits to Memphis, as well as the old boys. C. H. Woodall, who formerly was with the supply cars on this division, is now counter clerk at the General Store, Springfield. Come back to see us, "Woody", when in this section.

LOCAL FREIGHT OFFICE MEMPHIS, TENN.

VIRGINIA GRIFFIN, Reporter

Miss Faye Barbee, stenographer, spent several days recently with her mother and father at Thayer. She is the daughter of George Barbee, freight conductor, running between Thayer and Harvard.

Everett Hanover has returned from his vacation which he spent in Chicago, driving through with his parents. He reports no bad luck going or coming, such as blow-outs or punctures, "and wonderful roads.

We all hated to see K. R. Miller leave the Frisco, but of course, are glad that he has secured a better position with the Newburger Cotton Co.

"Boots" is spending his vacation in Court Square and Russwood Park, as he can only get it a day at one time.

B. C. Johnson is all smiles over that eight-pound boy, George Wilson Johnson, who arrived at his house on July 3. Bennie, remember, another picture for the Magazine.

Mrs. Clara Speer, stenographer, and daughter, Florence, visited her sister in Clarksdale, Miss., while on her vacation.

Sorry that Fred E. Dohing is sick and unable to work.

W. F. Corkery reports a very pleas-

ant vacation, which he took the first of July, building fences, etc.

We have had a few changes in the office recently. Oliver Farris is now accountant clerk, taking the position left vacant by K. R. Miller. J. B. Wright took Oliver's job as abstract clerk. Wm. Curtis Wright, who was veri-check clerk, is now record clerk, taking Everett Hanover's place, who is now location sheet clerk in the yard office. Sam J. Allen, from Amory, is now veri-check clerk.

Leon Rohrbough and family have returned from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma City, Shawnee, and Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Mildred Estes was so glad to get back from her vacation that she returned one day ahead of time, but this doesn't mean she didn't have a good time visiting her sister, who lives in Birmingham.

Jno. A. Ladd and wife have returned from his old home, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he spent a very enjoyable vacation, going by way of Chicago.

C. T. Johnson recently visited relatives at Water Valley, Miss.

NORTHERN DIVISION

DIVISION PASSENGER OFFICE KANSAS CITY, MO.

EDITH WALTERS, Reporter

We have been enjoying perfect July weather here in Kansas City and we are now speculating as to whether August will run true to form. It has been so long since we have enjoyed a real good breeze that we would probably run to a storm cellar, if we saw a leaf stir.

Mr. Newman spent the Fourth of July in Joplin playing golf and broke his best record by twelve. We can't tell you what the score was, but nevertheless we are betting on him.

If any of you have been puzzled by the queer noises and shouts coming from our office, I wish to take this time to explain to you that it is Geo. Light talking to Tulsa over the long distance.

The next time you meet Mr. Werner, ask him about the nice old gentleman who works nights in the city ticket office.

Mefford never ceases to marvel at some of the questions he is called on to answer by the inquiring public. The other day a gentleman called up regarding our through Florida service and wanted to know if we stopped at Jacksonville long enough for him to take a bath!

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT KANSAS CITY, MO.

HOWARD J. HOKE, Reporter

Hear Yez! Hear Yez! You are now listening to station K. C. M. O. broadcasting. Stand by a few seconds while I locate a few wires we received in the last few days.

Hello, what's this? One from the superintendent's office. You will have to overlook the age as it must have been misplaced. It is sad news, but nevertheless true. H. C. Barnett, the chief clerk, has taken unto himself a wife. This fair lady was Miss Campbell from the mechanical department. May their future be a happy one.

Well, will wonders never cease? Here we have one from little Cupid, looking for Roy Maring so he can send one of his love darts into his heart. Not necessary, Cupid, the last one you shot did not miss as you supposed. Why do I think so? Well, no man that has not been shot with one will walk through a public park wearing white trousers with his arms around TWO girls in daylight. It won't be long, now, Cupid, as he is

arguing that two can live as cheaply as one, already.

