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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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HAZEL STROUD WINS BATTLE FOR LIFE

Frisco Messenger Girl Supported by Co-Workers in Five Year Tubercular Fight to be Married This Month

FEW people ever have been lifted from the deepest pits of despair to the heights of happiness as has Miss Hazel Stroud. In 1922 Hazel's doctors informed her that it was a matter of only a few months until tuberculosis would claim her for a victim.

But Hazel has "come back".

Many Frisco employes have been vitally interested in the fight she has made for life and health, for it was through their contributions that Hazel, former chief messenger in the St. Louis Frisco telegraph office, secured the money to finance her long siege. In 1917 she became an employe of the Frisco, but her illness did not become apparent and necessitate a change of climate, medical care and attention until 1922.

Today she is the victor and her eyes fill with tears, as she mentally views the happiness which awaits her. She has regained her health—her weight has increased from 95 to 115 pounds and sometime the last of October she will become the bride of the boy who has waited while she fought the good fight—and won.

In 1922 an examination showed that one of Hazel's lungs was affected. She went to Koch's Hospital a short distance out of St. Louis. A six months course of treatments did not bring about a pleasing result and Hazel was informed by the doctors that she could only live until spring and that she had better return to her home.

It was then that Hazel evinced the fighting spirit which helped her win out. She felt that the western climate might help and she conceived the idea of making lingerie bows and selling them to finance her fight.

One day during the Christmas holidays she canvassed the Frisco building and one of the first offices she went into was that of Mr. B. T. Wood, vice president. She approached Mildred Johnson, his secretary, whom she had known. When she had displayed her handiwork, Miss Johnson, with characteristic insight, began to

question her. The whole story was told, for Hazel had at last found a sympathetic friend.

When Hazel left, Miss Johnson started a subscription list. The fund grew, for Hazel was well known, both because of her efficiency and her sunny disposition. Transportation was se-

Reports showed a slow improvement. Later she went to Denver where she remained for four months, and as she regained her health she attended the "Opportunity School", where she graduated from the eighth grade. She also attempted to help contribute to her own support by securing work at the Western Union office at Denver, but after four months' service she had to give it up.

In January, 1927, Hazel's father died, and she came to St. Louis for a short time, later returning to Denver. Her health was steadily improving and she again started to school and took up a business course.

Several years elapsed. The Frisco folk still remained loyal and Hazel kept up the fight as she gained strength daily.

"What did the treatments consist of? Just going to bed and getting sun baths, and being fed milk and eggs and wholesome food. The sun, air and rest did it all. We took very little medicine. But one can't imagine the monotony of endless days just lying in bed.

"You know," she said, "when the doctor would come around in the morning, we'd tell him that we felt strong and would like to get up and he'd tell us to go on, only not to tire ourselves. Maybe we would get up for a few hours and perhaps the next day we wouldn't even feel like turning over in bed. One day of discouragement to every couple of days feeling well. It was a long battle, and while I was lying in bed—oh! there were so many things I wanted to do, sometimes I could and did just cry."

All through Hazel's fight Albert Friedman, of Denver, whom she met eleven years ago, valiantly helped the little sufferer. When she became discouraged, he would write her letters filled with thoughts of health and happiness.

"It all seems so wonderful," she said, with tears rolling down her face. "It's so hard to get a doctor's certificate which gives a patient, such as I, permission to marry, for one must be

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Five years ago doctors told Miss Hazel Stroud (above), messenger girl in the St. Louis Frisco offices, that she could live only a few months. Contributions of general office employes financed her long fight against tuberculosis. The above picture of this Frisco girl was taken only a few weeks ago. She is completely cured and came back to St. Louis to tell her benefactors of her approaching marriage—and to thank them for saving her life.

cured and on the morning of January 3, 1924, Miss Johnson took Hazel to the train, and gave her the sincere wishes of the entire Frisco family and assured her that she would see that they stood by her until she had recovered. Hazel was confined in St. Luke's Hospital at Phoenix, Ariz., for sixteen months and in the meantime Miss Johnson saw that the subscription list grew and was ample to take care of Hazel's needs.

FRISCO FLOWER GARDENS FLOURISH

Station Beautification Program Inaugurated Last Spring Surpasses Expectations—Frisco Workers Praised for Gardening Efforts

DURING the wintry days of last January when thoughts of summer vacations now ended had hardly entered the minds of Frisco folks, a quiet campaign for the beautification of Frisco property throughout the nine states in which this railroad operates, was started.

As is the way with most splendid things, the start was inauspicious and quiet enough.

