

fornia in the near future.

Joseph L. Hodsdon, our genial handy man, made a short trip to Holdenville a few days ago. He reports the police at that point are wide awake at all times during the day and night.

**OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
FT. SMITH, ARK.**

PAULINE SMREKER, Reporter

Mr. J. E. Weaver of Portland, Me., is visiting his son, J. G. Weaver, division freight agent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curry of St. Louis, Mo., visited Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brannan during the past week.

Arthur Sweat, trainmaster's clerk, was called to Oklahoma City, account the death of his brother. We wish to extend to Mr. Sweat our sincere sympathy.

Tim Krone, who was displaced on position of abstract clerk at the local office, is on leave of absence and has been visiting in DeQueen and Texarkana, Ark.

J. R. Curtis, former instrumentman in division engineer's office, paid us a visit en route from Winner, S. D., to Chicago, where he has been transferred in service of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company.

Miss Lorene Craddock, daughter of E. C. Craddock, file clerk, has returned from a visit in Los Angeles.

Erwin Relmer, shop accountant, is away from his duties account illness.

J. R. Trotter finally traded "Leapin' Lena" for a new Chevrolet sedan.

Lawrence Ivie has been appointed special officer with headquarters at Rogers, Ark., vice O. C. Medlin, transferred.

G. W. Walker, special agent, has been transferred to Springfield, Mo., while E. E. Wilson of Chaffee, Mo., comes to the Central division. We wish them both success.

Robert McCulla and mother are en route to California for a visit with relatives and friends in Los Angeles.

Everybody is looking forward to beautiful spring weather, but Dewey Bass seems to be more interested than anyone else, as he has purchased a new motor boat. We are all hoping to get a ride.

TEXAS LINES



Jack Newell, 19-year-old son of Switchman R. V. Newell, Memphis, and who is a resident of Ft. Worth, Texas, graduated from the Polytechnic High School of that city. By his excellent school work he secured a scholarship either at Baylor University at Waco, Texas, or the State University at Austin,

Texas. He was president of the graduating class.

**TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT
FT. WORTH, TEXAS**

CORYLYNE PLEDGE, Reporter

Imagine Frank Hubert's consternation when only eleven days before he would have collected the insurance for his stolen Essex it was returned to him (minus a battery), and his hopes for that new Ford were punctured like a balloon. Frank still contends he will have the Ford, and we wish him luck.

Miss Helen Horrel, secretary to traffic

manager, has just moved into her beautiful new home in Morningside addition. Helen says we are all invited to come out and have a look, providing we leave our shoes on the porch, and we don't know whether these precautions are to keep the dirt out or to keep us from breaking our necks on the high polish of the floors.

Our Frisco Club luncheon February 12 was a big success, as usual, only more so, there being 118 present, and lots of turkey and fixings was disposed of.

Certainly was a sad looking bunch around this place the day the Texas National Bank went "busted." Think most of the losers decided to charge it to experience, but some of the more optimistic ones still have hopes of collecting 25c on the dollar.

Our distinguished visitors for the past month included Messrs. J. L. McCormack, Springfield; Harry Hudgen, Springfield; J. W. Morrill, Pacific, Mo.

NORTHERN DIVISION

NEWS OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS

ESTHER M. CHASE, Reporter

Carl Cowen, formerly warehouse foreman, is now working as yard clerk in Pittsburg.

Thomas A. Peake, traveling passenger agent of the C&A railroad, spent a day in Pittsburg looking after business interests.

Mrs. Ada B. Lynch is now cashier at Neodesha, Kans.

Mr. Don E. Fellows spent a day in Pittsburg outlining plans for flower gardens at our new freight and passenger stations.

The son of our demurrage clerk, who has been ill with scarlet fever, is now recovered.

Messrs. J. W. Nourse, J. B. Hilton and W. L. Coleman visited the station February 12.

The daughter of our chief clerk, Arthur Moran, has been ill with the measles.

Mr. Mackey, traveling auditor, dropped in to see us the afternoon of the 12th.

Mr. Ed Humphries, demurrage clerk, will leave Saturday to enter the St. Louis hospital for a minor operation. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

Mr. Sherman, special agent, spent a day in Pittsburg.

ITEMS FROM WICHITA, KANS.

