

FRISCO MECHANIC FAMILY NEWS

LOCAL No. 17
WEST TULSA, OKLA.

JOHN ECKLEY, Reporter

Everything in Local 17 running along nicely. The boys seem to be satisfied.

There has been some change in our supervision. Our general foreman, R. B. Spencer, has left us to fill the vacancy of our master mechanic, B. P. Meyer, who has been confined to his home account of sickness. We regret very deeply Mr. Meyer's illness and hope for his recovery. We wish Mr. Spencer good luck in his new position.

Roundhouse Foreman Oscar Parker has taken a little step higher to general foremanship, filling Mr. Spencer's place, and A. D. Zin has taken Mr. Parker's place as roundhouse foreman. West Tulsa seems to have an A-No. 1 bunch to pick from and we wish them all success.

Back Shop Foreman Miller has just returned from his vacation—had a big fish story, but the boys around here all say he let the "big" one get away.

Our machine shop foreman has just started to take his vacation in Colorado. Am inclined to believe he will surpass Mr. Miller's story about fish, because he understands the secret of handling those kind of stories.

This being our first attempt to appear in type, will make it brief and, if the editor likes it, will get together a better one for the October issue. Sure do enjoy reading reports from the other locals, wish someone at every other local would interest themselves to the extent of sending in a little report each month, and am sure the editor will appreciate this courtesy.

Our general chairman was down on the Southwestern Division this last week, and, of course, we are always glad to have Brother Underwood and want him to feel that he is always welcome to visit with us any time he so desires.

We hope to hold regular meetings in our local sometime soon, at least once a month, think it would be well for all our shopmen to get together and discuss subjects of interest to all. For instance, the president appoint someone to prepare a paper on some particular subject and read same at the following meeting. Understand some of the other locals are doing this and a great deal of benefit is being derived from this method. Boys, let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and help make the Frisco the greatest railroad in the U. S. She has made wonderful advancement in the last five years. We are proud of our superintendent of motive power, Mr. Worman, and also his very able assistants, Messrs. Gibson, Moore and Wood.

Will sound off for this issue and get on the wire at the usual time next issue.

TELEGRAPH GANG
HOBART, OKLA.

B. R. DAVIDSON, Reporter

Hello, gangs! How's every little thing? We are enjoying the weather fine here. It has rained a few hours—most every day. Chief Lineman W. B. Parrett is paying us a visit. He never comes around as often as he used to. General Foreman Musgrave was down some time ago. We saw him riding up in a baby Lincoln—otherwise a Ford.

One of our "grunts" came back off his vacation, bringing a box of cigars. We all guessed the rest. Wish you all the luck in the world, Mr. Wilson.

C. L. Coleman has gone home. We understand his sister is very ill.

L. Langley had the misfortune of losing his baby son, July 8. We extend sympathy to him from the gang.

"Kit" Carson is back on the job after being absent a few months.

Crumb Boss E. Wilson seems to be rushed, he has so many odd jobs to see to.

E. G. Garner is back in the ranks of the "grunts". He was our ex-crumb boss.

Straw Boss Thos. Floyd gets so restless he goes to the show to drive away the blues.

The gang is wondering why Line-man B. R. Davidson hasn't taken up baseball. He pitched two games for the M. W. A. baseball club of Hobart, winning one game 15-19, and losing the other 8-9. He's also been wondering when he will be able to make the big league.

Bennie Pierce has bought a new straw hat. He looks like an Oklahoma Indian, but—he's from Missouri.

"Cotton" Copeland doesn't drive his roadster as much as he did. What's the matter, "Cotton"?

Shorty Joe Stomate was blue and lonesome until he received a letter—then you should have seen the smile.

Most every morning the boys have been going to the bathing pool to take a refreshing swim which is rather enjoyable these warm mornings.

If there is anyone who wants to know anything about work—of all kinds—ask Ki Edmonds. He is the blue printer of this gang.

Red Cools has been cleaning up—getting ready for his vacation. Hope you have a nice time, Red, but hurry back.

We are all trying to practice our A. B. C.'s—ALWAYS BE CAREFUL.

Wish we might hear from some other gangs. Jump in gangs, the water is fine. Let's take up a page in our magazine, and fill it with news. Let's try to make the telegraph department get first place on items and writeups.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.
SOUTH SIDE SIDELIGHTS

EMERY HAGUEWOOD, Reporter

"Uncle Joe" Mayrs, who recently retired after twenty-nine years' service, most of which was spent as watchman at the south side shops, was presented with a 21-jewel watch and a fine chain as a remembrance from the boys of the south shops.

Frank Lampton, general foreman roundhouse, is on vacation and visiting in Colorado. He is also spending some time fishing around Fort Collins.

A. J. Smith, painter, reclamation plant, is back on the job again after a two months' absence on account of sickness.

James Burt, assistant foreman reclamation yards, reports that the long-legged, long-billed old bird that carries such precious loads, swooped down into his home several days ago and left a 7¾ pound boy. The smile on the new daddy's face explains the welcome the young man got.

