

## Chester Ferguson Wins Billings-Springfield Frisco Marathon



This photo of the runners in the Frisco's own "Bunion Derby" was taken at Billings, Mo., just prior to the start of the 21 mile run to Springfield, Mo.

**A**NDREW PAYNE, winner of the Pyle "Bunion Derby" and Chester Ferguson, Frisco blacksmith of Springfield, Mo., have two things in common.

They are both from towns on Frisco Lines and both recent winners of long distance foot races.

Mr. Ferguson on June 2, won first place and a prize of \$100.00 in a Frisco foot marathon run from Billings to Springfield, a distance of twenty-one miles. His time was three hours, fifty-nine minutes and ten seconds. Mr. V. T. Wilks, a walker, came in first in that class and won a \$15.00 prize, his time being five hours, twenty-nine minutes and twenty seconds. Mr. Leo Nagel, came in second, and won a prize of \$7.50.

The race was sponsored by Mr. C. L. Melton, a west shop employe, and the prizes were donated by the merchants and business men of Springfield and Billings. Second, third and fourth prizes were, \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 respectively. The next six

men each received \$10.00 each.

Altho thirty-three Frisco employes left Billings at 9:10 a. m., Saturday, June 2, only eighteen of them finished.

Large crowds all along the way witnessed this race and considerable enthusiasm was evidenced at all points, especially on the Square in Springfield where the race ended. It was necessary to have police protection to escort the runners into the Square, account of the large crowds.

There was quite a staff of officials in charge of the race, among them: J. K. Gibson, who acted as timekeeper; Drs. E. M. Fessenden, W. S. Sewell and G. M. Powell; Dr. J. D. Robers, foot specialist; Messrs. M. L. Ryan, John Franks and John Maxwell, first aid; ambulance service by Mrs. Alma Lohmeyer and J. L. Coring, Frisco employe, who acted as advertising manager.

The following eighteen men finished the race:

1. Chester Ferguson,
2. Lee J. Young,

3. Jerry Coring,
4. Dick Skelton,
5. Henry Ericson,
6. L. W. Evans,
7. Edward Baker,
8. J. C. Evans,
9. O. E. Bettrick,
10. E. H. Mays,
11. Harold Chambers
12. T. E. Gugel,
13. E. W. Mondy,
14. J. W. Rowland,
15. V. T. Wilks (walker),
16. Robt. L. La Veyra
17. Leo Nagel (walker),
18. A. C. Potter (walker).

Others who participated were: Delbert Bradley, Homer Harp, Ben Blankenship, A. T. Carroll, Frank Chastain, Frank Gottas, J. W. Blaeck, H. L. Fowler, A. L. Roberts, J. D. Seth, Grover T. Wheteley, Dan Webb, Jack Graf, H. C. McNally, A. D. Clark, Bill Cunningham, Chas. Brown, A. C. Everts, Leroy Prater, Fred Underhill and O. E. Wayland.

### FRISCO FLYER A WINNER



The Frisco is well represented at the Dog Races which are being held at Tulsa, by "Frisco Flyer", whose photograph is attached.

W. R. Watts, brakeman on the Western division, is the owner of this dog, who won the Dodge Bond cup in the feature race on the Oklahoma Course, May 10th, at the Magic City Kennel

Club. The time, thirty-five seconds, was unusually good for this distance. "Frisco Flyer" is one of the most popular greyhounds on the track, never failing to have plenty of backers whenever he is entered. Mr. Watts has several other consistent winners, Sandy's Pride and Alexander being the best, but "Frisco Flyer" attracts the most attention, no doubt by reason of his name.

### BALL CLUB AT FT. SMITH

According to Lee W. Caviness, reporter for Local No. 17 at Ft. Smith, Ark., the employes of the Ft. Smith shops maintain they have one of the best baseball teams on the system.

Mr. D. W. Stanley, wrecker foreman, is manager, and he would be delighted to receive word that some other team on the system desires a match game.

He may be reached by a letter addressed to him in care of the general foreman at Ft. Smith.

### HUGO NINE WINNING

The baseball nine of the Hugo shops has been having some fine games with teams from the surrounding territory.

The Frisco nine won one game from Powderly, Texas, but lost to the Antlers, Okla., team. However, on Sunday, May 20, they were matched with Ft. Smith. During the 1927 season the Ft. Smith team lost to the Hugo nine, and this year the score was 4 to 1 in favor of Hugo.