HELEN SHEEHAN, Reporter

Mr. J. R. Koontz, vice president traffic, was in Wichita, February 14 and 15, making an inspection trip and calling on personal friends. While here Mr. Koontz was entertained at Innes' Tea Room, the luncheon guest of prominent Wichita business men.

Mr. G. F. MacGregor, traffic manager at Kansas City, was a visitor in the city on February 14, and called on various shippers.

Mrs. H. L. Byerly, wife of the chief clerk, has recently returned from a visit in Joplin and Neodesha.

Mrs. Ruel Lester, wife of the bill clerk, underwent a minor operation a few weeks ago, and is reported to have recovered nicely.

The spring weather we have been having the past few weeks seems to have taken effect, as we understand that Mr. Murl Calvert is organizing the annual baseball team.

Mr. O. N. Keeling, yard foreman, accompanied by his wife and daughter, have returned from a vacation of several weeks. Mrs. Keeling was taken ill while on the trip, but is now improved.

Mr. M. M. Sisson, general manager, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Bevans and Mr. J. O. Armstrong, made an inspection trip



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over the line recently. The Burrton subdivision was included in the inspection trip, and the officials seemed very well pleased with conditions that they found.

Mr. J. W. Gray, Jr., has been assigned to position of third trick yard clerk.

Mr. William Feerick, who was recently appointed general clerk in the freight office, has moved his family from Fredonia to Wichita.

The freight office and roadmaster's office have been repainted and redecorated by Foreman E. G. Caskey and his gang, and we are all very much pleased with the result.

Mr. Henry Lockard has been appointed index clerk in the yard office.

Mr. A. Vaught, formerly section foreman at Andover, has been transferred to the same position at Wichita Heights.

Mrs. H. H. Bowman, wife of yard clerk, was called to Neodesha a few weeks ago on account of the illness of her mother.

**MASTER MECHANIC'S OFFICE
KANSAS CITY, MO.**

H. S. SHIVERS, Reporter.

Due to the extreme cold weather last month we failed to get our items in, as

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when the thermometer went to 20 below nothing, the ink in our ink well froze and before we could get it thawed out it was too late to get the items in time to be printed, so if you will accept the above excuse for failure on our part we will try to tell you some of the gossip of this office.

Everything and everybody has about thawed out. Mary Daily's feet are warm again, John Moffett's ears have healed up after being frozen, Pauline Hoffman has finally succeeded in getting her fingers limbered up, Agnes Lynch has discarded her boots, Dorothy Shippy is wearing only one pair of hose (and they are not wool either), Lucile Witter is

beginning to think about spending her vacation in Minnesota, Bill Edwards still thinks his team will win in the Frisco Bowling League, so if nothing happens for another month we all ought to be able to pull through.

Working crossword puzzles is all the rage with the feminine sex in this office at this time. The ouija board is the next stage and then the case becomes hopeless.

One sign of coming spring was the visit of Don Fellows last month.

We expect to report the start of work on our new office building before long. Yes, this is the same office that was to be built in 1917.

**OFFICE DIVISION ACCOUNTANT
FT. SCOTT, KANS.**

DOROTHY WORKING, Reporter

The old saying, if the ground hog sees his shadow on February 2 we will have six weeks more real winter weather certainly hasn't been true so far this month. We have been having almost perfect early spring weather.

Phil Briggs, completion report clerk, is confined to his home on account of having scarlet fever. We certainly miss Phil and are hoping he will be able to be back with us soon.

Mrs. W. E. Roush, wife of shop accountant, was called to her home in Topeka, Kans., on account of the illness of her mother. We are pleased to report she is improving slowly.

We are very sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mr. L. P. Pipkin's mother. We hope to hear of her complete recovery in the near future.

Mrs. R. E. Pipkin and baby of Sapulpa, Okla., stopped over here for a short visit on their way to Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Marie Hayden, stenographer in superintendent's office, will be Mrs. F. A. Murphy after February 24. She will be married at St. Mary's Queen of Angel church, Monday, February 24, 9 a. m. She will make her future home at Springfield, Mo. Everyone is going to miss Marie and her sunny smile. However, we wish them a long and happy married life.

**TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT
KANSAS CITY, MO.**

W. A. YOUNG, Reporter

Business conditions in our district, as a whole, are good. The loading, so far,

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has not exceeded last year, but it is at least holding its own. The hay movement is getting under headway and a great deal of corn is being loaded. If present indications prove true, the Republican party can take credit for another bumper business year.

