

Signs of Spring

She: "Did you ever see a robin pull so hard on a worm that he pulled it in two and fell over backward?"

He: "No, but I should think the worm would feel bad."

She: "He did. He broke under the strain and the bird was quite upset."

In the Schoolroom

Teacher: "Johnny, who was the first man?"

Johnny: "George Washington was the first man—first in war and first in peace."

Teacher: "No, Johnny—Adam was the first man."

Johnny: "Speaking of foreigners, I suppose he was."

Effort Wasted!

Trying to be brutally frank to a flapper, we told her that her hair looked like a mop.

"What does a mop look like?" she asked.

Two in One!

"Well, how are you this morning?" asked the passenger.

"Fare", replied the conductor.

All Sizes!

Tourist (in village store): "Whad-dya got in the shape of automobile tires?"

Saleslady: "Funeral wreaths, life preservers, invalid cushions and doughnuts."

Much Alike

Automobiles are like people. They smoke, they skid, they break down, they knock and sometimes they stall.

One Reason

"I never worry about my husband being in an accident when he doesn't get home on time."

"I must get mine to take out more insurance, too."

Really?

She: "How do locomotives hear?"
Roundhouse Foreman: "Through their engineers."

Careful Handling

Little Willie was sent to bring in the new kittens. His mother heard a shrill meowing and called out, "Don't hurt the kittens, Willie."

"Oh, no," said Willie, "I'm carrying them very carefully by the stems."
—Boy's Life.

HARD TO SELL

A real estate salesman tried to sell a house to a newly married couple. Said the wife: "Why buy a home? I was born in a hospital ward, reared in a boarding-school, educated in a college, courted in an automobile, and married in a church; get my meals at a cafeteria; live in an apartment; spend my mornings playing golf, my afternoons playing bridge; in the evening we dance or go to the movies; when I'm sick I go to the hospital and when I die I shall be buried from an undertaker's. All we need is a garage with a bedroom."—Christian Register.

Very Observing

A Chinese boy was asked to explain the difference between the pictures on a couple of signboards, one featuring Bull Durham, the other Carnation milk.

"See", he told a couple of his young friends, "in America there are the she cow and there are the he cow. The she cow, she give milk and the he cow, he give tobacco."

Tennessee Utility News.

Contagious?

He: "Do you believe kissing is unhealthy?"

She: "I've never—"

He: "You've never been kissed?"

She: "No—never been sick."

Oh, My!

Our friend, the Scotchman, leaving on a trip, left this last parting instruction with the family:

"Dinna forget to tak' little Donal's glasses off when he isna lookin' at anything."

Airedale

"What kind of dog is that, son?"

"An air-tight dog."

"Why air-tight?"

"Well, his mudder was an Airedale an' his father was a Scotch terrier."

Fair Enough

"I'm going to shoot you."

"Why?"

"I've said I'm going to shoot anybody who looks like me."

"Do I look like you?"

"You do."

"Shoot!"

No Answer

Found—By wife returning from vacation—a lady's brooch in the back of husband's car. Owner may have same by paying for this notice and identifying brooch.

Not Yet—But Soon

"What's the matter with yer Bruder?"

"Sick."

"What made 'im sick?"

"Ate some chicken or sumpin'—stomach out of whack."

"Croquette?"

"No, he ain't croaked yet, but I think he will."

Life

There isn't much to life but this, A baby's smile, a woman's kiss— A book, a pipe, a stalwart friend, And just a little cash to spend.

—J. M. Johns

A Dig for His Master

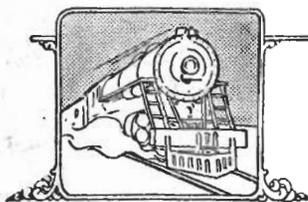
A London physician accepted an invitation to join a house party for a little shooting. When he returned, a privileged butler asked him whether he had enjoyed himself.

"Oh, yes," was the reply.

"Kill much, sir?"

"No, hardly anything," admitted the doctor.

"Ah, well sir," said the butler, "it's nice to have a change."



