

Special Parties Praise Frisco Lines for Courtesy and Service



A merry party of Delco light salesmen, who traveled from Fort Worth to St. Louis aboard the Texas Special of Frisco Lines, en route to their annual convention in Chicago during April, appear directly above. The photograph was made at Fort Worth just before the members of the party boarded their special Pullman. Many compliments were paid the Frisco on the excellence of the service. The forty persons who made the trip, also returned via the Texas Special from St. Louis.

Railroad Tie Producers to Memphis for their annual convention. President Kurn met the convention at one of its business sessions. As usual, the tie men voted Frisco service excellent.

The oval photograph brings the famed Texas Special again into prominence, this time as the train chosen by the musical supervisors and students of Fort Worth as the ideal train to convey them to Chicago for the nation-wide musical contest in April. The young man standing under the word "Kansas" is Sproesser Wynn of Fort Worth who won the Horn Scholarship at the Chicago contest, over horn instrumentalists from all over the United States. The picture was taken at Ft. Worth. This group, too, wrote Frisco Lines a letter commending its service and the courtesy of its employes.

The Magazine thanks Mr. Roscoe Hobbs, president of the Hobbs Tie Co., for the picture at the right above, taken at the rear of the Sunnyland just before it left St. Louis on April 29, bearing members of the National Association of

the Horn Scholarship at the Chicago contest, over horn instrumentalists from all over the United States. The picture was taken at Ft. Worth. This group, too, wrote Frisco Lines a letter commending its service and the courtesy of its employes.

DECREASE CAR DAMAGE 26% Remarkable Record in Careful Handling Made First Four Months

PROTECT cars from damage by rough handling," must be the thought that is constantly uppermost in the minds of nearly all Frisco employes whose work has to do with the handling of cars. At any rate it was uppermost in the minds of enough of them during the first four months of 1930 to reduce the number of cars damaged 26.2 per cent over the same period of last year, according to the figures in the report on this subject issued by the office of the car accountant, Springfield, Mo., May 7. The decrease in the monetary amount of this damage was 47.0 per cent.

The per cent of increase in the number of cars handled per car damaged was 39.4 per cent as compared with the first four months of last year, and the per cent of decrease in the amount of damage per car handled was 45.0 per cent for the first four months of this year, compared with the first four months of last year.

Central division ranks first among the divisions. No cars have been dam-

aged on this division during the first four months of this year. Eastern division is ranked second in the report. Four cars have been damaged on this division out of the 258,299 handled, more than twice the 124,628 that were handled on Central division. Southwestern division receives the rank of third in this report. A total of 329,638 cars were handled on this division during the first four months and eight of them were damaged.

On Texas Lines 8 cars were damaged out of the 43,013 handled. During the same four months in 1929, a total of 47,657 cars were handled and seven of them were damaged. During the same period in 1928, eleven cars were damaged out of the 48,246 that were handled.

Among the terminals, Springfield, Mo. was first, handling 235,777 cars and damaging two of them. Birmingham was second during this four-month period, damaging six cars out of the 240,016 that were handled there. Tulsa was third, having damaged 11 cars of the 287,701 handled there during the first four months of the year.

The name "Europe" has been in use for more than 2,500 years.

"MERRILY WE ROLL—"

The examples of rapid handling given below explain why Frisco Lines has the continued preference of shippers and why the hire of equipment accounts nearly always tells a cheerful story.

Car SF 169,761, loaded with seed corn and soy beans and consigned to the Springfield Seed Company, Springfield, Mo., was billed by the Sikes-McMullin Grain Company, McMullin, Mo., on the afternoon of April 17. The next evening at 9:30 this car arrived in Springfield and was set out to the consignee on the morning of the 19th of April.

At 3:15 a. m. on March 14, car C&S 14,470, loaded with horses for Merriam, Kan., was received from the CB&Q at Kansas City yards. It went out on the main line local and was in the Rosedale yards at 6:30 a. m. of the same day. This car came back in the main line local arriving at 1:10 p. m. on March 14, and was delivered back empty to the CB&Q at 10:00 p. m. on the same day, performing interchange and making complete road trip movement in less than a twenty-four hour period.

NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

Chaffee, Mo.

