

EMPLOYEE AND WIFE HAVE PRIZE FLOCK

"SEVENTY-FIVE dollars for a single chicken?"
"Will you repeat that, Mr. Rogers?"

But there was no doubt about hearing him the first time. That is exactly what John B. Rogers, clerk in the superintendent of motive power's office at Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. Rogers, got for a cockerel from their famous flock of White Wyandottes a year or so ago, and when one learns more about their pure bred and actually sees some of the stars of the poultry firmament they own, it is obvious, even to a layman, that the sum was by no means exorbitant. This particular cockerel was the male in a pen of five birds which they shipped to Spain. The entire pen brought \$150 and the buyer was so pleased that he gave them a repeat order a short while later. It is a common occurrence for them to receive from \$35 to \$50 for a single fowl.

Birds from the flock of about 200, which this friendly couple keeps on the lots back of their home at 1840 South Jefferson, Springfield, have been monopolizing prize money at leading poultry shows for the past several years.

"Just how many prizes have you won?" Mr. Rogers was asked.

"I honestly don't know exactly," he replied, but about that time Mrs. Rogers appeared with a huge cardboard box and, upon removing the lid, revealed a truly amazing array of ribbons of every description, but with blue the predominating color.

"I guess we've got about a peck altogether," Mr. Rogers estimated, but his tendency was to minimize, and besides these, there was a sizeable collection of medals in another box and a large silver loving cup graced a bookcase top in their home.

The large accumulation of prizes is not to be wondered at, however, when it is learned that Rogers' White

Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, Springfield, Monopolize White Wyandotte Awards

Wyandottes have been consistent winners in every show where they have been entered. They have taken more consecutive blue ribbons at the Missouri State Fair than any others exhibited, according to a poultry superintendent there, and in addition, have been leaders in many shows at Springfield, Joplin, Kansas City and Memphis. The most recent major

cock; first and second hen; first, second and third cockerel; first second and third pullet and the best young pen. A young pen is comprised of four pullets and a cockerel. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have had the best display at the Missouri Fair for the past seven years. Their average winning there is about \$55. At the "Heart of the Ozarks Show", held in Springfield, where exhibitors come from far and wide, their winning has come to be almost taken for granted. Not only do they frequently win first cock, first cockerel, first hen and first pullet,

but often have all-show champions also. The judges of this show in 1928 conceded theirs to the best display ever shown in Springfield. The foregoing are merely some of their outstanding triumphs. Obviously space does not permit listing all.

"The greatest thrill we ever had, though," said Mr. Rogers, "was the first time we exhibited at the Missouri Fair. We didn't think we had a chance. It was a bad time of the year and we were discouraged. But ours was selected as the best display, and before we knew it, we were almost mobbed by buyers. One woman wanted to buy a male bird and asked me what I'd take, and I hesitatingly said, '\$35.' She quickly responded with, 'I'll take him,' and in a short time we had sold her a pen at prices we had dreamed of, but never expected."

That the Rogers flock is widely known is evident by the foreign shipments mentioned and by the orders that come in for eggs, chicks and birds from nearly every state in the Union. Their business is conducted almost entirely by mail, and they ship birds and eggs with the understanding that if the buyer is not satisfied,

he may return his purchase and they will pay express charges both ways.

They have been raising Wyandottes twelve of the seventeen years Mr.

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Mr. and Mrs. John B. Rogers of Springfield with a few of their famous White Wyandottes.

triumph was the Missouri State Fair last August where they took first in every event entered and a number of other prizes. Their winnings there were as follows: first and second

NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

Fort Worth, Tex.

The meeting of the Fort Worth Frisco Employes' Club held April 2 was characterized by those who attended it as a "knockout." About 130 were present and thoroughly enjoyed a program in charge of J. Ivan Stephenson, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Miss Harriet Perkins, young daughter of H. J. Perkins of the traffic department, gave a reading as the first number on the program, and immediately following the gathering was entertained in a novel way by two fencing matches staged by members of the Fort Worth Y. M. C. A. Fencing Club. The first match was between Clarence Bishop and Raymond Dupree, the latter a member of the accounting department, and the second was between Jose Villardel, the Fencing Club's instructor, and J. B. Petta. In the interval between the matches, Mr. Villardel explained the fine points of the sport, calling attention to the different thrusts and parries and illustrated each with the assistance of Mr. Bishop. After the matches, Miss Mary Bess Smith, vice-president of the club, and Ray Stamps gave several violin duets, accompanied by Miss Nadine Wheeler at the piano. Miss Esmeralda Rudloff, young daughter of R. C. Rudloff, car inspector, gave a reading, and Misses Nathalie and Jane Jessup, daughters of G. W. Jessup, agent at Comanche, Tex., gave several piano and saxophone selections.