The FRISCO MECHANIC

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A. H. Jones Elected Advisory Board Chairman for 1928



The men in the above photograph, all representatives of the Frisco Association, met at Springfield, April 2, and elected their advisory board for 1928. The photograph was taken in front of the general office building just after the meeting.

MR. A. H. JONES, assistant to Mr. J. E. Hutchison, vice-president in charge of operation, was elected chairman of the system advisory board of the Frisco Association of Metal Crafts and Car Department employes at a meeting held in Springfield on April 2, when seventy delegates from over the system assembled. Mr. C. J. Kennedy, sheet metal worker for Frisco Lines at Birmingham was elected vice-chairman of the board.

The personnel of the 1928 advisory board of railway company representatives consists of, Messrs. H. L. Worman, superintendent motive power; J. K. Gibson, assistant to Mr. Worman, Springfield; A. H. Jones, St. Louis;

G. W. Moore, assistant superintendent motive power, Springfield; W. B. Berry, master mechanic Kansas City; J. L. Harvey, master mechanic, Springfield, and M. J. McCaffrey, general car foreman, Springfield.

The association's representatives elected are: Messrs. G. C. Shields, boilermaker, Ft. Smith, Ark.; G. Goode, machinist, Oklahoma City; Wm. Gates, carman, Monett; J. R. Frank, electrician, Springfield; C. J. Kennedy, sheet metal worker and pipefitter's representative, Birmingham; H. H. Fuller, representative for power plant laborers and brown hoist men, Enid, Okla.; and A. E. Kerns, blacksmith, Springfield.

In discussing the system advisory

board, Mr. Jones said, "The board was created in conformity with the Railway Labor Act and exemplifies the close relationship which has existed between the management and its employes in the handling of its human relations problems.

"A feeling exists among employes and executives of the Frisco that exists on no other railway system, and such co-operation relieves us of a great burden and at the same time gives the men at the shops an active part in the administration of their problems," he said.

The advisory board will serve until the annual meeting in 1929, when a new board of 14 members will be elected.

MEMPHIS LOCAL MEETS

The Memphis local of the Frisco Association of Metal Crafts and Car Department Employes met on the night of April 13 at Carpenters Hall to discuss various problems.

The entire official staff of the mechanical department was present and made very interesting talks relative to the activities and co-operation of the various employes in the mechanical department in assisting the traffic department to secure increased tonnage for Frisco Lines.

"I am sure that this meeting will result in a more unified effort on the part of the mechanical employes in furnishing information to the pas-

senger department on new business which will develop more tonnage as well as passengers for our line", writes Mr. R. E. Buchanan, executive general agent.

TO MODERNIZE ENGINES

Modernization of the Frisco's small locomotives of the saturated steam type probably will be ordered if planned experimental runs with two of the engines, now being modernized at the west shops, Springfield, bear out expectations of officials that the small engines thus modernized can be operated as economically as rail motor cars. The two engines will be

tried on trains Nos. 101 and 102, between Kansas City and Thayer, Mo.

The Frisco owns nine of these "tea kettles," as engineers term them. The engines are eight-wheelers and they were popular in earlier days on the Frisco.

The Frisco estimates that the little engines can be modernized for \$12,000 each. Rail motor cars cost approximately \$55,000. The modernized engines will have a greater range of power than motor cars.

The latest theory is that being happy is just a matter of selecting an ambition small enough to fit.

NEWS OF THE FRISCO CLUBS

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Clinton, Missouri

By acclamation, all the officers of the Frisco Employes' Club of Clinton, Mo., were re-elected at the monthly business meeting held Sunday, April 15. These officers are: A. T. Laney, conductor, president; L. W. Crotty, engineer, vice-president, and C. O. Claiborne, agent, secretary. The attendance was thirteen employes.

A vote of thanks was extended to "our old and true friend, John W. Geary", a pensioned Frisco conductor residing at Glendale, Calif., for an orange wood gavel which he made and presented to the club. Mr. Geary made and presented a similar one to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Frisco Employes' Club of Clinton, Mo. Short talks were made by all at the meeting on traffic solicitation and other things of benefit to the Frisco.

