

NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

St. Louis Men

"Pep" is the characteristic of the St. Louis Frisco Men's Club that received the hearty commendation of former Senator Dwight Brown, parole commissioner, Missouri State Prison, who was the chief speaker at the club's luncheon held in the Hotel Statler ballroom, November 26, with approximately 350 members and guests present. And pep, properly defined, is a requisite to success in any endeavor, according to Mr. Brown. He defines it as having meaning based upon the three letters that comprise it, the first "p" standing for preparedness, the "e" for enthusiasm, and the final "p" for poise.

Frank Bymaster was toastmaster at the meeting and Mr. Brown was introduced by R. V. Cooper, a close personal friend and former business associate. Mr. Cooper called attention to the fact that the speaker had been president of the Missouri Press Association, the Southeast Missouri Press Association, the Ozark Chamber of Commerce and is now president of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. At the outset of his speech, Mr. Brown congratulated the Frisco on its development of its Ozark territory and stated that transportation is the yardstick of the world's progress, pointing out that the development of the United States has been different from other countries in this respect; that instead of waiting until the country was at the height of its progress to build railroads, this country built them first and they have been largely the cause of its immense achievement.

"This has been and is a country of empire builders," he said, "but the remarkable growth has not come without employes of companies accepting their organization's responsibilities as their own. Today, this is more true than ever before and it behooves all employes to help their company in every way possible. With a railroad in particular, they can be of tremendous benefit by getting all the business they can in competition with new transportation agencies."

He spoke briefly of the state Chamber of Commerce, saying that the aim of this organization is to cause citizens to think of the interest of the state as a whole rather than as a number of separate economic units. And of the business situation, he said that we are in a transition period, but we know that we are on

the eve of a great forward march, both financially and industrially.

The part of his talk devoted to the state prison was especially interesting. "Missouri has the third largest penitentiary in the World," he said,



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"and in this institution, it is important that the inmates be treated with understanding. Great strides are being made in the handling of prisoners and it is likely that among the improvements will be a psychopathic hospital in which many, instead of being treated as hardened criminals, will be cared for as those who are mentally ill. As to the large number of young inmates, my theory is that proper home training would save many of them. It has been the practice to, at all times, imbue youngsters with the hope of great material success in life so that when they reach maturity they are disillusioned at finding that large material reward can be had by but few and it is in this first period of disillusionment that their respect for property rights become debilitated to the extent that they become lawbreakers. If, instead of emphasizing financial or similar achievement as constituting aims of life, the young were instructed that lives of service mean far

more, fewer would be housed in prisons.

Following the principal address, there was a drawing of numbers for attendance prizes which were two turkeys, four ducks and two geese, donated by the club, two boxes of cigars given by the Stickney Cigar Company, two boxes of candy by the Busy Bee Candy Company and Herz Candy Company, and two baskets of fruit by the Schenberg Market. Before the meal, the "Jolly Jesters' Quartet" gave several pleasing numbers. This group which sings at Gingham Inn is comprised of Dude Brown, Charlie Vourge, Joe Galligher, and Bob Star. Bob Anslyn's Frisco Orchestra played during the meal.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

A great deal of hilarity and one of the most genuinely enjoyable evenings of the season was provided at the tacky party given by the Frisco Employes' Club of Oklahoma City November 20, which was attended by 325 members and guests all competing for the prizes given to those with the tackiest costumes.

The syncopating Sunset Six struck up a stirring tune for the grand march at 9:00 p. m. and immediately following, the judges, after careful deliberation announced the prize winners. Mrs. Harwood, wife of Paul Harwood, fireman, won first prize among the ladies and the first prize for the men was presented to O. M. LaMon, student brakeman. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

A short business session preceded the dance. C. A. Moody, vice-president of the club, who presided, announced that the rummage sale conducted by Mesdames R. S. Nance, F. S. Ellis, Edna Heefner and A. B. Smith had brought \$29.60 and this amount was accepted on behalf of the club with an expression of appreciation. A report on solicitation disclosed that business had been secured by W. L. Pipkin, demurrage clerk; Chas. B. Hinsey, chief clerk; Harrison Hughes, clerk; F. S. Ellis, engineer, and J. O. Earley, conductor. The meeting was attended by the following out-of-town guests: S. B. Musgrave, general foreman, telegraph department, Springfield; J. N. Satterfield, of the general auditor's office, St. Louis; R. H. Francis and E. L. Phelps of Tulsa. The next session of the club was set for December 18.