Here's one from the Curtis Aeroplane Co., stating that the Frisco is the only railroad making aeroplane time and still using railroad equipment. We will try to explain this to you. On July 5, at 8 p. m., a change was made in the K. C. Terminal, so that all outbound business is handled in the Rosedale yards and inbound in the Kansas City yards. This makes it much better, because the inbound and outbound business is handled in separate yards, while in the past both yards handled both classes of business. We are endeavoring to deliver all oil within five hours after arrival and this is being done with very few exceptions.

Here we have one from Mr. N. M. Gamble, newly appointed roadmaster. He says to tell all of his friends that they can reach him at Kansas City.

Dayton, Tenn., now on deck, asking us how we stand on the evolution question. Opinion is divided, but all agree that they can handle themselves as well as a monkey. This goes especially for J. W. Ryan and H. J. Hoke, because there never was a monkey that could beat them coming down a tree.

AGENT'S OFFICE—MONETT, MO.

PEARL E. LEWIS, Reporter

A very interesting romance which had its beginning in the office of our general yardmaster, culminated Sunday evening July 5, when Miss Jessie F. Hall became the bride of Joseph R. Short, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. B. Foster in his study at the Methodist Episcopal church, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

Miss Hall has been in the employ of the Frisco at Monett as stenographer for the past six years and also held the distinction of being reporter for our Magazine.

Mr. Short is now cashier at Lebanon since his transfer from Monett a few months ago. The happy couple are now at home in Lebanon.

While this was a "Short" courtship, we heartily join in wishing them a long and happy life together.

Miss Lena Bell, bill clerk, has been granted a sixty-day leave of absence and is in St. Louis as the guest of her mother.

R. G. Kaufman, general car foreman, holds the record for having the most energetic car cleaner on the division. It is reported one of his men was assigned the duty of icing a "diner" a few nights ago and he wanted everything to be kept in "good order" so he iced everything in sight, including the coffee urn.

Here is a new fish story. A Frisco sheik took his lady friend out fishing the other day to show her the art of angling, but he had the usual fisherman's luck and said someone had evidently been feeding the fish, for his can of fish worms didn't seem to tempt them, but to be real gallant he wouldn't take the girl home without having her enjoy a fish lunch, so he bought a 10-cent can of sardines.

Wilson Gates, train checker, is enjoying a thirty-day leave from his duties at the east yard office and is visiting relatives in Detroit, Mich., and other points of interest in the East.

Fish stories are a little passe' at present—"frog stories" seem to be more popular. The residents of the

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east part of town have been complaining about their rest being disturbed on account of a peculiar noise somewhat like the "bellowing of a cow". A few determined to find out just what it was, so they took their flashlights and proceeded to penetrate the darkness. The noise proved to be larger than the cause, for all they found was a drove of "bull frogs" that had escaped from one of our yard clerks who had them corralled in a tub on his back porch.

Miss Marguerite Frossard, stenographer in the mechanical department, is enjoying a vacation in Colorado.

Mr. R. T. Burris, conductor on the Northern Division, accompanied by his family, attended the Shriners' convention in Los Angeles, Calif. They report a very delightful trip and are very enthusiastic over the beauties of the "Sun-Kist" State.

Miss Helen Nothern was the successful applicant for the position of stenographer in the office of M. K. Pace, general yardmaster, which was recently made vacant by the marriage of Miss Jessie Hall.

As per usual, Jack Burch sends his regular wire. This one from Denver, Colo., on his way back from California. The only reason, he claims, that he did not enter the movies was the directors.

Who have we here? No one but C. W. Fink, revising clerk at the Nineteenth Street yard office. Wants us to broadcast that he will not be responsible for the welfare of the parties he catches musing up the yard office by stewing waste on the floor. Never mind, Mac, we'll get you a new broom if that one wears out.

One from William Walsh of the Nineteenth Street yard office. All it says is "Hello". Why not send a real wire, Bill, it won't cost you anything.

Here we are. Didn't expect to hear

from "High Pockets" Christensen of the Rosedale yard office. He tells us that if there is any kind of a bug in this world that is not represented there he would like to know it. He says that he won't tell us of the mosquitoes, because they carried his pencil away before he could write it down.