Mr. Laney talked on personal contact and traffic solicitation. He explained that this was not a one-man club, but was the club of the Clinton, Mo., employes and it was their duty to help make it a success. He said that two hours per month was very little for Frisco employes at Clinton to give to the meetings of the club.

Girls' Club of Chaffee

The Frisco Girls' Club of Chaffee, met at the home of Mrs. Inez Lail in Cape Girardeau, Saturday, March 24, for an evening of cards. Late in the evening a delicious luncheon was served the following members: Misses Esther and Irene Rigdon, Belle Kinne, Eva Wray, Glenna Fay Kay, Leota Friend, Mary Daily, Elizabeth Grieshaber, Anna Guethle, Ila Cook, Mrs. Inez Lail and Mrs. Don Parr. Members of the club also enjoyed a theatre party on April 17, after attending a supper given at St. Ambroses Hall.

Girls' Club of St. Louis

One hundred and ninety-three members of the Frisco Girls' Club of St. Louis, attended the monthly luncheon of that club at the American Annex, March 30.

Guests of honor were: Mr. F. H. Hamilton, vice-president, secretary and treasurer; Mr. S. S. Butler, general freight traffic manager and Mr. T. U. Young, of the president's office.

The choral club of the Girls' Club, under the direction of Professor L. M. Molino, presented three numbers, "Can't Yo Heah Me Callin' Caroline," "Morn Rise", and "Greetings to Spring". In presenting the last number the members were assisted by Mrs. Molino, a soprano. She was

presented with a corsage.

Mr. Butler spoke in complimentary terms of the successful efforts of the girls toward the solicitation of business for Frisco Lines and asked their further co-operation. He also said that the fame of the Girls' Club of St. Louis, had spread to every point on Frisco Lines and due to continued high average attendance and enthusiasm, this club was receiving many tributes from guests who had attended its affairs.

Mr. Hamilton expressed his pleasure at being a guest and Mr. Young, who claims the distinction of being the only man who wears the pin of the Frisco Girls' Club, was the third speaker. He expressed his keen delight in being able to attend the luncheon and attributed the success of the club to its enthusiastic members.

Neodesha, Kansas

Approximately 125 car-lots of freight were obtained by employes at Neodesha during the month ended April 5, it was announced at the monthly business meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Neodesha, held the night of April 5. Promises of "all future shipments" were given club members by several shippers.

The meeting was called to order by H. M. Cloud, dispatcher, president of the club. The attendance was eighteen employes. H. E. Morris, assistant general freight and passenger agent, Wichita, Kans. E. E. Carter, assistant superintendent of the Northern division, Neodesha, was ill and could not attend the meeting.

Wichita, Kansas

One of the most successful business meetings ever held by the Frisco Employes' Club of Wichita, was that held the night of April 10. Selling Frisco transportation was the principal subject handled. The attendance was 35, including these visitors: George Feist, train baggageman, Monett, Mo.; Harry Smith, brakeman; H. E. Hurst, engineer, and E. E. Carter, assistant division superintendent, the latter three of Neodesha, Kans.

Merle Calvert, switchman, president of the club, presided. Other speakers were: S. B. Ramsey, who told of obtaining, with S. P. Haas, Frisco routing on four cars of ditching machinery; R. H. Grimes, who said benefits are being derived because of the meetings of the club; General Agent Haas, who spoke of the value of courtesy in salesmanship; Mr. Carter; H. E. Morris, and F. Venn.

Drummond, Okla.

Members of the Frisco Employes' Club of Drummond, Okla., at the

club's business meeting April 14, in the office of the agent, discussed traffic solicitation, with particular reference to bus competition and the approaching wheat movement. The attendance was six persons, including two visitors.

The president of this club is Thomas Cowley and the secretary, J. T. Howell. Those present besides these officers were Clyde Ott and Garland Knight, of the club, and John Cowley and Elmer Haycraft, visitors.

Blytheville, Ark.

Musical selections by local employes and an address by Max Reid, Frisco attorney, Blytheville, constituted the principal features of the first social meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Blytheville, held April 19, in the Christian church annex. The attendance was thirty members.