Men's Club, Springfield, Mo.

The business and social meeting of the Frisco Men's Club of Springfield, Mo., held November 28, with members of the Springfield Frisco Girls' Club as guests, was attended by about 200 members and visitors and was featured by three-minute talks by a number of officials. Among those speaking to the meeting were J. E. Hutchison, vice-president; F. H. Shaffer, general manager; J. K. Gibson, assistant to superintendent of motive power; M. M. Sisson, assistant general manager; J. H. Doggrell, superintendent of transportation; H. W. Johnson, car accountant; J. A. Moran, superintendent; O. W. Bruton, superintendent of terminals; W. L. English, supervisor of agriculture; C. J. Stephenson, assistant to the general manager, and J. L. McCormack, superintendent of freight loss and damage claims.

The Williams Banjo Quartet gave several enjoyable selections which were heartily applauded and the meeting was concluded with the serving of cider and gingerbread. The next session of the club was set for December 16.

Neodesha, Kan.

Among the items of business transacted at the session of the Neodesha Frisco Employees' Club, held December 2, were two resolutions, unanimously passed by the fourteen members present—the first was an expression of thanks by the club to H. M. Cloud, its president, who was transferred from Neodesha recently, for his efforts in encouraging and strengthening the organization and the second was a notification to the

Missouri Pacific Boosters Club of Coffeyville, Kan., that they have the support of the Neodesha club in their efforts against bus and truck competition.

In an election held at this meeting Alfred Malmgren was chosen to succeed Cloud as president and George H. Harbin was elected secretary-treasurer.

made of the Neodesha business houses, with a view of getting more business. The next meeting of the club was set for the first Tuesday in January.

St. Louis Terminals Club

The meeting of the St. Louis Terminals Frisco Employees' Club, held November 26, was attended by 30 members and was devoted chiefly to a discussion of the employees' relief fund and solicitation.

It was decided that instead of spending money from the treasury for the annual Christmas dance, that the club should donate that amount to the relief fund and the treasurer was instructed to draw a check of \$50 on club funds for that purpose.

In a report on business secured it was disclosed that President Daniels had been especially successful in securing oil company business. The remainder of the meeting was given over to a discussion of the relief fund. It was announced that officers would be elected at the December meeting of the club.

Tulsa, Okla.

The meeting of the Tulsa Frisco Employees' Club, held November 21, was opened with an announcement that

\$17 had been realized clear of expenses from the dance which the club gave November 4. This announcement was followed by an expression of appreciation by C. J. Quinn, president of the club, for the work and co-operation of members and their friends toward making the affair a success.

In accordance with the by-laws of the club, Quinn appointed a nominating committee to select candidates



for club offices and this committee, which was instructed to present names to be voted on at the next session, was comprised of the following: J. C. Burnett, engineer, chairman; G. G. Harrison, chief clerk; E. L. Wilsey, rip track foreman; F. J. Wilson, chief clerk, and M. L. Lonigan, electrician. The by-laws of the club also require that an auditing committee be appointed to go over the affairs each year before new officers are installed and P. L. Brendell, chief revising clerk, and O. R. Raney, rate clerk, were appointed to comprise this committee.

A report on business secured revealed that the following had been successful in their solicitation efforts: G. R. Warren, yardmaster, C. J. Quinn, and J. L. Porter, switchmen. Miss Ethel Nations, comptometer operator, outlined the details and purposes of a contest being conducted by the local Lions Club for the election of a queen in connection with a Better Baby Show to be held there December 20. Miss Nations has been selected as the Frisco candidate for queen.