Allen Goble has forewarned all competitive contests. He spent hours and hours thinking up a slogan in the "Slogan Contest" sponsored by the automobile show. He says that he used brain cells that he did not know that he possessed. And all in vain! I have his word for it that the slogan that won the new Hudson great eight was not nearly so good as his own. There is one consolation for Allen—just think of the puzzle practice and the mental stimulation he had working those twenty-five puzzles.

We have not been able to figure out just who lost the fabulous sums that the newspapers made so much fuss about during the recent storm in Wall street. Since that time "Bill" Devinney has blossomed out in a new suit and overcoat, "Steve," the night solicitor, a new overcoat, "Mel" Anderson a new suit, "Johnnie" Schem a new suit and ever so many ties. And, oh yes, "Mel" also has a new pair of rubbers. Our conclusions are that the newspaper stories were a bit exaggerated.

The weather continues to favor "Brad's" little deception. He is still wearing his overshoes in lieu of the regular kind.

**OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
TERMINALS
KANSAS CITY, MO.**

D. H. SWINDELL, Reporter

We were all very much surprised, but it was a pleasant surprise, when we received a wire from Mr. Hudgens' office informing us we had won the Accident Prevention Merit Cup for the last quarter of 1929. The transportation officers, in conjunction with the Sunnyland Club, are giving a free entertainment and dance the evening of February 24 to celebrate the winning of the cup. We are expecting an unusually good time. Mr. J. E. Harris is in charge of the arrangements. This is the first time the Kansas City terminal has ever been fortunate enough to win the cup. However, we are making plans and going to put forth special effort to win it again the first quarter of 1930, thereby permitting us to keep it here for six months.

There's been many a good game of golf shot here in the office this winter. That's when some of us shoot our best games. Understand Alonzo Finn and Howard Hoke are taking up the game this summer. However, the sensation we are all looking forward to is to see Jack Burch, general yardmaster, in a pair of golf knickers. Don't know whether that will materialize this summer or not.

A bowling team picked from the several teams at Kansas City is going to

invade Springfield over Washington's Birthday and endeavor to take the scalp of the Springfield office team. We have some pretty good bowlers at Kansas City, if we can get them all together to make the trip. Take Johnnie Sachen, for instance, understand that boy is good for 200 most any day—or night.

Mr. J. W. Skaggs, superintendent of terminals, took in the Auto Show recently, as did almost everyone in the office. We expect to see the boss drive down in a new Dodge eight most any day now. He says that the new Dodge eight is equipped with everything from a powder puff to a radio. In fact, it has the same thing in the automotive world that Miss Bow has in the movies.

RIVER DIVISION

**BRIDGE AND BUILDING
DEPARTMENT
CHAFFEE, MO.**

ALICE MOONEY, REPORTER

T. W. Hargraves, B&B laborer, is confined to Frisco Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., for medical treatment.

Ed Ewein and gang are doing general repair work in Kennett, Mo.

J. D. Allison and gang are working in Commerce, Mo.

Jim Bailey and gang are working in and around Neely's Landing, Mo.

Harve Forster and gang are working in west of Kennett, Mo.

Mrs. Joe Spradling, wife of B&B laborer, visited relatives in Kennett, Mo.

Jim Inman and gang are working in and around Wilson, Ark.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

INEZ LAIL, Reporter

Clay Smith, operator, who has been off duty for the past three weeks account illness, has returned to duty.

Elmer Ervin, son of Engineer Ervin, who has been in the hospital for the past three weeks critically ill with pneumonia, is now improving and we hope it will only be a short time until he is up again.

David Hawkins, report clerk, is the proud possessor of a new Chevrolet coach. Tom Scott, former special agent for the Frisco on the River division, visited our office recently. Mr. Scott is now sheriff of Scott county.

Robert Kammer, clerk at Blytheville, Ark., spent Sunday in Cape Girardeau with his family. Bob was yard clerk at this station until a short time ago.

R. E. Meadows, platform foreman, who has been confined to his home account of illness, is again able to be back to work.

W. E. Nichols, former car inspector at Crystal City, has been visiting his son Reginald at Cape Girardeau. Mr. Nichols now resides at Chaffee, Mo.