Mr. Reid said that if any Frisco employes did not like their jobs and could not boost the Frisco they should look for some other position. He compared the Frisco employe personnel with a brick fireplace in the church where the meeting was held, saying that even though there were more bricks at the base than at the top, every one of them was necessary, and if some of them were weak or removed from the chimney, the top would fall.

The musical selections were much appreciated. A short business meeting was held after the program. A. G. Anderson, district agricultural agent, president of the club, in a short talk gave pointers on traffic solicitation.

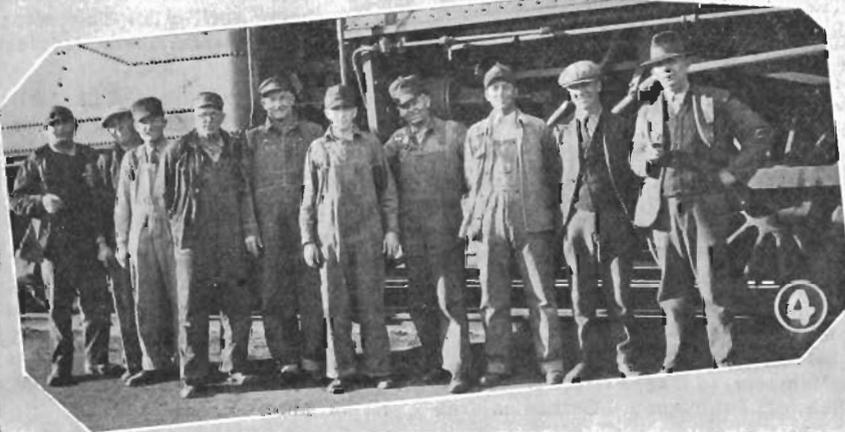
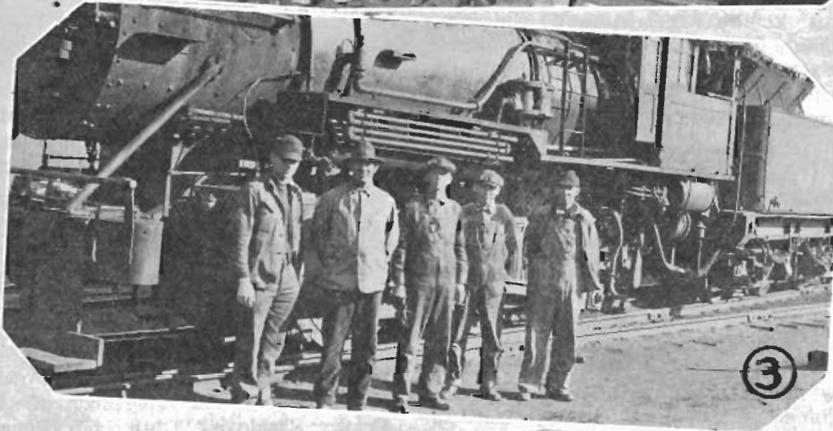
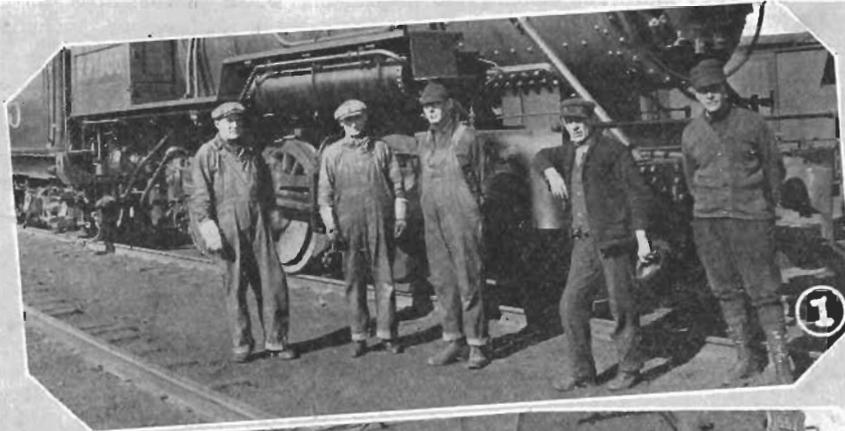
Vernon, Texas

The plea that Frisco traffic solicitors forget who gets the credit for the tonnage but remember that the main thing is the Frisco gets the revenue was made by H. V. Fowler, conductor, at the meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Vernon, Texas, held April 11. The attendance was twelve members and three visitors.