O. L. Young, superintendent of terminals, made an instructive talk in which he urged all to put forth their best effort in solicitation. He also explained the Frisco relief fund and requested employes to promptly report cases of need to the local relief committee. Seventy-five members and visitors attended this meeting, which adjourned at 9 p. m.

Girls' Club, Springfield, Mo.

The bridge and pinochle benefit party which the Springfield Frisco Girls' Club gave November 17 at the new American Legion Home there, was an unqualified success, bringing \$275 to the treasury for use in the club's charity program. This affair was under the direction of Mrs. Lyda Lewis, with the following girls serving on committees: Misses Verne Tulloch, Lela Pride, Hazel Baker, Maie Beaman, Jack Fitzjohn, Mary Murphy, Ruby Northcutt, Vinnie Hindman, Anna Willigan, Natalie Mayer, Catherine Lyons, Mary Larkin, Mildred LeBolt, Katherine Riser, Marie Kidd, Helen Dryden, Mary C. Carr, Mabelle Campbell, Vivian Justice, Lulu Jernigan and Alice Larkin.

Madill, Okla.

The meeting of the Madill Frisco Employes' Club, held November 26, was an especial beneficial one, in which several Madill business men joined with the members in discussing methods of meeting bus and truck competition. This meeting was attended by twelve members and visitors.

NEW CLUB AT LEBANON

On November 25, fourteen employes of Lebanon, Mo., assembled for the purpose of forming a Frisco Employes' Club at that point. This was an exceedingly enthusiastic gathering and all present concurred in the opinion that through an organization their solicitation efforts could be made more effective. J. F. Lick was elected president of this new club and J. Daugherty, vice-president. C. V. Kellar was chosen for the office of secretary-treasurer.

R. J. Coates, manager of the Madill Grocery Company, and Olin Woods, manager of the Palace Grocery, were the chief speakers among the visitors and each expressed a strong preference for Frisco service. All employes present took part in the discussion of solicitation. The last part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the relief fund for employes who are not working and a committee was appointed to investigate local cases of need. The following comprised the committee: J. L. Hemphill, O. F. Nowlin and J. L. Hess.

Joplin, Mo.

Selection of a nominating committee to choose candidates for club offices was the chief business transacted at the meeting of the Joplin Frisco Employes' Club, held November 20. The following were appointed to comprise the committee: C. V. High, O. E. Hackworth and Porter Carrithers.

In the discussion of solicitation that followed nearly all present took an enthusiastic part. Particular emphasis was placed on methods of meeting bus and truck competition and several excerpts from an address dealing with that subject by J. E. Hutchison, vice-president in charge of operation, was read. It was suggested that copies of Mr. Hutchison's speech be sent to the various traffic clubs on the Northern division and that General Agent Douglas confer with representatives of other railroads of the city and formulate plans for requesting newly elected state legislators to act favorably in behalf of the railroads in legislation having to do with bus and truck regulation.

Following the business session the club joined with members of the Ladies' Auxiliary for refreshments and a program of entertainment, which the ladies organization directed. The next meeting was set for December 18, at which time it was planned to elect officers for 1931.

Girls' Club, St. Louis, Mo.

The luncheon of the St. Louis Frisco Girls' Club, held in Hotel Statler November 25, was marked by an interesting and varied program of speeches, music and readings. It was attended by 132 members and guests.

J. W. Morrill, of the accident prevention department, and J. W. Flannery, of the traffic department, were the principal speakers, each talking to the club along the lines of his respective work. Miss Marcella Mathis sang a number of popular songs and Miss Ivy Lee Sargent of the Morse School of Expression gave some highly entertaining readings. Bob Anslyn and orchestra furnished music during the meal. Mrs. Louise Gibson, president of the club, announced that Miss Arnita Murrell, a very active member of the club, was leaving service December 1 to be married. The meeting adjourned about 2:00 p. m.

Wichita, Kan.

A report on business secured during the preceding thirty days occupied the early part of the session of the Frisco Employes' Air Capital Club of Wichita, Kan., held December 12. Twenty-five members and visitors were in attendance.