A little advice from our chief caller, Axel (Slim) Engberg. He advises, "When you go fishing, keep your eyes on the cork". This statement was caused by an experience he had on his last fishing trip. It seems that Mr. Engberg and Mr. "Bob" Brees were enjoying a day's fishing at one of the lakes near Kansas City. Mr. Engberg was standing in a boat, fighting flies and mosquitoes and watching a lifeless cork float leisurely in the water. Here fate ruined the day. For, out of the unknown came a number of young mermaids and plunged into the lake at the other side. Cork forgotten, pulse became irregular, victim gone into a trance. A second later he was coming from the bottom of the lake. No, he was not wet, but when he got out on the bank part of the lake went with him. He says from now on when he goes fishing he will wear smoked glasses.

Here's one just off the pan. It is from Hermansville, Mich., asking if Yard Clerk N. J. (Fifteen Cents) Fracul arrived home from his vacation O. K. Yes, he did and also brought with him a number of weird tales. He says he and his party were escorted from a picnic grounds by a "bull". Why not tell the truth and say it was an officer of the law. Mr. Fracul says he would not have taken a vacation if his eyes had not been bothering him. It seems that there were small, dark objects appearing in his vision.

KANSAS CITY COMMERCIAL OFFICE CHATTER

GEORGE KLEINHOFFER, Reporter

Some ego we NEVER hear: Bill DeVeney: "I may not be the most wonderful fellow in the world, but believe me, I have the most wonderful baby in the world, and folks do say he takes after his father."

George Story: "Why go to others seeking information when I am an authority on anything?"

John Sachen: "Of course, a gold medal and being 'champeen' bowler of Kansas City, Kansas, does cause the feminine hearts to flutter, but really, you know, personality is the irresistible magnet."

Joe Wiltshire: "I have no medal and I'm no 'champeen', but I sure am graceful 'en though I'm lean, for as a dancer I'm a gliding dream."

Pat Morrison: "If you want to know anything about bridge, consult me—not Hoyle."

Lee Warner: "Know anything about a car? You tell 'em! I've driven a car for umpteen years and nobody can tell me a thing about 'em; and as for knowing what a real car looks like, just pipe mine over."

Mel Anderson: "Now, the last time I went fishing, bla, bla, bla, bla—"

Elmo Stephens: "After many years of hard study and practice, I have acquired many talents, but born within me was a talent that would not be suppressed; therefore, today I am unequalled in my knowledge and love of art."

(With apologies to the office staff.)

TEXAS LINES

BEN B. LEWIS, Division Editor

J. D. Killough, agent at Stephenville, contributes a rousing and patriotic invitation to the Frisco veterans to have their next reunion in Texas. He says in part:

"Every man, woman and child on this globe could come to Texas and each could have a town lot or two. Texas is so large, the great Frisco System found it necessary to puncture our northern border in four places before they finally gained entrance. The waves of Lake Michigan are nearer our northern border than are the billows of the Mexican Gulf.

"Come to Texas and we will take you to Menard and San Angelo and show you the two largest wool markets in the world, and a sheep ranch larger than the State of Rhode Island; to Jacksonville and show you the largest local tomato market in the world; to Junction, near Menard, and show you the largest local pecan market in the world; to Uvalde, the largest local honey market in the world; to Cuero, the largest local turkey market in the world; to Laredo, where more than two thousand, five hundred carloads of onions were shipped last season.

"We will take you to see the largest sawmill in the world, the largest cotton gin in the world, the largest cotton compress in the world, the tallest smokestack in the world, the only helium gas producing plant in the world, the largest cotton exporting port in the world, and we will take you to see the Rio Grande, the only river in the world that is dry on one side and wet on the other!"

The following "poem" was found among a stack of expense bills, written in pencil (instead of the customary typewriter), which had been prepared by W. N. Wallace, 69 years old, second trick operator at Stephenville, Texas:

My ribbon stays not on the props,
But upward plays, and outward drops.

These pesky mills like yours and mine,
to make Pro-bills are not so fine.

Please ask the Captain to tinker with
The ribbon on my L. C. Smith.

Old "Dad" Burnet says, "Ever' time I rides me a train, derned ef I don't git plum homesick, 'tessin th' splittoons has got FRISCO painted onto 'em?"

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H. A. GRANGER, Reporter

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