The Hugo team would like to have a match game with other teams and may be reached in care of Oray N. Wright, reporter for *The Frisco Magazine*, Hugo Okla.

"I am sorry I married you," sobbed the bride.

"You ought to be," said the groom, "you kept some other girl out of a mighty fine husband."

## A Page of Praise from Frisco Shippers

**P**RAISE has been given to James L. Greenup, Frisco agent at Scammon, Kans., and to William Mertz by H. F. Souder, of the Souder Grain Company, Scammon, Kans., for the rapidity with which the Frisco handled a car of flour and feed from a milling company at Wichita to the wareroom door of the Souder concern. The car left Wichita March 14 and was set out at Scammon the next day.

"I very much doubt," said Mr. Souder, in a letter to Mr. Greenup, "if ever a car of flour or a car of anything else has been ordered, billed and delivered an equal distance so quickly as the one to which I allude.

"This simply goes to show that the agent and the conductor whose names I have mentioned and the Frisco System have united in displaying all the essential features to merit the gratitude and appreciation I entertain toward them and it, for the efficiency and service I gladly acknowledge."

Treatment given by the Frisco to a car of cattle, consigned from a Mississippi point to McNew & Company, Bloomfield, Mo., when the cattle were unloaded at Chaffee, Mo., for feed, water and rest, has been commended by Mr. McNew, who went to Chaffee to see the condition of the cattle, states George W. Carlisle, agent at Bloomfield.

Mr. McNew said that the pens were clean and large and that first-class hay and fresh running water were provided the cattle.

"I want to take just a moment to express our appreciation of the help you have given us in moving Frisco car No. 123073, destined for Minneapolis, on April 27," wrote James A. Cannon, vice-president of the A. J. Stevens Grease & Oil Company of Missouri, of Kansas City, Mo., to F. E. Morgan, assistant to the superintendent of terminals, Kansas City.

"We all have our moments and yesterday was one of the times when we sure did need help. As usual, we called on the Frisco and were not failed."

"This very satisfactory service will result in your line handling all my tonnage drawn from territory served by the fast-growing Frisco," recently wrote R. L. Chappell, an official of the Aliceville (Ala.) Iron Works, to M. W. Dunkin, traveling freight agent, Memphis, referring to the Frisco's fast handling of a car of cement, Bir-

mingham to Aliceville, about the middle of April.

"I wish to compliment the Frisco and their connecting carriers on the splendid service given on car of samples recently shipped (from Springfield, Mo.) to Grand Rapids", recently wrote Burke Holbrook, president of the Springfield Furniture Company, to George M. Forrester, Frisco commercial agent at Springfield. The car was billed April 13 and was reported at Grand Rapids the morning of the eighteenth.

"It was quite easy to know when our car left the Frisco Lines and was attached to a train upon another system. The contrast in favor of the Frisco was marked to such an extent that it was easily determined."

So, on April 19, wrote Ben R. Estill, Kansas City, Mo., attorney, to E. G. Baker, assistant general passenger agent at Kansas City, in reply to the latter's letter of inquiry as to whether Frisco service had pleased Mr. Estill on a recent trip of his from his home city to Coco, Florida.

When Mr. Baker was division passenger agent for the Frisco, with headquarters at St. Louis, he started a system of inquiring of passengers after they had travelled via Frisco, how they liked Frisco service.

Mr. Baker's letter to Mr. Estill said in part:

"We appreciate your patronage and sincerely hope our service equalled your expectation. If you found anything to criticize in the handling of our train, class or condition of its equipment, etc., I shall be glad if you will tell me about it. Mr. Glover (assistant ticket agent at Kansas City) and I will cheerfully respond to 'phone calls—Main 3387—in connection with your transportation requirements."

First class in every respect, was the Frisco service encountered by J. A. Coulson, of George S. Mephram & Company, colors, chemicals, ores and clays concern of East St. Louis, Ill., on a trip he made early in May from St. Louis to Springfield and Joplin, Mo., Tulsa, Enid and Oklahoma City, Okla., and back to St. Louis, he told H. D. Schaefer, assistant paymaster, Frisco Railway, St. Louis, who was instrumental in obtaining this passenger.

Mr. Coulson added that whenever possible he would route his shipments over the Frisco.

"Having been a patient at the Frisco Hospital in St. Louis and now recovered from a major operation I feel obligated to express my appreciation, not only for the medical knowledge and surgical skill shown by the doctors, but also for the uniform attention and ability of all the hospital employes", writes Thomas J. Heath, pensioned auditor of Webster Groves, Mo., in a letter to the *Magazine*.