The solicitation report disclosed that the following had been particularly successful in securing business: C. M. Steelsmith, H. L. Byerly, Murl Calvert, H. B. Sigler, S. B. Ramsey and E. R. Johnson. Murl Calvert, president of the club, told the meeting of the recent convention of club presidents in Springfield, which he attended and E. E. Carter made an interesting talk in which he gave especial attention to bus and truck competition. H. E. Morris, assistant general freight and passenger agent, gave a brief outline of the number of carlots handled during 1930 in comparison with the number handled in 1929 and urged members to secure all the business possible. S. P. Haas, general agent, explained briefly a petition that was to be circulated among employes to secure their support toward regulating competition. He also stressed the importance of employes securing express shipments, since this revenue now goes to railroads.

At the close of the foregoing discussion, officers for the ensuing year were elected. E. H. Johnson, switchman, was chosen for the presidency and Claude McGee, also a switchman, was elected vice-president. Ruel Lester, yard clerk, was elected secretary and E. J. Immler was re-elected to the office of publicity director for the club.

Calvin Coolidge Says:

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 2—The report that the railroads are to assume a more aggressive attitude in the assertion of their rights and the protection of their property is an encouraging development.

A generation ago the railroads were found to be interfering too much in governmental action which in no way concerned them. They were charged with being in politics when they should have been only in transportation. In reforming themselves they went so far in the opposite direction that their business and, therefore, the public welfare have suffered.

Railroad representation at Washington has been able and wise, but under the present policy not always assertive. The important legislation of ten years ago came from the initiative of a voluntary association of savings banks and insurance companies holding railroad securities. If the railroads can now speak for themselves, it indicates a return of sane public confidence in transportation management which will benefit the country. Holding one-twentieth of the national wealth, the railroads can do more for the welfare of the wage-earner, agriculture and industry than any other single agency. We do not want any return of railroad political activity, but we do need such action as will protect their interests in legislation.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

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Rogers, Ark.

The employes of Benton County, Ark., assembled December 3 and organized the Frisco Employes' Club of Rogers, electing Hugh Hays president and Walter Hughes secretary. This enthusiastic meeting was attended by twenty-two members and the following officials, all of whom made talks: F. E. Brannaman, assistant superintendent of the Central division; D. E. Eicher, of the agricultural department, and A. Scherrey, division roadmaster. A great deal of interest was manifest in this session, according to club officers. They expect an attendance of forty or fifty members at future meetings.

Hugo, Okla.

A full explanation of the Frisco Employes' Relief Fund was made in the meeting of the Hugo Frisco Employes' Club, held November 26, with eleven members and visitors present, and plans were formulated for the club to assist in securing donations for the fund.

Three committees were appointed to take part in this work—a general committee comprised of J. O. Dick, chairman, E. P. Olson and G. S. Garrison; a road committee comprised of L. C. Beazley, J. F. Johnson and J. W. Stanberry, and a solicitation committee composed of E. P. Olson and J. O. Dick. Following the discussion of the general relief fund, the meeting was devoted to a consideration of the club's Christmas charity activities and to take care of needy in Hugo.

Mens' Club, Springfield, Mo.

The Frisco Men's Club of Springfield, Mo., held a business meeting to elect officers, December 15. About one hundred were in attendance, including the following officials: C. J. Stephenson, J. A. Moran, E. F. Tillman, C. O. McCain, J. L. McCormack, W. L. English, E. D. Chaudet and J. L. Harvey.

Brief talks were made by McCain, Chaudet and English, dealing principally with solicitation and bus and truck competition. The committee in charge of counting ballots announced that G. C. Roop had been re-elected for the presidency of the club and that F. J. Peterson was again chosen for the vice-presidency. H. C. Boehm was re-elected secretary and F. M. Ferbrache, treasurer. F. H. Shumacker was elected sergeant-at-arms. Cigarettes for the session were furnished by the Axton-Fisher Tobacco Company of Louisville, Ky.

Chaffee, Mo.