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**AGENT'S OFFICE—BLYTHEVILLE,
ARKANSAS.**

MARTHA REYNOLDS, Reporter

Mrs. Fred Carlock is on the sick list. Doctor advises she will probably have to undergo an operation before complete recovery.

Bob Kammer of Cape Girardeau, Mo., displaced G. D. Gorham as yard clerk. G. D. Gorham displacing T. S. Cannon, who went to Malden, Mo.

Mr. J. R. Holland, recently made general agent, states he intends to make his home at Blytheville. At present his home is in Chaffee, Mo.

E. N. Johnson of Hayti, Mo., displaced J. F. Zimmer as assistant cashier, effective February 3.

J. Norris Moon, son of Cashier M. T. Moon, recently accepted a position in Plainview, Texas.

Everyone received their 1930 transportation January 31.

**MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT
CHAFFEE, MO.**

LEOTA FRIEND, Reporter

A. W. Brinkman, night roundhouse foreman, was called to Oregon, Ill., February 1, due to serious illness of Mrs. Brinkman, who was visiting relatives.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. T. J. Odom, due to the recent loss of her husband. Mr. Odom was an engineer on the River division, having had twenty-seven years' service.

R. T. Ahlstead is soliciting orders for Stark Brothers' nurseries since the recent reduction in the car department.

Otto Blattel returned to the Frisco hospital February 17. Mr. Blattel has been having some trouble with a bruised finger.

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Cliff Peacher took his mother, Mrs. Sue Peacher, to Mississippi for a short visit with relatives.

Glenna Fay Kay, steno-clerk, spent the recent holiday, February 22, with an uncle in Tulsa, Okla.

In the recent election of officers for the Employees' Club for 1930 the mechanical department has been very much included. We boast a vice-president and four of the eight elected as members of the board of governors for the club. Looks like we are going to have a real club on the River division this year.

R. W. Leonard, motor car maintainer, was confined to the Frisco hospital several days the past month.

Mrs. Marguerite Malone, mother of Mrs. J. P. Reynolds, died at her home in Charleston, W. Va., February 2. Mrs. Reynolds was with her mother at time of her death.

Ed Margrebe, sheet metal worker, is confined to the Alexian hospital, St. Louis, at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKenna witnessed the basket ball game, Springfield vs. Cape Girardeau, played at Cape Girardeau, February 10 and 11.

The proudest man in the mill shops these days is John Hooker—the reason is a new grand-daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brazeal, February 8.

George Bienert, hostler, took his small son Albert to St. Louis Saturday, February 1.

John Crippen and wife drove to Bonne Terre, Saturday, February 15, where they visited relatives over Sunday.

John Kay, machinist, called a holiday February 12 and took Mrs. Kay to Cape Girardeau, where they attended a show.

At this time, Mrs. J. P. Harrison, wife of locomotive engineer, is still confined to Barnes hospital, St. Louis. It is hoped that Mrs. Harrison will soon recover sufficiently to return to her home.

Frank DeGroat of Springfield was in Chaffee a short while recently.

Mrs. H. E. McBride returned to Chaffee, February 16, after a three weeks' visit with her sister in Springfield, Ill.

**OFFICE OF DIVISION
ACCOUNTANT—CHAFFEE, MO.**

RALPH STEPHENS, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McGarvey entertained the office force of the accounting

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department with three tables of bridge recently. Dainty refreshments were served. Prizes were won by Mrs. W. S. Johnson and Ralph Stephens. Miss Ila Cook and Mr. Ranney McDonough received the consolation. The guests were Misses Ila Cook, Alice Price, Loretta Kleeman, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDonough, Messrs. J. R. Wilhoit, Maurice Roush and Ralph Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDonough and daughter spent a recent week-end as the guests of Mrs. McDonough's brother, Oscar Kaiser, at Cape Girardeau.

Maurice Roush spent a few days in St. Louis recently shopping and attending some shows.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McGarvey spent a recent week-end in Springfield. Upon their departure from Chaffee, Miss Cook told Mac to be sure and write. The next morning she received a card from Mac saying they were having a wonderful time and wished she was there.

We envy Anne Guethle, B&B steno, who is spending a month's vacation in Palm Beach, Fla., visiting her brother, Miss Doras Looney of Amory, Miss., is filling Miss Guthle's vacancy.