"I take pleasure in congratulating Frisco Lines employes who, in case of accident or sickness, can be taken care of in a hospital that is the equal of, if not better than, any other in St. Louis."

Efficient handling by James Z. Quinlan, rate clerk, Kansas City, of a car of hay for Campbell-Durbin & Co., Kansas City, Mo., feed firm, has resulted in the following letter of appreciation, written to Mr. Quinlan by N. C. Campbell, of the feed company:

"The writer wishes to express his sincere appreciation of the interest taken by you in connection with getting the car of hay 101228-C&NW moved to Dana Switch. The first time I come by the Frisco, I will bring you over some cigars, as I want you to know the interest that you took in this matter was sincerely appreciated and that when the opportunity presents itself, I will be glad to be of any service to you that I can."

Mules are noteworthy for, among many things, the speed with which they do not travel, but about 400 of them seemed to get the Frisco space-annihilating spirit recently and made the trip from Wichita, Kans., to Memphis, Tenn., in twenty-seven hours. No, it wasn't via hoof but "Via Frisco."

The Frisco took the shipment of 400 mules in sixteen cars out of the stockyards at Wichita at 4 a. m., on a Sunday and delivered the mules at Memphis at 7 a. m. the following day, an average speed of twenty miles an hour for the twenty-seven hours.

Billed out of Wichita by the C. B. Team Mule Company, the animals, purchased in the vicinity of Wichita, are being distributed to cotton plantations south of Memphis.

By a curious mistake a newspaper in writing up the fast shipment, printed the following heading on the story: "Record for Mules Shipped by Radio."

Well, it was pretty near that fast.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD MAY 28

The annual meeting of the executive board of the Frisco Mechanical Supervisors, was held May 28-29, at the community building, Springfield, Mo. Accident prevention was the principal subject discussed.

Delegates attending were: R. H. Gardner, president, Springfield; J. Frank Ferguson, vice-president, Western division, Enid, Okla.; C. E. Grundburg, secretary-treasurer, west shops, Springfield; James Bruce, Northern division, Kansas City; H. E. Hubbard, River division, Chaffee, Mo.; B. W. Swain, Southwestern division, Oklahoma City; W. O. Freeman, Central division, Fort Smith, Ark.; W. A. Morgan, Texas Lines, Sherman, Texas; M. J. Sartain, Eastern division, north shops, Springfield, and John E. Northcutt, west shops, Springfield.

## Frisco Mechanic

### LOCAL No. 30—PITTSBURG, KANS.

WILLIAM CHANEY, Reporter

Business on the Frisco, both in freight and passenger traffic, is growing rapidly, according to recent reports, and the indications are for a return to normal conditions of a few months ago. The hauling of strawberries and other fruit has caused a big increase in the past few days. One hundred and nine car loads of berries passed through here in one day, recently.

Charles Cuthbertson and Charley Cox enjoyed a few days of camp life, "somewhere in Western Kansas," the latter part of May, and report a fine time.

George Reed spent the evening of June 5 in Girard, Kans.

### LOCAL No. 7—FT. SMITH, ARK.

LEE W. CAVINESS, Reporter

We are glad to report that many of our members have returned to work after having recovered from the "flu", and hope that all will be back in a short time.

The Ladies' Auxiliary entertained the members of Local No. 7 with a very enjoyable musicale and program on Friday evening, May 23. Home-made cake, ice cream and punch were served as refreshments, followed by a dance. This was the first of a series of entertainments the Auxiliary has planned for the summer to stimulate interest in the local, and all who attended say they had the best time ever.

J. Marion Smart, machinist, has a new Essex coupe.

E. W. Travis, night engine inspector, and his wife are spending their vacation with relatives in Kansas.

J. N. Coley, blacksmith, and his family spent Decoration Day with Mr. Coley's parents at Tulsa, Okla.

James Massey, machinist, has a new Chrysler touring car.

Wm. L. Cordell, coppersmith, has entered the general hospital at St. Louis for surgical treatment.

Harold Claypool, son of W. W. Claypool, general car foreman, Central di-

vision, has been employed as apprentice machinist. We are glad to have Harold as a fellow-worker and feel that he will make a success of his opportunity.

P. E. Scherry, machinist, had his tonsils removed the first part of June.

Luther Burns, machinist, has recovered from a recent illness and is back on the job.