The outstanding event in the activities of the Chaffee Frisco Employes' Club, during November, was a benefit program given at the Empress Theater there, November 5, for the benefit of the local Provident Association. This affair was attended by about 800 persons and the returns amounted to \$82.72, the largest single donation ever received by the local association.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the 140th Infantry Band of the Missouri National Guards, under

the direction of Lieutenant O. T. Honey, and a novelty event on the program was a contest for the selection of the most popular girl and the homeliest man. Miss Mary Matthews, daughter of A. N. Matthews, B&B foreman, won a seven point compact as the most popular young lady and Allan Hubbard, son of W. V. Hubbard, conductor, was awarded a pair of "Saw Mill Sox" as the homeliest young man in the audience.

Other numbers on the program were a strong man act, featuring "Buddy" McBride, a former football star of the Rolla School of Mines, who is employed in the engineering department, "ballyhoo-ed" by Charles Liles in the approved carnival manner; a solo, "It happened in Monterey," by Miss Ione Anderson, accompanied by the band; a blackface dialogue, "Hambone Sends a Retele-spatch," by Billy Hopkins and Harold Cravens; a toe dance number by Miss Juanita Cable, daughter of E. E. Cable, engineer; a medley of "Dream Songs" by a trio composed of Misses Ione and Olive Anderson and Mary Lankford; songs by Tim Murphy of the accounting department, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Genest Morgan; a song and dance number by little Misses Beverly Ann Morgan and Anna Mae Merrill; and a one-act play entitled "The Villain Still Pursued Her," featuring Robert Beers, clerk, supported by an all-star cast.

The Chaffee Club had a business meeting in the passenger station there, November 13, with six members in attendance. Discussion centered on the radio broadcasts, which the club sponsors over the Cape Girardeau station and an invitation from the Lions Club of Benton, Mo., asking the club to send an entry for the annual "Stunt Night" program to be held at Benton, December 8 and 9.

The Chaffee club's stunt took second prize of \$10 at the Benton Lions Club "Stunt Night" program. The stunt was entitled "A Friday Night Program in a Country School" and was one of the fourteen entered in competition. Miss Clara Roth, daughter of George Roth, engineer, took the part of the school teacher in the skit which consisted of an old fashioned spelling contest by a typical group of country school children with aprons, hair ribbons, short trousers and overalls. The spelling match was filled with jokes and humorous situations followed by witty dialogue and climaxed by a song and dance number featuring two small girls.

Girls' Club, St. Louis, Mo.

The dinner, followed by a bridge and bunco party, which the St. Louis Girls' Club gave at Town Club, December 17, drew an attendance of 125 members and guests. Double decks of cards were awarded as prizes for high scores and four attendance prizes were given. The committee which made arrangements for this affair was comprised of Miss Genevieve Vilsick, chairman; and Misses Edith Wiessmann, Lillian Barnes, Florence Tuhr, Marion Witte and Agnes Wangler.

Hugo, Okla.

That the Hugo Frisco Employes' Club is attacking the bus and truck problem in a very systematic manner is evidenced from the plans formulated in the meeting, held December 15 and attended by thirty-five members and visitors.

In this meeting it was decided to divide the city of Hugo into four zones and to appoint a committee for each to circulate a petition among the voters, requesting them to give their support toward regulatory legislation. A special committee comprised of women was appointed to pass the petition among farmers of the Hugo vicinity. J. R. Finney, president of the club, appointed committee chairmen as follows: Frank Knipp, machinist, Zone 1; G. S. Garrison, roundhouse foreman, Zone 2; Victor Dufour, operator, Zone 3, and Sherman Kelton, dispatcher, Zone 4. Each chairman in turn selected members for his committee. An additional committee to do further work along similar lines was appointed. It was comprised of the following: Dr. G. E. Harris, chairman; C. Messer, brakeman; E. P. Olson, trainmaster; J. O. Dick, agent; M. McClellan, engineer, G. Garrison, roundhouse foreman, and C. S. Flannigan, roundhouse foreman. A special committee, with J. O. Dick as chairman, was appointed to secure the approval and signatures of all business men in the city.