A flower enthusiast employed as shop accountant in the office of F. A. Beyer, superintendent of the west shops at Springfield, wrote a letter to the editor of the *Frisco Magazine*. His letter was suggested by Miss Naydean Blakely, reporter for the *Magazine* at the Springfield west shop offices. Don Fellows was the writer.

"With spring only a jump and a half ahead," Florist Fellows wrote, "I wonder if it wouldn't be a fine thing for the *Frisco Magazine* to publish several articles on the 'Care of the Home Garden' to aid the many Frisco people who, no doubt, are planning gardens this spring."

Magazine readers will recall that Mr. Fellows' articles appeared in the *Frisco Magazines* of March, April and May.

But between the time the *March Magazine*, containing the first article, was out, and the issuance of the *April Magazine*, both Florist Fellows and the editor were deluged with letters from Frisco employes throughout the system, asking for more information of a particular nature—even for bulbs, seeds and plants, or recommendations as to where they could best be procured.

Then General Manager Fred H. Shaffer offered the suggestion that started the campaign in earnest.

"Why wouldn't this interest on the part of our employes in beautiful gardens result in many beautified station parks, section house yards and so forth on our lines, providing the Frisco furnished the bulbs and seeds, together with instructions on how to plant them?"

President J. M. Kurn answered Mr. Shaffer's query by authorizing the money necessary to furnish the bulbs and seeds, and the April issue of the *Frisco Magazine* announced that a circular had been sent out to all section foremen and agents, advising them that requests for flowers filed with Mr. Fellows would be promptly cared for.

On the opposite page, concrete evidence of the remarkable progress made during the following months in

beautifying Frisco property is presented. Much credit is due Frisco Florist Fellows who worked without compensation many hours of his spare time in mailing out the bulbs and writing letters of advice on planting and care of the flowers to the consignees.

The eagerness of Frisco employes to go "above and beyond the call of duty" to further the interests of their railroad, has again been demonstrated convincingly,—this time by the men in charge of stations and other properties on the railroad.

The willingness with which the agents, section foremen, roadmasters, pumpers and others entered into the campaign to beautify Frisco property as told in the accompanying story, is a matter of pride to officers of our company. Don Fellows of Springfield, a floral enthusiast, worked until late in the night on many occasions in mailing flower bulbs and seeds to those who ordered them. President Kurn did his part in authorizing the expenditure of money to purchase the bulbs. Frisco workers planted and cared for the gardens.

The pictures on the opposite page tell a graphic story of the success of the program of "a flower garden for every barren spot on Frisco property."

And the exclamations of delight made by many Frisco passengers enroute, upon viewing the floral masterpieces, was, as one Frisco agent said, "pay enough for the extra hours we put in to make the gardens grow and bloom."

W. L. H., Jr.

During the spring and summer months passengers on Frisco trains have exclaimed in admiration at the beauty of Frisco station and section properties. Pump houses have been changed into rose bowers, grass station lawns into a flower fairyland.

Exactly 12,218 plants and bulbs of dahlia, canna, gladioli and elephant ears were sent out by Florist Fellows, all at no cost to the Frisco workers who received them. These bulbs, if properly cared for during the approaching winter, should furnish approximately 50,000 bulbs for planting next year.

The pictures on the next page are of only a few of the many many station and section grounds beautified under this program. Other pictures are being received and will be pub-

lished in later issues. The friendly rivalry among the Frisco employes who cared for the planting did much to promote the success of the project.

The Ladies' Civic Club of Caruthersville, Mo., deserves credit for the beautiful flower garden which directly surrounds the station at that point. These ladies have spent many hours pruning and cultivating the garden, which is delightful to view.

Just across the railroad tracks, to the north of the station at Caruthersville, is another garden plot which is under the direct supervision of O. B. Davis, section foreman, and he has surrounded the section house and grounds adjoining with a variety of deep-colored and fragrant flowers.

Probably one of the most difficult tasks was that undertaken by N. F. Holt, agent at Clayton, Oklahoma. The garden at that station is the result of much labor on the part of Mr. Holt and his associates, for there are no watering facilities in or near the little park and garden, and water had to be carried in buckets. But the little garden thrived and repaid those who were interested in its care.

The rose arbor over the pump house at Warwick, Okla., is the handiwork of Romy Pickard, pumper. Passengers daily comment on its beauty. Adjacent to the pump house is a little garden plot where zinnias, dahlias and gladiolas grow in abundance.