At the conclusion of the program, Ben Lewis, president of the club, took charge of the meeting and read list of traffic tips for the period of March 6 to April 2, inclusive. One hundred and four tips were secured in the period which compares with the preceding month when sixty-seven were obtained and the period of January 1 to February 4, inclusive, when twenty-five were secured. Mr. Lewis then introduced Judge W. M. Odell, Frisco attorney, who analyzed the situation in regard to several bills then pending before the state legislature for the regulation of busses and trucks. In a drawing for the attendance prize conducted by Dorothy Lewis, three-year-old daughter of Ben Lewis, Mr. Louis Reed, section foreman, Carrollton, was the winner; however, since he was absent he received a prize of \$1 instead of \$4 which was to go

to the winner should he have been present. At the next meeting the prize will be \$5.50 if the winner is present and \$1 if absent. After the drawing, little Dorothy Lewis gave an impromptu acrobatic act which was heartily applauded. The meeting was concluded with refreshments consisting of orangeade, coffee and cakes. The next session was set for May 7.

North End Beaumont Sub

The Frisco Employes' Club of the North End Beaumont Sub works under difficulties in that its members are scattered among a number of towns, but this handicap means nothing to that live organization when it comes to staging rousing meetings with large attendance. The meeting which this club held at Beaumont, Kan., April 1, was attended by about 140 persons, including club members, out-of-town employes and officials, members of employes' families and local business men and members of their families. The session was marked by the same enthusiasm that was outstanding in the big meeting the club held at Latham, Kan., on March 6.

C. H. Cowles, president of the club, opened the meeting by expressing his pleasure at seeing so many present despite inclement weather, and introduced Mr. Bryan Spiller, superintendent of schools at Beaumont, who extended a hearty welcome to the Frisco employes and visitors at Beaumont. He spoke briefly on the meaning of Frisco Lines to the community and expressed the hope that the club would hold a similar meeting there in the near future.

The program of entertainment was begun with a cornet and clarinet duet by Wayne and James Leonard Hutton. A song by Bobby Ferguson followed. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Spiller gave several musical selections and Raymond Hutton gave a reading. Eloise Squier and Francis Woodward gave a piano duet, and Wayne Hutton concluded the program with a song.

Subsequent to the entertainment section of the meeting, Mr. Cowles announced that the purpose of the session was to give employes, officials, patrons and friends of Frisco Lines a social hour together. He emphasized that the railroad organization is comprised of employes who

are fellow citizens of the other residents of the towns in the road's territory and the railroad and its employes are very much interested in the welfare of the communities they serve.

H. E. Morris, assistant general freight and passenger agent of Wichita, was the next speaker. He dealt chiefly with bus and truck competition and presented interesting figures on the taxes paid by the road in the state and Butler County. Mr. Cowles then presented some additional tax statistics and read a speech from W. R. Brown, superintendent, Enid, Okla., who was unable to be present. F. C. Gow, assistant superintendent, spoke, saying that busses and trucks are responsible for many being thrown out of work even after they have had several years of service. Others speaking in the session were W. N. Patterson, roadmaster from Enid; A. L. Millikin, agent at Augusta, Kan.; W. A. Hutton, roundhouse foreman of Beaumont; J. C. Rakestraw, section foreman, Keighley; V. R. Johnson, agent, Keighley; and J. W. Wasson, agent; George Olds, merchant; J. C. Squier, hardware and lumber dealer; George W. Rumsey, stockman; and F. W. Squier, bank cashier, all of Beaumont. Most of the speakers touched on bus and truck competition and considerable discussion was devoted to Frisco service. Mr. Cowles gave a detailed statement on the number of employes living in the community and the amount of the Frisco payroll. He also told of the new local merchandise service which had recently been put into effect from Kansas City to his station and other stations as far south as Arkansas City, Kan., giving them second day service from Kansas City. Following adjournment, refreshments consisting of cake, punch and brick ice cream decorated with red Frisco emblems were served.

Joplin, Mo.

Extensive plans were made in the meeting of the Joplin Frisco Employes' Club of April 2 to increase the efficiency of the club in its activities. A number of committees were appointed to handle various phases of club work and all present were urged to work toward getting out a larger attendance at meetings. Nineteen were present at this session.

Charming Frisco Daughters Graduate With High Honors At Sapulpa



Above are the pictures of three graduating daughters of Frisco families of Sapulpa and West Tulsa, who have won honors during their High School careers at the Sapulpa High School.