THERE was standing room only in the St. Ambrose School Hall at Chaffee, Mo., on April 25, when members of the Frisco Employes' Club of that city presented the clever one-act comedy, "I Want a Divorce." It was one of the most successful entertainments presented to the public by that club.

The scene of the play is laid in the law offices of Herman Van Dergander and August Loudenspouter. The part of Herman is taken by Bob Gelsike, timekeeper, and August is portrayed by Marion Gisi, assistant chief clerk. On the wall is a conspicuous sign which reads "Divorces a Specialty."

Into the scene comes Ethel Burton, who demands that August Loudenspouter secure her a divorce. Shortly after George Burton arrives and demands of Herman Van Dergander that he secure him a divorce. The wife charges that her husband called her a roundhead, and the husband says the wife called him a square head. After the two attorneys have collected their retainer's fee, they proceed to patch up the matrimonial trouble between the Burtons, and the husband and wife leave with their arms around one another. Miss Leota Friend takes the part of the wife and Norman Matthews, the husband.

But the troubles of these two lawyers are not over, for immediately upon the departure of the Burtons, Tinsel Flippy, colored, and her "good fo' nothin' husband", Samuel, apply for a divorce. Samuel is instituting the proceedings. Upon finding that he must pay his wife \$25.00 a week alimony and also find a job and cease to be a financial burden to her, he decides that it will be better to go along on the old plan and carry and deliver the washing for his wife, who is the provider.

The last couple to come into the office are the son and daughter of the two attorneys, newlyweds. The two fathers settle the trouble between the two by a good old-fashioned spanking. They leave the office, arm in arm.

The curtain goes down on the two lawyers pointing to the sign "DIVORCES A SPECIALTY."

The parts of the son and daughter are taken by Norbert Spalding and Glenna Fay Kay, car department and roundhouse employes. The play

evoked many laughs and made a decided hit with the audience.

Prior to the play, which was the feature attraction, there were several numbers presented, the first, a group of songs by Mr. Bill LeSieur, the singing, yodeling, guitar-playing brakeman, which were well received. Weinman Sarus, son of the agent at Chaffee, furnished an innovation when he skillfully gave a chalk talk, presenting such well-known figures in railroad life, as the engineer, the caller, the agent, and others, to the amusement of the audience. "Frisco Land," the Frisco song composed by Mr. Clyde Fuller of Springfield, was delightfully presented by the Misses Sadie Mitchell and Essie Reno of Hayti, accompanied by Mrs. Janice Morgan. Mr. Wm. Lowry of Hayti gave two vocal selections, and received an encore. Little Miss Beverly Ann Morgan, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. Wm. Morgan of the agent's office, was a feature attraction on the program. Accompanied at the piano by her mother, she sang "I'm Painting the Clouds With Sunshine." She showed rare stage presence and a lovely voice, and received a round of applause. Miss Elizabeth Finney, daughter of Dr. Finney of Chaffee, gave the delightful reading, "The Proper Impressions."

The Frisco String Band of Chaffee entertained before the program with a group of well-known songs.

Kansas City, Mo.

The meeting of the Frisco Sunnyland Club of Kansas City, Mo., held May 6, was marked by an instructive and inspiring program of talks and music.

The visiting speakers at this meeting were the Rev. Burch of a local church and Chaplain Allen of Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Talks were also made by George F. Macgregor, traffic manager, Roy Salsman of the mechanical department and J. Fraucul of the transportation department. The meeting was concluded with several songs by Mrs. Burch. It was decided that the next Kansas City Club meeting should be held some time in June and that it should be a joint meeting of the Sunnyland Club and the Ladies' Auxillary.

The May social function of the Sunnyland Club was a dance held in Drexel Hall on May 2 for the benefit

of the baseball team. Approximately 400 were in attendance.

A feature of this affair was the light dance which was dedicated to J. W. Skaggs, superintendent of terminal, in recognition of the Kansas City terminal winning the Accident Prevention Cup for the first quarter of 1930. A short program of entertainment preceded the dancing this meeting.

Girls' Club, St. Louis, Mo.

A varied program, comprised speeches, music, and a discussion solicitation, featured the luncheon of the Frisco Girls' Club of St. Louis, Mo., held April 28. About 125 were in attendance.