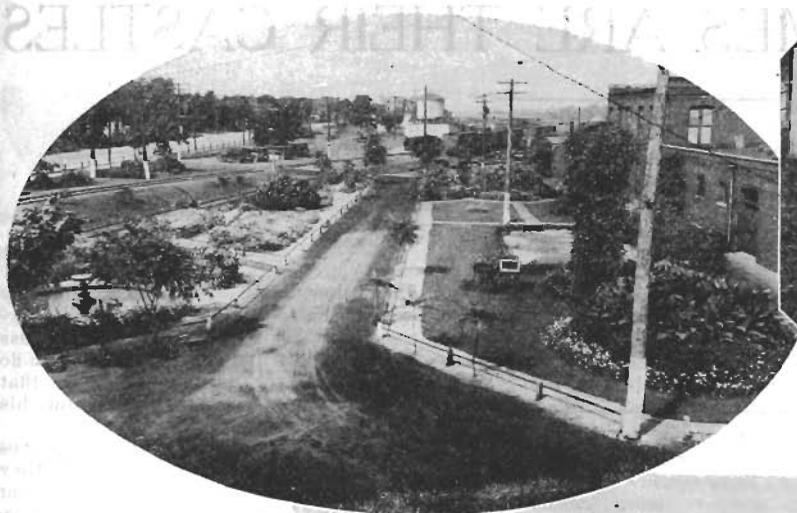
"Sam B. Wooldridge, section laborer at Thayer, Mo., is the man who is responsible for our beautiful little flower garden," writes Peter A. F. Ingle, agent at that point. "Mr. Wooldridge spaded up the ground, planted the bulbs and cares for the garden."

J. W. Ledbetter, agent at West Plains advises that the photographer did not do justice to the floral display at that station, for each little square of ground was utilized and a panorama was difficult to secure. "We're going to have a real garden next year, and we're already planning on how we are going to arrange the beds," he writes.

W. E. Counts, roadmaster at Cuba is certainly proud of the flowers cared for by the men at that station. He says that it is a pleasure to see the interest they have taken in making the station grounds beautiful.

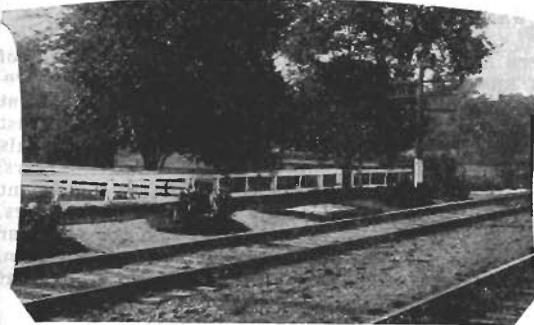
The little park at Soper, Okla., maintained by C. E. Clark, agent, and Tom Hall, section foreman, has attracted a great deal of attention. These beds have received hours of care and attention from these men.

Various employes at the Monett
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Views of Frisco Garden Spots

Upper left hand corner; flower beds around office of A. W. Blume, general storekeeper, Springfield, Mo. Upper right hand corner; flower beds at Thayer, Mo., S. B. Woodrldge, section laborer cares for the beds. Pump house at Warwick, Okla., cared for by Romy Pickard, Pumper at left, second row. Station grounds, Parsons, Kans., cared for by agent, J. M. Gasaway, in center above. H. L. Hillemann, agent, Datto, Ark., standing behind his flower beds at right above. The station at Soper, Okla., with flower beds surrounding, at right. N. F. Holt, agent, Clayton, Okla., is responsible for garden plot at that station, left. A colorful corner near roadmaster's office, Cuba, Mo., below Soper picture. Many employes have interested themselves in the care of the beautiful beds at Monett, Mo., left again. J. E. Stephens, flagman, Union Avenue, Kansas City, standing by his flowers, at right. The section foreman at Pacific, Mo., cares for garden plot, at lower left. Walkway leading to the station at Caruthersville, Mo., center. J. W. Ledbetter, agent, West Plains, boasts of his floral display, on the station grounds.



EMPLOYEES' HOMES ARE THEIR CASTLES

*Seven Stephenville, Texas, Frisco Workers Know No Landlords—
All 100 Per Cent Home-Owners*

PAYROLL records on the Texas Lines of the Frisco will show that seven men are employed in the station at Stephenville, Texas, as agent, operator, yard clerk, third trick operator, cashier, warehouseman and night baggageman.

But payrolls are brief, terse affairs and don't "tell the half of it".

The Texas Lines payroll for Stephenville won't show, for instance, that those seven men, headed by J. D. Killough, twenty-seven years a Frisco employe, each owns his own home, and that in so doing, those employes probably set a record for which every other station on Frisco Lines should strive.

A 100 per cent home-owning station force.

That's what the Frisco has at Stephenville, Texas.

Agent Killough is one of the best known men in Frisco service, and was elected a director of the Frisco System Veteran Employees' Association at its June, 1927, meeting in Springfield and has always been an advocate of home ownership and the excellent policy of "Pay as you go, or don't go".