Mildred Hood (left), charming daughter of J. H. Hood, switchman at West Tulsa, will graduate from the Sapulpa High School in May at the age of 15 years. She will have the lead in the Senior class play, "It Won't Be Long Now."

Ruth Hill (center), age 17, daughter of Orval Hill, telegraph operator, is a member of the Latin Society, National High School Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Home Economics Club, Math Club and school editor of the Moccasin Print Staff, the school paper. She is also an accomplished musician.

Mary Jo West, age 16, is the daughter of M. E. West,

general clerk in the superintendent's office. She will be Valedictorian of her class at the Sapulpa High School.

She won first place in the violin solo contest at the Creek County Academic and Fine Arts Meet at Bristow recently. She is president of the Latin Club, vice-president of National High School Honor Society, member of the Student Body Council, Pep Club, Math Club, Quill Scroll and news editor of the Moccasin Print Staff.

Both Miss Hill and Miss West made an average grade of "A" for three and a half years of High School work, the basis on which the grades are computed for Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors. Miss Hill was awarded Salutatorian honors. Both girls made their high school work a college preparatory course. These two honorary positions of Valedictorian and Salutatorian were selected from a class of 131 Seniors.

J. H. Douglas was appointed chairman of a traffic committee to handle both passenger and freight solicitation, and was instructed to select other members of the committee and to announce them at the next club meeting. Ross Crawford was appointed chairman of a transportation committee and W. H. Maxton was also appointed to that committee. A committee was appointed to conduct a publicity program, the activities of which are to include writing patrons each month, thanking them for their business, sending cards to shippers, advising them when their shipments are received, and writing individual shippers, thanking them for favorable routing, this is to be on club letter heads and signed by the secretary. A. L. Franklin was appointed chairman of the committee. The other members are Carl Hobart and C. V. High. George V. Elliott was appointed chairman of a legislative committee in this session and H. B. Wilson and Dempsey Southard were selected as the other members of that committee.

George F. Macgregor, executive general agent, was a visitor at this meeting and made an interesting talk on solicitation. He said that he had been appointed by J. R. Koontz, vice-president in charge of traffic, to make a survey for the purpose of improving service on local freight and passenger connections.

The meeting of the Joplin club of March 19 was held jointly with the Ladies' Auxiliary to that club, and improvement of service to meet competition occupied the greater part of the discussion.

An interesting talk was made by O. H. Lane, conductor, and all present entered into a discussion of legislation for the regulation of highway carriers. A message to Stanley P. Clay, T. J. Roney and Miss Emma Knell, representatives from the Joplin district, was drawn up to read as follows: "The Frisco organization here feels that proposed truck license fee as outlined and now under consideration is entirely inadequate and

discriminatory as compared with railroad taxation for the use of our highways." It was announced in this meeting that advice had been received from State Senator Cliff K. Titus and Representative Stanley Clay that they would support legislation to place trucks on a more equitable basis with railroads.

Monett, Mo.

The business session of the Monett Frisco Employes' Club held March 17 was preceded by an entertaining program provided by the pupils of the Monett Junior and Senior High Schools under the direction of Misses Neiburg and Moad. About 65, including several visitors attended.

The business session was opened by a summary of the club's activities since the last meeting. This report, which was read by C. J. Kunz, the club's president, showed that 18 freight shipments and 12 passenger fares had resulted from tips secured by employes. Following the report, he suggested that two teams be appointed for the purpose of stimulat-

ing friendly rivalry in solicitation work for a given length of time, at the end of which the losing side should entertain the winners.

J. A. Moran, division superintendent, was present at this meeting and made an inspiring talk in which he complimented the teachers and pupils who took part in the program which opened the meeting. He reported a slight increase in carload and less than carload shipments and expressed hope that conditions would improve steadily. The Rev. Fred B. Kinnell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Monett, was also a visitor at this meeting and made an interesting talk. The session was closed with a motion made by J. W. Ruggles expressing the appreciation of the club to the superintendent of schools for furnishing the program and to the city officials for allowing the club to use the city auditorium.

Sherman, Tex.

Election of officers was the major matter before the meeting of the Sherman Frisco Employes' Club held March 17. C. V. Montgomery, general foreman, store department, was elected president, succeeding H. L. McDuffie, who has served in that office since the club's formation four years ago, and retired at his own request. W. W. Claybourn, chief clerk in freight office, was elected secretary, succeeding J. N. Honaker. It was decided that a vice-president should be chosen at a subsequent meeting.