Col. Robert E. Lee of St. Louis was the principal speaker and gave an inspiring talk which was liberally interspersed with interesting and humorous anecdotes. Col. Lee was introduced by Mr. R. V. Cooper. Miss Bernice Crane, a sister of Miss Mary and Melba Crane of the recreation department, sang several songs. She was accompanied by Miss Emily Sparks. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion solicitation. Miss Lydia Peterson, president of the club, calling attention therein to her recent letter, which explained a plan of giving prizes for tips or business secured by members. All members were urged to give the best efforts to solicitation work.

Sapulpa, Okla.

The business and social meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Sapulpa, Okla., held April 14, was featured by interesting talks and an attendance of seventy members.

J. A. Hutchison, assistant superintendent, one of the chief speakers dwelt principally on securing the summer vacation passengers. He urged everyone to inquire among their friends to see if he could induce them to spend their vacations at points on or near Frisco Lines. J. R. Driscoll, agent at Sapulpa, also made a talk in which he outlined the duties of the solicitation committee, which was appointed there recently.

E. L. Hill, assistant superintendent, addressed the meeting, telling the present of the recent activities of the Oklahoma City Club and extending an invitation for all to attend the meeting at Oklahoma City. Miss Virginia Gilbert gave several vocal numbers.

accompanied on the piano by Miss Ella Thrasher. John Stroud, president of the club, concluded the meeting at 9:45 p. m. with a brief talk in which he expressed his appreciation of the large attendance.

Men's Club, St. Louis, Mo.

The Frisco Men's Club of St. Louis, famed for its lively and inspiring programs, upheld this reputation at its luncheon held in the ball room of Hotel Statler, April 29. Approximately 150 members and guests were in attendance.

The speakers at this luncheon were Dr. Max Starkloff, who has been health commissioner of St. Louis since 1895—the oldest health commissioner in America—and J. B. Shryer, production manager of the International Shoe Company. Dr. Starkloff dealt with means of preserving health in his talk. He urged vaccination against all preventable diseases and periodic physical examinations for workers. He stated that one person dies each minute in the United States from a preventable disease.

Following the speeches, the Vagabond Trio, radio entertainers from Station KM-OK, who appeared at the luncheon

through the courtesy of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., gave several numbers. The program was concluded with readings and impersonations by Chester Gruber, known to radio listeners as Tony Cabooch. Miss Mildred Douglas, world's champion horsewoman, who was in St. Louis with the Floto Circus and who attended the luncheon as the guest of Uncle Charley Baltzell, made a brief talk. Bob Anslyn's Orchestra furnished music during the meal.

Blackwell, Okla.

A large number of Frisco employes from Enid, Peckam, Wilmot, Latham

and Floral assembled in the Blackwell Municipal Park on Easter Sunday for a picnic sponsored by the members of the Blackwell Frisco Employes' Club.

An Easter Egg hunt was the principal entertainment feature of the morning. Following the hunt, all gathered for a basket dinner and after the dinner, horseshoe pitching contests claimed the attention of nearly all the picnickers. The day was climaxed with a baseball game between teams chosen from the crowd

The meeting of this club, held April 30 in the office of P. W. Conley, superintendent of terminals, was devoted to a report on solicitation work and planning a picnic. A number of sizable items of traffic had been secured by members, it was reported. The following had obtained shipments or passengers: W. A. Gale, J. T. McNamara, Thomas O'Toole and John Daniels. A number of possible sites for the picnic were discussed, but a definite decision on this matter was postponed until a later date.



A photograph of the Frisco string band of Chaffee, Mo., appears above. They are, reading from left to right (standing), Oliver Scheetz, piano; Ernest Sneed, violin; Geo. Scheetz, violin, and leader; and Fred Slayden, mandolin. Seated, D. T. Wells, conductor (considered one of the best square dance callers near Chaffee); G. W. Montgomery, banjo, and W. F. Houseman, guitar. Mr. J. C. Hampton, the bass fiddle player, was out of town and unable to appear in the picture. The band has just finished an engagement broadcasting over KFVS, and they received many compliments on their selections.

with no effort made to have teams represent particular towns. The next meeting of the Blackwell Club was set for May 12.