Other speakers were: J. L. McDonald, operator, who talked on the handling of patrons at ticket windows, freight counters and over the telephone. W. A. Campbell, brakeman, said that courtesy in handling switching was necessary.

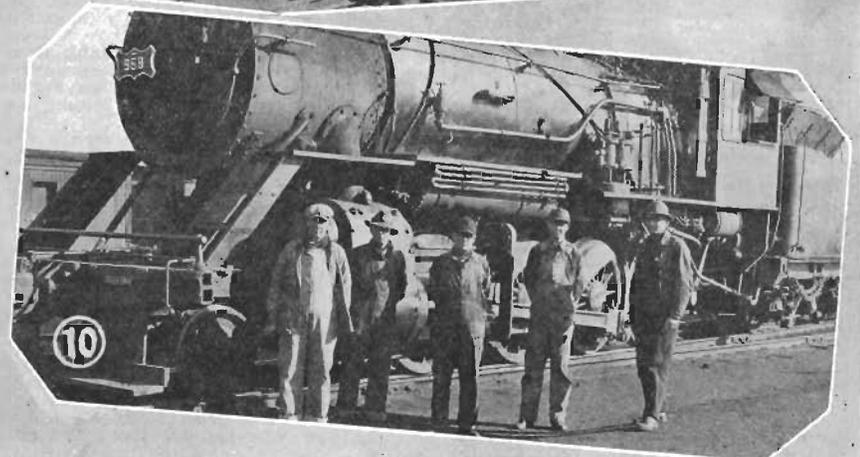
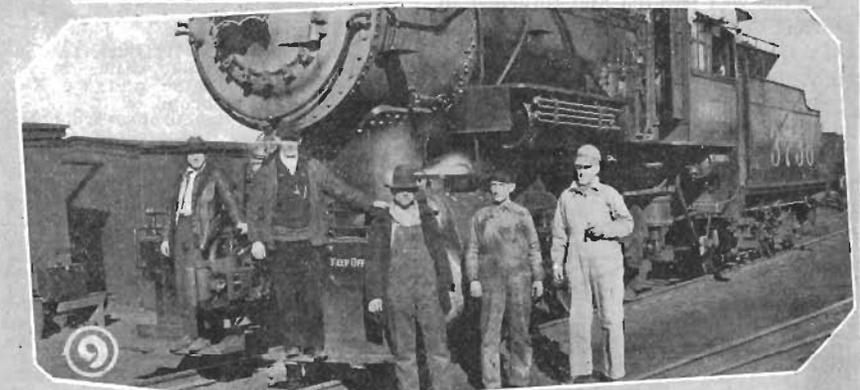
This club is planning a basket picnic to be held at Mt. Park soon, and also is planning inviting to the picnic all employes on the Southwestern division who can reach Mt. Park by rail or auto.

Terminal and Shop Engines at Spr



- 1.—West Shop Engine 3655 and crew, 8
- 2.—Switch Lead Engine 957 and crew, 1
- 3.—North Shop Engine 3657 and crew, 1
- 4.—Switch Lead Engine 958 and B. A. midnight crews.
- 5.—Transfer Engine 956 and crew, 11 A.
- 6.—Switch Lead Engine 965 and 7:30 P. M. to 11:30 P. M. crews
- 7.—Switch Lead Engine 963 and A. P. M. crews.
- 8.—Coach Engine 3738 and 6:30 A. M. to
- 9.—Coach Engine 3738 and 3 P. M. to
- 10.—Industrial Engine 959 and crew, 10

Springfield, Mo., and Their Crews



c 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 c 9:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.
 e 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.
 d M. to 4 P. M. and 4 P. M. to
 w A. M. to 7 P. M.
 d A. M. to 3:30 P. M. and 3:30
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 7 M. to 3 P. M. and 3 P. M. to 11
 A. to 2:30 P. M. crew.
 M 11 P. M. crew.
 ev A. M. to 6 P. M.