W. C. Campbell is all smiles these days. The reason is the recent arrival of a "bran" new boy. The name selected for him was James Blackwell.

Miss Ila Cook will spend the week-end over Washington's birthday visiting Miss Doras Looney at Amory, Miss.

Mr. J. R. Wilhoit spent a recent week-end in Springfield, Mo., visiting relatives and friends.

The scribe spent a recent week-end in Poplar Bluff, Mo., visiting relatives and friends.

Everyone in the office has tried more or less to get sick the past month, but at this writing we are all feeling much better and looking forward to warmer days and spring.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
CHAFFEE, MO.**

ANNA GOLDEN, Reporter

Mrs. J. A. McAllen has returned home after a short visit with her son at Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Lorene Bollinger of the roadmaster's office has been visiting with her relatives at Oran, Mo.

Mrs. V. E. Hopkins and son Billy recently made a trip to Crystal City to visit with friends.

Mr. A. N. Matthews, general foreman B&B, was called to Fort Scott, Kans., the first part of the month account death of his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pryor and little daughter visited in St. Louis over a recent week-end.

Mrs. R. C. Giesike has returned home after spending about two months with

her mother, who has been ill at her home in Sullivan, Mo.

Mrs. H. E. McBride has returned from a visit of several weeks with her sister in Springfield, Ill.

William C. Campbell of the engineering department, is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son at his home February 7.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Matthews have been visiting with Mr. Matthews' brother in Blytheville, Ark.

Everybody is glad to see Miss Elizabeth Grishaber back at her desk looking so well after having to be absent for about a month account sickness.

Miss Belle Kinne recently spent the week-end visiting with her brother at Cape Girardeau.

C. G. Roland was called to Hornersville recently account death of his sister.

Carl Black of the assistant superintendent's force spent several days last month visiting in Memphis.

EASTERN DIVISION

**AUDITOR, REVENUES, TICKET
ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT**

ESTELLE HILTON, Reporter

John C. Starkey, assistant auditor revenues, attended a meeting of the passenger committee of the Railway Accounting Officers Association held at Savannah, Ga., during the week of January 28.

Jack Herya resigned his position in this office February 1 to take up a position in the accounting department of George D. Bernard's stationery company. Jack is very ambitious and is attending night school at the Washington University, where he will later enroll as a medical student.

Reinhold Buder was confined to his home for several days with a very serious attack of influenza.

We have two new file girls in our department, Ruth Radford, weigh bill filer, and Edna Burre, ticket filer.

Matilda Froh was called to her home in Port Dodge, Ia., January 21, on account of the death of her sister-in-law.

Joan, the 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hitz, passed away February 6, after a short illness of diphtheria. Mrs. Hitz was formerly Miss Ethel Williams, employed as a stenographer in this department. The department sent condolences.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Joseph Ryan are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 9½-pound son, born to them on January 27. He has been named B. J., Jr. Mrs. Ryan is a daughter of Rev. H. F. Bohn, who is employed in this office. Needless to say Rev. Bohn is very proud

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of his new grandson. The baby's paternal grandfather is also a railroad man, being a passenger conductor for the Missouri Pacific railway.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT, ST. LOUIS

RAYMOND H. RINKEL, Reporter

We welcome back into our midst Willard Chilton, who was laid up in the hospital for quite a little while. He is now back on "all fours."

Of course, everyone knows that wedding bells have been ringing in the passenger department recently, and the victims, Edward K. and Delbert F., seem to have quite a bit in common.

It is rumored that "Tom W." has been entering the social world with a bang, ranging from formal affairs (with tuxedos, etc.) to mask balls, dressed as a Spanish toreador. Can you imagine our Tom as a "bull fighter." Maybe he is out to grab some senorita's heart. Is that right, Tom?

Don't let anyone get the idea that our friends Coyle, Beatty and Smith of the mail room are in a new department. The place is just in process of remodeling. It is, however, showing such rapid improvement that even the boys may believe they have changed locations.

TELEGRAPH NOTES FROM EASTERN DIVISION

HELEN FELLOWS, Reporter

C. A. Leonard, agent at Sligo, is on the sick list. He is being relieved by Wilford Oeff.

George Greener, second "SP," Springfield, escaped the severe cold weather in January by a trip to Florida. He has the right idea, take your vacation in the south in winter and avoid the zero weather.