St. Louis Terminals

Among the clubs that are achieving success in every line of club activity is the Frisco Employes' Club of the St. Louis Terminals. All of this organization's recent social functions have been excellent and the club members are getting good results from their solicitation efforts. The club has a high percentage of employe membership and a large balance in its treasury.

Jonesboro, Ark.

The Frisco Employes' Club of Jonesboro, Ark., held a brief business meeting April 19 which was devoted principally to discussing a proposed club fishing trip.

The making of definite arrangements for the trip were postponed to a later date and the matter of sending representatives to Pensacola with the members of the Thayer club who planned to make a trip there about May 9 was discussed. It was decided that all who take the time from work should make the trip and several members present volunteered to assist in making up the time lost by those who went.

Okmulgee, Okla.

The Frisco Employes' Club of Okmulgee, Okla., held its first social meeting of 1930 on May 5. More than a hundred were in attendance and all spent a delightful evening playing bridge and dancing. H. F. DeLozier, traveling freight and passenger agent, was a visitor at this meeting. A program of dance numbers by the Okmulgee High School Orchestra was presented at the meeting, one of the most amusing features of which was a tap dancer's imitation of a Frisco train coming into Okmulgee.

The first 1930 business session of the Okmulgee club was held April 28 and the election of officers constitute the bulk of the business transacted. H. T. Wood was elected president and R. H. Bean, vice-president. Miss Juliet Baskett was chosen secretary-treasurer. Following the election, short talks, dealing chiefly with solicitation work, were made by C. A. Brundidge, general agent and Mr. Wood. A committee to arrange the social meeting of May 5 was appointed at this meeting.

Wichita, Kans.

The outstanding talks which were made at the meeting of the Frisco Employes' Air Capital Club of Wichita, Kan., held May 13, made this meeting well worth the while of the thirty-seven members who attended.

L. L. "Stormy" Stevens, switch engineer, was the speaker of the evening. He emphasized that it is the duty of every Frisco employe to co-operate to his utmost with others in the employe of the company so that the Frisco may at all times be known for its excellent service. H. A. Baker, Jr., city solicitor for Frisco Lines at Wichita, brought out some especially helpful information in his talk, regarding the Wichita-Denver passenger schedules. The trip to Denver, he said, is about two hours shorter by way of the Frisco to Ellsworth and thence to Denver by Union Pacific than by any other route and is also somewhat cheaper.

Talks on solicitation were also made by Mr. Kelly, section foreman, and E. J. Immele, chief clerk to A. G. F. and P. A. A. P. Haberthier, delivery clerk, called the attention of the meeting to a new company that is starting at Wichita, the Dr. Pepper Company. Attention was also called in the meeting to the spur which was started recently to serve the new building which the Kansas Gas and Electric Company is erecting at a cost of approximately \$4,000,000.

The Frisco Employes' Air Capital Club of Wichita, Kan., scored another hit with the social meeting which they held on the evening of April 29. Approximately seventy-five members attended, bringing their families and friends with them.

The evening was devoted to a program of card games, dancing and musical numbers. The musical numbers were given by Misses Florence and Pauline Cloud. Mr. E. E. Carter, assistant superintendent, Neodesha, Kan., was a visitor at this meeting. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Clinton, Mo.

The meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Clinton, Mo., was devoted principally to planning a picnic to be held on or about May 10. Eight members were in attendance.

An entertainment committee, to co-operate with the members of the Ladies' Auxilliary in making arrangements for the picnic was appointed.



Bill LeSieur is the Frisco's singing, yodeling, guitar-playing brakeman. He has been with the Frisco one year, and prior to his employment with this company, he sang in theaters and has broadcast over radio stations in St. Louis, Detroit, Memphis, Nashville, Hot Springs, Blytheville, Cape Girardeau, Shreveport, and Hayti.

The following comprised it: F. L. Long, Wm. Balke, W. S. Graham, L. W. Crotty, C. A. Rutherford and C. D. Wilson. Following this discussion, the question of motor truck competition was brought up and a number of suggestions were made as to how this competition could best be met.

Willow Springs, Mo.