Following the election, W. G. Hall, master mechanic, made a brief talk and L. T. Jones, agent, gave a report on a general traffic meeting held in Springfield the week before the meeting, in which he brought out that a substantial increase in passenger traffic had resulted since the inauguration of a two-cent-a-mile passenger rate on Frisco Lines. Jones' outlook for increased passenger business was optimistic. He called attention to the fact that a new motor coach train had already been put on in Texas, operating between Fort Worth and Brownwood.

An enjoyable program of music and readings preceded the business section at the meeting of the Sherman club held April 7 with an attendance of 89 members and 12 visitors.

The Boy Scout orchestra of Troop 4 which is sponsored by the Sherman Central Christian Church, gave several selections. This orchestra is composed of Creswell Jones, son of L. T. Jones, agent; Gay Jackson, Garth Jackson, Monroe May, James

OLSON AND CLOUD PROMOTED

Two Frisco Employe Club leaders who are making progress up the ladder of advancement in the same way that they inspired the clubs under their guidance to important achievements, are E. P. Olson, formerly trainmaster at Hugo, Okla., and H. M. Cloud, formerly dispatcher at Neodesha, Kan. Olson, who as president of the Hugo Frisco Employes' Club, developed that organization until it was one of the model clubs of the system, has been promoted to assistant superintendent on the River division, with headquarters at Chaffee, Mo., and Cloud, whose work as president of the Neodesha club inspired the members to an outstanding record for varied and useful activities, has succeeded Olson as trainmaster and now headquarters at Hugo.

Munson and Raymond Carr. Miss Dorothy Matlock, daughter of C. M. Matlock, engineer, gave several piano numbers and Miss Monnette Smith, daughter of W. T. Smith, switchman, gave two readings, one entitled "Mr. Eiseldolph and the Water Pipe," and the other, "The Brokenhearted Dutchman." Miss Ruby Bell, daughter of J. T. Bell, stores department, and Miss Geneva Coyers gave two vocal duet numbers, "Here Comes the Sun," and "You're the One I Care For." They were accompanied by George Garner. Miss Naomi Washburn, daughter of T. S. Washburn, brakeman, gave a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. Washburn. The program was concluded with two male quartet numbers entitled "Going Home" and "I'm Alone Because I Love You." The quartet was comprised of C. V. Montgomery, Spearman Webb, Sanford Burney and John Green. Miss Dorothy Montgomery, daughter of C. V. Montgomery, was their accompanist.

Mr. Montgomery called the business session to order and it was moved by H. L. McDuffie that a committee be appointed to draw up new by-laws for the club. The motion carried and the following were appointed to the committee: K. P. Guin, H. L. McDuffie, Gordon Moore, P. H. Lillis, Walter Magers, O. M. Dunham and Clyde Ford. G. L. Oliver, traffic manager, Fort Worth, addressed the meeting, pointing out that when business in general recovers nearly all industries will very likely revive with it but that railroads, in addition to having a business depression to contend with, have also to overcome immense inroads by busses, trucks, pipe lines

and airplanes. The question as to whether or not this competition can be met may largely be answered by activity on the part of railroad employes generally, he said. Mr. Oliver's talk concluded the meeting.

Enid, Okla.

The meeting of the Enid Frisco Employes' Club held April 8 was attended by 55 members and visitors and was one of the most enthusiastic the club has had in many months.

The session was featured at the outset by a discussion of solicitation in which Ike Scudder, acting president; R. F. Hughes, traveling freight agent of Oklahoma City; and J. W. Maring, agent, took leading parts. F. C. Gow, assistant superintendent, made an interesting talk in which he suggested that the club should keep the business houses apprised of the number of employes working in Enid with a view of getting shipments in reciprocity. W. L. Huggins, Jr., director of publicity, St. Louis, Mo., made a talk on club work as a whole and called attention to the Springfield club which is making many worthwhile achievements both in solicitation and other activities. He strongly advocated that all clubs should adopt the practice of selecting employes familiar with rates, routings and competent to handle all phases of solicitation work for solicitation committees. He also told of the proposed store-door-delivery and stressed that each person employed by the Frisco is a potential solicitor and that for the preservation of jobs it is up to employes to get business.

Jerry Crowley, local attorney, who was also a guest at this meeting, pledged the support of himself and his associates to the Frisco cause and tendered his own personal service at any time legal authority might be needed by the club. L. W. Price, general agent, Oklahoma City, gave an instructive illustration for use in explaining why the two-cent rate is not effective in Pullman cars. A merchant, he related, had bought a round trip ticket under the low rate from Springfield to Kansas City and upon completing his business in the latter city decided to take a Pullman on his return and was quite disgruntled to find that he could not do so at the same rate. A Frisco representative, acquainted with the facts of the case, called upon the merchant later and asked him if he had two kinds of merchandise and had no sale on one of them, just what would he do? The merchant replied that he would have to cut the price on the merchandise that was not selling.