D. Roberts was successful bidder on the vacancy at Southern Junction, Springfield. Harry Land bid in the agency at Leasburg, made vacant by Robert's move. Leasburg is Harry's old home town, and we are glad he is at last successful in getting the job at home.

Forrest DeBerry bid in third trick at St. James.

L. M. Roach was successful bidder on second at Swedeborg and Ray Schmelz successful bidder on third at St. Clair.

The death of Ticket-Cashier-Operator Peck at Clinton has been reported. Also the death of the mother of extra Operator H. A. Atwell of Dixon. To the two bereaved families is extended the sympathy of all.

Homer DeBerry, extra dispatcher, is ill at his parents' home in Stoutland. He was threatened with pneumonia, but at present writing is comparatively out of danger and well on the road to recovery. We are happy to report.

W. W. Lemons, first Newburg, had an interesting and odd experience recently. A woman stepped up to the ticket window and placed some change on the counter, indicating she wanted a ticket. But where to and how to find out puzzled Bill. For the woman was a deaf mute, could neither read nor write and did not even respond to the sign language tried on her by some obliging trainman in the yard office at the time. When asked if he sold her a ticket, Bill replied, "No, how could I when I didn't know where she wanted to go. I'm not a mind reader." However, the woman returned the next day, accompanied by someone who could talk, and who made the purchase of a ticket to Rolla for her.

SPRINGFIELD REVISING BUREAU

E. E. McGRATH, Reporter

We are glad to be able to announce that Mr. Bucklin, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is on the high road to recovery and reports he will be

back with us in a few days.

Mr. Brown made a flying visit to St. Louis to see some relatives. Ben tells us he enjoyed the trip immensely and that the old town looks good regardless of the ever-present "smog."

With the first signs of spring we hear again the old assertion from Messrs. Mauthe and Bierer that they are determined to catch at least one fish if it takes them all year to do it.

We are told the big problem before the great American public today, February 15, is: "Who sent that Valentine?" Nobody here was forgotten, but that kind purchased at the rate of two for a penny we are sorry to say was very much in the majority. You know the kind, the ones that tell you you are anything but a gentleman.

OFFICE OF AUDITOR-DISBURSEMENTS—ST. LOUIS, MO.

DOLYNE SCOTT, Reporter

There were a number of week-end trips over the double holiday in connection with Washington's birthday:

Wilma Kragh went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to visit relatives.

Hazel Fairchild and Erma Guerdan made a trip to Tulsa, Okla.

Edith Bradley visited her brother in Quincy, Ill.

Louise Hollingsworth spent the two days in Jonesboro, Ark.

Alma Jennings visited relatives in Chicago, Ill. She was accompanied by Minnette Juhlman of the treasurer's office.

Vashti Grimes went to her home in Memphis, Tenn.

Dolyne Scott visited at her home in Mountain Grove, Mo.

E. A. Ford made a trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

W. J. Kelley and family visited in Memphis, Tenn.

Henry Grupe is the proud owner of a new Essex coupe.

W. J. Meador resigned about the middle of January to accept a position in Galveston, Texas.

OFFICE OF FUEL AGENT ST. LOUIS

LOUISE GIBSON, Reporter

On Monday, February 3, there was a meeting of the fuel supervisors in Mr. Collett's office. Those in attendance were: Messrs. J. H. Curry, G. T. Allison and H. T. Conley of St. Louis, Geo. L. Schneider of Sapulpa, P. V. Hammersly of Ft. Smith, W. A. Crawford and C. J. Beshears of Springfield, also Mr. H. E. Martin, chief clerk, and Mr. F. H. Schick, statistical clerk. Fuel economy, as usual, was the paramount subject of discussion.

Mr. E. L. Woodward, one of the field editors of the Railway Age, was a caller on Mr. Collett the past week.

Miss Bertha Ward, one of the former members of the Frisco family who will be remembered by many of the employes on the twelfth floor, was a guest of Miss Eleanor Finn at our last Frisco Girls' Club luncheon.

Mr. H. E. Martin, our chief clerk, has taken to bowling with a vengeance and is piling up an average that is making some of the seasoned bowlers in the Men's



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