M. I. Hall, boilermaker, is confined to his home account of illness.

M. L. Sexton, electrician, has been having quite a bit of sickness in his family, but all are much improved at present.

E. L. Recse, painter, car department, has purchased a new Buick sedan.

Ernest Oliver, who recently finished his apprenticeship at Springfield, has been employed as a machinist at Fort Smith.

Wm. McGee, tank truckman, has returned to work after a short absence.

L. B. Fortner, coppersmith, and the writer had fine luck on their first fishing trip of the season. Mr. B. O. Lane, of Dallas, Texas, was the third member of the party.

### LOCAL No. 20—HUGO, OKLA.

ORAY N. WRIGHT, Reporter

G. G. Ford has been in great spirit. He announced the arrival of R. E. Ford on May 6. Congratulations.

Another one of our local men has been keeping late hours. None other than Noah Fields, helper. He has a new radio.

James McAleer, store clerk, will leave soon for DeSmet, N. D., to join in the family reunion, this being the first reunion in several years.

Howard Amos, car man, is another to announce the arrival of a new girl at his home on May 6.

Members of Local No. 20 extend sympathy to W. E. Mathes, electrician, who just recently lost the greatest pal a man can have—his mother.

Lee Stephens, boilermaker, has been off for several nights so he can take in some of the fishing that has been going on.

Johnnie King has that long-looked-for automobile. It's a Durant and we don't seem to be able to locate Johnnie long enough to find out all about its merits.

J. A. Williams, helper, and family, made a non-stop run to Dallas this month to visit home folks.

J. O. Norris, car man, has been off for several days on account of sickness in the family.

Tom Tinsley, helper, is now supporting a new Durant Coupe.

Chester Cearly, Tom Tinsley, Johnnie King, H. G. Tittle and Lee Stephens were the gang who made the last fishing tour. All reported a good trip.

Mrs. G. S. Garrison, wife of general foreman, spent several days visiting folks in Monet.

W. B. Kelly, assistant foreman, is planning on a vacation.

J. H. Rees, carpenter, has already planned a big camping trip when his daughters, Misses Golden and Mary, arrive home from school for the summer.

C. C. Vassor, machinist at Tulsa, formerly apprentice here, gave us a surprise by dropping in on us, but we couldn't get him to stay long enough.

Local No. 20 had a special meeting May 17 and Mr. Eudy, of Fort Smith, was among the visitors who came down to give us a talk before going to Springfield on the advisory board, which met in May.

Carlie Potts, machinist, has not moved in a couple of months. We wonder what's the trouble.

H. A. White, stationary fireman, has been off for several days to try his luck at fishing.

J. W. Winfrey, stationary fireman, is

back after a visit with his son, who is in the State Hospital. Reports that he is getting along well and will be able to bring him home soon.

E. E. Holt, helper, has another car now.

With the summer coming on, we are afraid we will lose a great part of our colored section gang, for the fear they all want to go back home in Mississippi for vacations.

B. C. Tanner, blacksmith, will leave soon for Hattiesburg, Miss., to see the home folks.

H. L. Akridge, storeman, finally got rid of that Chevy of his and got a new Chevy roadster.

### LOCAL No. 8—ENID, OKLA.

H. H. FULLER, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Minor are rejoicing over the arrival of twin babies, a girl and a boy, born May 19, whom they have named Joy Anna and Roy Charles. Mr. Minor is blacksmith helper in the car department.

Chester A. (Red) Purcell is in the St. Louis hospital with a severe case of the flu. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Geraldine Allen, sheet metal worker, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the general hospital here, recently. It was an emergency operation, but "Red" is doing nicely and will be out again soon.

T. E. Giddens, machine shop foreman, is sporting a new Oldsmobile sedan.

Charles Ethington, timekeeper in the general foreman's office, and Mrs. Ethington spent part of his vacation visiting friends and relatives in Altus, Oklahoma.

Quite a number from Enid are going to attend the Veteran's Picnic to be held in Springfield, beginning June 18.

C. P. Clark, sheet metal worker and president of our local, is on the sick list.

Calvin Clark, 12-year-old son of C. P. Clark, is spending his vacation visiting his grandmother in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ralph Savage has been quite ill recently with an attack of measles. Mr. Savage is a car department employee.

T. T. Basham, machinist helper, has resigned and is moving in a few days to Nebraska where he will engage in farming. We wish him success.