This, the representative advised, was the idea of Frisco Lines in cutting rates on coach fares since the company had been unable to sell many coach tickets. It was suggested in the meeting that this illustration be incorporated into a letter and put into the hands of all trainmen.

W. R. Brown, superintendent, was the final speaker. He stressed the necessity of all employes taking an interest in club work and attending meetings. He said that with the promise of store door delivery every man and woman in the employ of the Frisco should be ready to give their best effort to make it a success, stating that the willing assistance and co-operation of his office and all of its facilities was open to the club.

R. A. Worthington, brakeman, was elected president of the club just before the meeting concluded to succeed Ike Scudder, acting president. It was decided that another meeting should be called in the near future.

Pensacola, Fla.

The meeting of the Pensacola Frisco Employes' Club held March 2 was devoted to transaction of routine business. Nine members were in attendance.

The session was opened with the reading of lists of national and international conventions. This was followed by a discussion in which the conventions to which the club could solicit passengers were selected. A circular letter from C. H. "Uncle Charlie" Baltzell in connection with his proposed tour to Pensacola for boys was read and talked over by those present. Uncle Charlie also sent a message that he would be glad to stage a boxing bout at an early meeting of the club with two Red Caps from the St. Louis Union Station who specialize in a blow by blow reproduction of the Sharkey-Stribling match which took place in 1929 at Miami Beach, Fla.

A letter from W. L. Huggins, Jr., chairman of the Central Committee on Employes' Clubs, in connection with the traffic survey of the Pensacola district was read to the meeting and instructions were issued to all neighboring stations to complete this canvass at an early date.

The meeting was concluded with a discussion of solicitation featured by helpful suggestions by C. W. Miller, local agent, and W. H. Crow, general agent, and A. P. Matthews, assistant traffic manager, Memphis.

The Pensacola Club's meeting of February 20 was held jointly with

A Thought For Mother's Day

We who are plodding through the years
Along life's beaten way
Sometimes forget the road that leads
To Mother, old and gray.

Far from the press of maddening throngs
And clamor of the street
She sits and dreams that she can hear
The sound of baby feet.

Her thoughts are chiefly of the past
And in her memory
She sees us when we ran to her
For love and sympathy.

But now though we have motor cars
To take us where we will
How often do we speed to her
Who is our Mother still?

One hour spent with her each week
Would cheer her lonely life
Far more than some expensive gift
Would please husband or wife.

A Mother who has given much
Unselfishly for you
Asks nothing for herself except
Your love which is her due.

So if you still love her as much
As you did years ago,
The grandest thing in all this world
Would be to TELL HER SO.

—Ex.

Frisco Association of Metal Crafts and Car Department Employes with a total attendance of approximately 20.

The purpose of the meeting was to lay plans for the traffic survey of the Pensacola district which was being conducted at that time. The meeting was opened with a brief session devoted to routine business by the F. A. of M. C. and C. D. Employes with B. E. Spillman, president of the local, presiding. The meeting was then taken charge of by J. E. Payne, president of the Employes' Club, who called upon Mr. Watson of Watson, Pasco & Brown, local attorneys. Mr. Watson made an instructive talk in which he informed the meeting of the status of state laws and regulations on busses and trucks. Following this talk, the meeting was given over to planning for the traffic survey. Instructions were read and explained and each member present was given blanks and assigned territory to canvass.

Hugo, Okla.

The Frisco Employes' Club of Hugo, Okla., held a social meeting

April 9 which drew a splendid attendance. The program opened with a brief address by S. Kelton, the club's newly elected president, following which little Misses Ernestine Brewer and Gwendolyn Gibson each gave some very entertaining readings. The Melo Maniacs, a local dance orchestra, played several selections, and Dr. R. L. Jones, newly elected mayor of Hugo, made a brief talk.

Following the program, bridge tables were arranged for those who wished to play and the Melo Maniacs furnished music for dancing until 12:30. High bridge score for men was made by Mr. D. G. Gibson and Miss Dorris Reece had the high score among the ladies. Punch was served throughout the evening and the hall was attractively decorated with red bud and dogwood blossoms. Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames U. G. Knox, A. E. Hood, J. S. Person and D. W. Walker.

The session of the Hugo club held March 24 was called for the purpose of electing officers because of the