John Dorrell, boilermaker, roundhouse, says that same old bird visited his place Sunday, August 2, and left a

7½ pound girl. The little flapper has been named Helen Genevieve.

W. F. Nobles, shop policeman, has been on a vacation and visiting relatives and points of interest around and in Detroit, Mich. He reports a great time.

The coach shop tanners and pipefitters are now on a piece work basis. They report that the rate seems fair and satisfactory.

H. F. Brown, storekeeper, spent his vacation on the Pacific Coast at Long Beach, Los Angeles and other California points, leaving only one day before the big earthquake.

H. O. Appleby has returned to work after some time spent in visiting at Sterling, Colo.

The blacksmith shop reports that news is scarce, but plenty of work, which is probably correct, as they are working day and night; however, they managed to let Felix Webb have two weeks off, which he spent visiting in Birmingham, Ala. Felix says he had a big time.

We regret to say that Blacksmith George Nagle is still on the sick list after two months.

"Uncle Charley" Spencer has the sympathy of the whole shops in the death of his brother, Mack Spencer. The two brothers are both veterans of the south shops.

David Craig, blacksmith, who has been visiting a sick brother in Iowa, has returned to work. Mr. Craig reports his brother slightly improved.

Howard Kelchner, boiler foreman, spent his vacation at Fort Scott, Kans., and Joplin, Mo. He reports having a big time.

Virgil Johnson, machinist, roundhouse, has transferred to the reclamation plant machine shop to take up gasoline motor work. His many friends in the roundhouse wish him success in his new work.

Louis Taylor has been promoted to the position made vacant by Mr. Johnson's transfer, and Charles Jackson has been given the position that was formerly held by Mr. Taylor.

Harry Stratton, boilermaker, is taking a vacation and spending it in Wyoming. Harry says there are lots of places he would rather go but he always did want to see a mountain on the move.

George Hubbard, the roundhouse milkman, says his business is fully 25 per cent better since the recent distribution of the little booklets telling "All About Milk".

John Clayton, machinist, roundhouse, spent ten days visiting relatives around Hobart and Enid, Okla. His family accompanied him.

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The additional train service to local points west has caused extra engines to work here at nights, resulting in the transfer of Artie Rose and Fisher Bass, machinist and helper, respectively, from day work to night work.

Tommy Elkins is our new night flue borer. Eyan Carr having left the service. John Antrikin is the new fire builder, filling the position formerly held by Mr. Elkins.

John Howard, roundhouse, has the sympathy of the entire force in the loss of his wife. Mrs. Howard's death occurred Sunday, August 9, following an operation at a local hospital.

Blacksmith Marlin Lyons and family spent a recent Saturday and Sunday visiting home folks at Rogers, Ark. While there, Marlin tried his luck at fishing and from the looks of the sunburn, we don't think Marlin will go again this year; and worse still, he doesn't say a word about the fish he caught.

J. W. Thompson, general foreman blacksmith shop, is on a two weeks' vacation. We don't know just where he is, but hope he has a good time.

The insurance inspector for the Frisco system gave Blacksmith Foreman Cloe May credit for having the cleanest and safest shop on the entire system.

In fact, the whole south side shops, according to the reporter's ideas, are the best on the system anywhere. The credit for this goes to L. J. Leysaht, our superintendent, who sees that the shops are kept clean at all times; also that the fire equipment is kept in first class shape with plenty of fire barrels at convenient places, the fire drive-ways kept clear at all times and a well organized and drilled fire fighting detail. We also claim fewer accidents than any other place on the system.

TELEGRAPH LINE GANG CAMP No. 83—PIERCE CITY, MO.

J. E. NUSSBAUM, Reporter

The boys of Camp 83 surely are enjoying themselves while in this city. You cannot keep them out of the water. This city has one of the finest swimming pools in this part of the state.

August 8, Head Lineman T. J. (Red) Hight got a vacation and journeyed to his home in Texas to see his relatives.

Lineman Garrett Wright spent Sunday, August 9, at Mountainburg, Ark. All questions in regard to same will be answered by Garrett.

Lineman Lynn McKinney journeyed to somewhere in Kansas, Sunday, Aug. 9. "Stormy" never tells just where he is going.

Thurman W. Jordan recently motor-ed from here to Bois d'Arc, Mo., in his flivver, the motor hitting on all four.

Groundman Alvin Crouse spent a vacation at Northview, Mo., with his mother.

Everett Taylor, straw boss of Oliver's gang, visited Camp 83, Sunday, Aug. 3.

TELEGRAPH GANG—LIBERAL, MO.

B. W. ELLIOTT, Reporter

E. E. Gilmore has purchased himself a baby Overland of E. C. Daily; Daily then bought a Cleveland roadster. Saturday evenings finds him speeding for Buffalo, Mo.

After reading "Modern Marriage" for some time, we heard Howard Worthy requested a thirty-day vacation beginning August 15.

W. M. Hastings was called home on account of his mother being sick. Glad to say that she is much better now.

Six men from this gang assisted Division Lineman Wood repair a break caused by a cyclone pulling down 17 poles near Fulton, Kans.

We are all glad to see some of the other gangs sending in news, as we enjoy reading all gang news.

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