William Phillips, general foreman, is taking his vacation at this time to get in shape for the wheat rush. We are expecting the rush in July.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Allen of Corsicana, Texas, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Otis M. Cobb. Mr. Cobb is night air man.

Mrs. M. L. Graves and children, family of Mr. M. L. Graves, night foreman, are visiting with relatives in Marble Hill, Mo. They returned June 13.

#### Water Service Notes

James Kelley, 5-year-old son of R. H. Kelley, water chemist, had the misfortune to break his leg in three places. The accident was caused by a fall on the sidewalk, but at this time he is able to be home.

Mr. B. V. Rogers, of Tillot, Ark., is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. C. T. Venable.

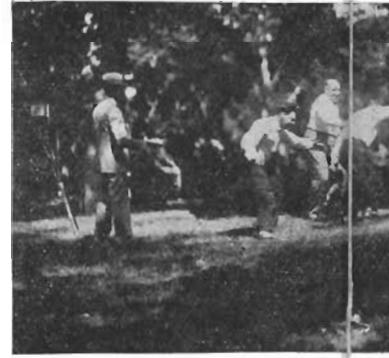
Mr. George Whitley and helper, E. L. Thomas, are decorating the passenger station with new guttering.

Arthur Haldaman and gang recently installed new well strainers at Dakota, Okla., pump station.

Cleaning water tanks seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. Jack Lenox, water service foreman, is inspecting all pumping stations, to see that they are in first-class shape for the wheat rush.

We are hoping the big rain on June 2 and 3 in the vicinity of Latham, Kans., has eliminated hauling water there this summer.



## The Photog Visits the Veterans

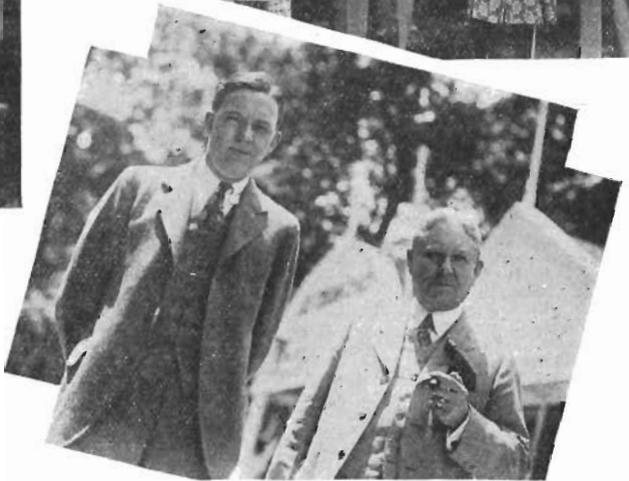
The three pictures across the top are of the barbecue the first a typical scene, showing the guests seated with their plates of barbecued meats and trimmings; second a group of the tables, showing the boys in white uniforms, serving the 1,700 guests; third picture, the dense lines formed and passing the tables.

Second row, first picture, winners of the horseshoe pitching contest, from left to right: J. H. Douglas, general agent, Joplin, first prize winner; E. Schumacker, guest, Kansas City, second prize; T. B. Whitehead, carpenter, west shops, Springfield, third prize, and F. G. Collar, storekeeper, Lindenwood shops, fourth winner.

Second: Mrs. A. Scrutchfield and young son enjoying the athletic events with Mrs. F. H. Shaffer.

Third picture: An action scene in the fifty-yard dash for men who weighed over 180 pounds. Spills were common occurrences.

Fourth picture: J. M. Warren, engineer of Shamrock, Okla., who entered most of the athletic events and carried



# Photographer Men's Barbecue Party

off three prizes. He is fifty-three years of age. The picture was made just after he had won the standing broad jump of ten feet.

Fifth picture: Winners in the fifty-yard dash, with men and women holding hands; left to right, Mrs. J. E. Pearson and M. B. Creigh, first winners and Mr. B. P. Crosby and daughter, Star, second winners.

Two lower pictures on left hand side: Upper, two vice-presidents, F. H. Hamilton and B. T. Wood, from St. Louis, who enjoyed every minute of the reunion. Lower picture: Girls of the general offices who attended the all-day picnic, from left to right, Charlene Willard, Eunice Morrow, Tiera Lester, Grace Jochum and Mildred Le Bolt.

Two photos in right hand corner, upper: Alfred Ball, secretary to President Kurn, and H. W. Hudgen, director of accident prevention, who posed for the photographer. Lower; "Uncle" Charley Baltzell on duty among the prizes, which were given in the athletic events.