The Frisco Employes' Club of Willow Springs, Mo., held a brief business meeting May 13, which was attended by fourteen members and one visitor, W. G. Cook, of Jonesboro, Ark., who was the chief speaker. The service given by the Frisco and its employes was the subject with which Mr. Cook dealt in his talk. The next meeting of the club was set for June tenth.

Ladies' Auxilliary, Kansas City, Mo.

The Ladies' Auxilliary to the Frisco Sunnyland Club of Kansas City had an enjoyable party on May 6, as guests of Mesdames McCarty, Santry, Breedlove, Finn and Sartin,

Pinochle and bridge were enjoyed by those present, Mesdames King and McMullan winning the pinochle prizes and Mesdames McCaffry and Howard the bridge prizes.

The next meeting of the Auxilliary will be held on June 3, when a good attendance is expected.

Amory, Miss.

The greater part of the energy and attention of the Frisco Employes' Club of Amory, Miss., is being claimed by baseball just now. This club is actively sponsoring the formation of a baseball league to be composed of Amory and five neighboring towns and is bending its every effort to see that Amory has a team which will win a prominent place in that league. The neighboring towns under consideration for the league are Columbus, Macon, Starksville, Tupelo and West Point.

The club has enlisted the services of the Amory High School baseball coach and he is corresponding with the various towns with a view of perfecting league organization and scheduling games. The proposed league will be made up of teams comprised of non-professional players, the players being rewarded for their services only by participation in a division of the gate receipts. The schedule which is being sent to the towns for ratification provides for three games a week if all of the six towns interested join the league. The club plans to furnish the uniforms and part of the equipment for the Amory team; this material to be returned at the end of the season and the town has consented to allow the teams the use of the city ball park. The Amory High School will allow the local and visiting teams to use its showers and dressing rooms.

It is planned that the Amory team, in addition to playing three league games each week, will also play Frisco teams from Memphis, Birmingham, Pensacola, Thayer and other points, and some consideration has been given to the matter of having a Southern Division Day at Amory this summer, on which occasion a special schedule will be played, possibly having a game between visiting teams in the morning and a game between Amory and the winner in the afternoon. In case this plan is carried out, elaborate arrangements will be made for the day, with special trains bringing the out-of-town visitors, a basket dinner for all in the Amory park and possibly a street dance in the evening.

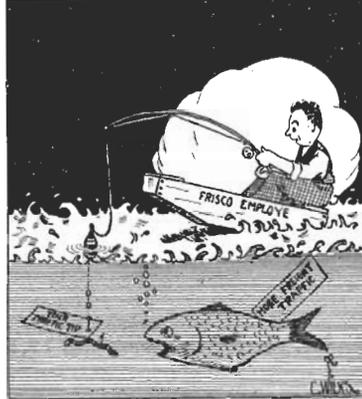
Advices from other towns in the proposed league indicate that plans are coming along splendidly, and from the present outlook, there will be wide local support for the Amory

Memphis, Tenn.

Reading a report of a meeting of the Greater Traffic Committee of the Memphis Frisco Employees' Club is a matter of reading a list of items of traffic secured and a list of prospective traffic items which members of the club have a good chance of securing.

At the meeting held May 14 in the Memphis local freight office the fol-

"IT'S THE LITTLE TIP THAT GETS THE BIG HAUL"



lowing reported the securing of business, tips, or both: H. D. Robertson, route clerk, S. L. Oliver, J. F. Wright, chief bill clerk, D. E. Creeden, disposition clerk, H. S. Crothers, expense clerk, J. L. Scruggs, switchman, B. S. Linville, night chief clerk, C. C. Wright, check and receiving clerk, F. T. Stroud, clerk, A. E. Elliott, platform foreman, N. R. Walker, check and receiving clerk, Gordon Robertson, cashier, H. A. Markham, interchange clerk, B. C. Scruggs, assistant cashier, T. E. Bagwell, rate clerk, W. W. Humphrey, switch order clerk, and W. F. Corkery. The next meeting was set for the second Wednesday in June.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Even the good attendance that has marked the past meetings of the Frisco Employees' Club of Oklahoma City was surpassed when on April 30 more than 453 employes, officials and guests turned out to the regular business and social meeting of that club.