Subsequent to the appointment of the foregoing committees, Dr. Harris outlined to the club what he would consider as the proper sort of regulation for motor competition. J. R. Finney called attention of the meeting to the fact that election of officers was in order in this session, and in the nominations and balloting that followed the following were re-elected: J. R. Finney, president; F. T. Shannahan, secretary, and Miss Ardell Frasier, treasurer. It was decided that the election of vice-presidents be postponed to an ensuing meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was given over to open discussion of solli-

AND STILL TRUE

OUR rulers will best promote the improvement of the people by strictly confining themselves to their own legitimate duties—by leaving capital to find its most lucrative course, commodities their fair price, industry and intelligence their natural reward, idleness and folly their natural punishment—by maintaining peace, by defending property, by diminishing the price of law, and by observing strict economy in every department of the state.

Let the Government do this—
the People will assuredly do the rest.

—LORD MACAULAY

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tation and motor competition with instructive talks and suggestions from J. W. Stanberry, roadmaster; B. Wright, brakeman; F. T. Shannahan; J. V. Buchanan, special officer, and Sherman Kelton. The next meeting of the club was set for the first Tuesday in January.

Sapulpa, Okla.

Senator-elect George H. Jennings was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Sapulpa Frisco Employes' Club, held December 4, and featured by an excellent program of music and talks. Forty-five members and visitors were in attendance at this session.

Mr. Jennings gave over most of his address to a consideration of bus and truck competition and railroad taxes. Talks were also made by J. E. Payne, assistant general passenger agent, Tulsa; J. R. Dritt, agent; R. C. Culter, traffic solicitor; B. H. Terry, brakeman; A. Morgan, the club's vice-president, who presided in the absence of John Stroud, president; and Mrs. I. L. Huff, a widely known entertainer, who gave a humorous talk about her travels. Mrs. Huff also gave an original reading which was heartily applauded.

A negro quartet of Sapulpa sang several numbers, and Gene Autry, telegrapher, who had recently returned from New York, where he had been recording some of his vocal and guitar selections, sang some of his latest songs. It was announced that L. M. Fry had been quite successful in solicitation work during the month preceding the meeting. The meeting was closed with refreshments.

Memphis, Tenn.

A discussion of motor competition and a report on the solicitation work of members constituted the business transacted at the meeting of the Greater Traffic Committee of the Memphis Frisco Employes' Club, held in the local freight office there, December 10. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

Reports made in this session disclosed that business, tips or both had been secured by each of the following: H. D. Robertson, route clerk; Wm. J. Tankersley, bill clerk; P. W. Ramsey, team track clerk; J. F. Wright, chief bill clerk; H. S. Crothers, expense clerk; D. E. Creeden, disposition clerk; W. Y. Billings, assistant disposition clerk; Gordon Robertson, cashier; N. R. Walker, check and receiving clerk; F. T. Stroud, utility clerk; J. A. Ladd, uncollected clerk; T. E. Bagwell, rate clerk; A. E. Elliott, platform foreman; W. F. Corkery; T. E. Bryant, yard clerk; H. Q. Flanagan, OS&D clerk; S. L. Oliver, and J. B. Wright, claim adjuster.

Pensacola, Fla.

The meeting of the Pensacola Frisco Employes' Club, held December 1, was concerned chiefly with handling organization matters incident to the installation of new club officers which took place in an earlier meeting and forming plans for 1931. Twelve members were present.

Methods of distributing membership cards were discussed in this session and it was decided they be given to the board of governors and that each member of the board should pass them out among the employes of his department, collecting a fee of one dollar for each. Collection of the fee for the cards was postponed until after the first of the year, however, to prevent possible interference with the Frisco Relief Fund. O. O. Olson, secretary of the club, was instructed to write a letter of thanks to S. J. Peacock, a former employe, who recently presented a two-gallon copper coffee pot to the club.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Kansas City, Mo.

Election of officers was the chief business transacted at the business and social meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Frisco Employes' Sunnysland Club of Kansas City, held December 2.

Mrs. W. B. Berry was elected president and Mrs. Aleander Gray vice-president. Mrs. W. M. Medlock was chosen for the position of secretary-treasurer. Bridge, pinochle and bunco constituted the entertainment at this meeting and Mrs. Eblen and Mrs. Donnelly won prizes.