Agent Killough's example in owning his own home in Stephenville was infectious to the congenial, hard-working Frisco employes at his station. Those seven men have a combined service record with the Frisco of 105 years, and each of them is planning on staying in the service for years to come. So gradually, one by one, they followed their agent's example. Today, W. N. Wallace, the second trick operator, 25 years' service, owns his home, and so do V. H. Barber, yard clerk, and R. Finley, third trick operator, each with 13 years' service; T. C. House, cashier, 11 years' service; Alexander Wright (colored), warehouse man, 9 years' service; and E. J. Hutchison, night baggageman, 7 years' service.

Mr. Killough is somewhat of a psychologist. He reasons that when a man is working under the strain of family cares, with innumerable bills to meet, and a loosely-managed household, his mind cannot be given wholly to his work. The greatest asset which a man might have in this building up of the family budget, says he, is to own his own home. If worries come, and reverses get the upper hand, a man's home is always his "castle" and represents a wisely and carefully made investment.

"My wife and I never have lived in a rented home," he said. "We have always been strong advocates of the

slogan, 'Own and Live in Your Own Home.' Contentment is necessary if an employe is to be efficient, and I believe efficiency begins in the home with a contented wife and family."

It isn't necessary for a man to be a student of economics to understand that a home owner is perforce a better worker, more conscientious citizen, and more contented person than his less provident brother. The satisfaction and feeling of security which comes to a man who can point to a residence, however humble, and say, "I own that home," is immeasurable.

In this story the record of seven station employes of Stephenville, Texas, who constitute a 100 per cent home-owning group of Frisco men, is set forth. No one of them is a "high-salaried" officer. No one of them has an income independent of his Frisco pay check. As agent, operator, night baggageman, warehouse man and cashier, they are typical of thousands of other loyal workers of this railroad.

We invite you to a careful inspection of the homes owned by these men pictured on the next page. Any Frisco employe would be proud to own any one of them. Many Frisco men along the line do own homes similar to these—but many do not. We urge each reader of the Magazine to peruse the remarks of Agent J. D. Killough of Stephenville, contained in the accompanying article.

The accomplishments of Killough and his brother workers should be a splendid inspiration to us all.

—W. L. H., Jr.

And so, as each employe was added to the roster at Stephenville, Mr. Killough "sized things up". He visualized the little home which might suit the purse of each one, and when the time came to bring up the subject of home owning, Mr. Killough had plans well in mind and his advice was always sound and valuable.

Sometimes arrangements were hard to make, and Mr. Killough is known to have helped several of the younger employes in securing their homes.

"A man has a greater interest in the city where he lives if he owns his own property," said Mr. Killough. "For instance, he votes for all city improvements which might make his city more prosperous and his property more valuable. He is an interested and valuable citizen. And, on

the other hand, if the company by which he is employed does not succeed, his pay envelope is more or less insecure, and it is to his interest to do everything in his power to see that the company which gives him his daily living, prospers.

"Are these Stephenville employes boosters for the Frisco? Well they certainly are. To an unusual extent they have been active in the organization of Greater Traffic Clubs. We are glad the movement is gaining such attention, but these Frisco employes at Stephenville always have solicited business for the Frisco Lines, because they wanted to see both their city and their company grow." And Mr. Killough traces it back to the fact that they are happy and interested, both in their home life and in their work.

Each of these homes show that many Frisco principles and policies have been worked out. Each of the photographs show that many hours have been put in beautifying the lawns and hedges, and flower plots.

Another slogan besides the home owning one, has been adopted by this energetic group of Texans. That is, "Keep Out of Debt—Pay Cash as You Go or Don't Go". The fact that each is a home owner, has made good with the Frisco and can claim years of seniority, proves that this slogan has been adopted unanimously.

FRISCO TEAM WINS AGAIN

The baseball team of the Frisco Best Service Club, composed of employes at the Seventh Street Station, St. Louis, defeated the St. Charles (Mo.) Advertisers at St. Charles, 16-1, September 18.

For the winners L. Glore, catcher, made a home run; Joe Snell, left fielder, made a three-base hit, and Ed. Burke, right fielder, and Kuehnell, first baseman, made two-base hits. F. Snell, Frisco Best Service Club pitcher, struck out six men.

J. A. HARRISON DIES

James Allen Harrison, father of Harry Harrison of the accident prevention department, St. Louis, died at his home in Webb City, Mo., August 26. He was 73 years of age and his death followed an illness of two years.

Mr. Harrison has been a resident of Webb City for thirty-four years. He is survived by his widow, four daughters, Harry Harrison, the son, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.