A. B. Smith, president of the club, opened the meeting with a brief business session in which he called attention to the splendid report on the solicitation activities of the past month.

The program of entertainment at this meeting consisted chiefly of musical selections by Mr. Carl Klepzig, clarionetist, and his father, Mr. Rudolph Klepzig, pianist. The Oklahoma Railway Quartette gave several clever selections. E. E. Hall, assistant superintendent, introduced the

honor guests from the Auxiliary to the Conductors. Among them were the following: Mrs. Agnes Whelan, their past grand president, Mrs. M. Dellis, grand musician and representatives from Arkansas City, Sapulpa; Shawnee, El Reno and Denison. Dancing to music by the Sunset Six began at 9:00 p. m.

Blytheville, Ark.

Election of officers constituted the principal business at the meeting of the Frisco Employees' Club of Blytheville, Ark., held May 15. About sixteen members were in attendance.

F. W. Carlock was elected to the presidency of the club and I. H. Capshaw was chosen vice-president. Miss Martha Reynolds was elected secretary-treasurer. A committee to plan a meeting to be held June 5 was appointed. It was comprised of the following: M. T. Moon, G. D. Gorham and L. P. Davis.

Thayer, Mo.

The two matters that have been claiming almost the undivided attention of the Frisco Employees' Club of Thayer, Mo., recently are, the securing of more business for Frisco Lines and the maintaining of a high standard of service to shippers. In the meeting of that club held May 12, these subjects came in for the greater part of the discussion with all present contributing reports and suggestions.

Following this discussion, plans for a Fourth of July picnic were brought up and a committee was appointed to meet with a group of Thayer citizens for the purpose of getting the cooperation of the townspeople on this occasion. The meeting was concluded with the serving of refreshments.

Neodesha, Kans.

There are many evidences that the Neodesha Frisco Employees' Club never gives local business firms a chance to forget the importance of railroads to that community, but probably the most striking proof of this, that has come to light recently, is the resolution passed by the Neodesha Retail Credit Association: The resolution read, in effect, as follows: "The shipping of merchandise by railroad instead of by other means of transportation is urged by this Association. The railroads who serve this community splendidly employ many local people and, consequently, are entitled to all the business that can be given them here. All local business houses are asked to concur in this movement."

In view of the Retail Credit Association's friendly stand, the Neodesha

team. The Amory Kiwanis Club has assured the Employees' Club of its cooperation and many of the business men there have heartily agreed to back the team. There is a movement on foot in Amory for the closing of business houses on one afternoon of each week and in case this plan is consummated, effort will be made to have these afternoons coincide with the dates of the Amory team's home games. A large number of Frisco employes plan to try out for the Amory team.

Henryetta, Okla.

The business session of the Frisco Employees' Club of Henryetta, Okla., held May 13, was attended by about 5 members and one visitor, H. F. DeLozier, traveling freight and passenger agent.

A very wholehearted discussion of business and solicitation constituted a large portion of the program. All in attendance expressed a determination to see that Frisco Lines obtained all possible shipments and passengers. Plans were made to have a large attendance of both employes and shippers at the next meeting of the club.

Springfield, Mo.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings in the history of the Frisco club organizations in Springfield was held on the evening of May 12, when the Frisco Men's and Girls' clubs joined in a "Strawberry Festival", which was held on the lawn of the Frisco office building there. The attendance of more than six hundred included a number of out-of-town visitors, among whom were S. S. Butler, general traffic manager, W. L. Hoggins, Jr., director of publicity, and C. H. Baltzell, special representative of the general manager's office, all from St. Louis.

The entertainment program was begun with several trumpet selections by Wayne Young, accompanied by Bert Burman. Sammy Lemon, smallest member of the Springfield Boy Scout Band, gave several piccolo solos, accompanied by his sister, Miss Beulah Lemon.

Dr. J. E. Cox, professor of English at Drury College, of Springfield was the speaker of the evening. He dealt principally with the value of club work and particularly with the prominent part the Frisco clubs play in the Springfield community. Following Prof. Cox's address, J. W. Long, a Frisco dispatcher of Springfield, entertained with several yodeling numbers. The meeting was concluded with the serving of Ozark strawberries and cake.