

STANDARD AN IMPORTANT SHIPPER

THE Neodesha, Kan., plant of the Standard Oil Company of Kansas has the distinction of being the first and oldest refinery in that state. The photograph below shows a view of the plant looking west from the top of the new coal chute of the Frisco yards at Neodesha.

The Standard Oil Company of Kansas has long been a friend of Frisco Lines, shipping a substantial tonnage over it each year. During 1930 it forwarded 9,456 cars over the Frisco, an average of 31 cars daily. The total revenue from this firm during 1930 amounted to \$1,132,286.56.

Neodesha, the oldest oil town in the state of Kansas, and the site of the first commercial oil well drilled west of the Mississippi, possesses many geographical and other advantages which have undoubtedly had much to do with the growth of the refining industry there.

The Standard Oil Company of Kansas was organized December 24, 1892, and placed its Neodesha plant in operation in the spring of 1897. At that time it had only two stills. It was enlarged in 1903, again in 1904 and 1905, and the growing demand for its products has necessitated numerous enlargements since. The plant has manufactured Red Crown gasoline throughout its entire existence and of particular importance to the people of Kansas is the fact that all Red Crown gasoline, Red Crown Ethyl gasoline and Stanolind blue gasoline sold in that state are made by the Standard Oil Company at Neodesha. This concern also has had long experience in the manufacture of road oils, a product which has given satisfaction on roads of Kansas for many years.

Neodesha Plant Routes 9,456 Cars Via Frisco Lines in 1930

The company was organized with a paid up capital of only \$1,000, but today it ranks among the largest in Kansas with a capital stock of \$8,000,000, comprised of 320,000 shares with a par value of \$25. Its stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

From the small two-still plant built at Neodesha in 1897, the refinery there has expanded until it now has 124 stills with a daily capacity of 20,000 barrels and sufficient cracking equipment to process all the gas oil from the crude. It has a Holmes-Manley unit; three agitators and continuous treating plant; two boiler houses and various other equipment. It occupies 200 acres and pays taxes on its Kansas property amounting to almost \$100,000 annually.

A great deal of the output from Neodesha is made from oil produced by wells near Wichita, a substantial quantity of crude oil pumped from the wells at Eastborough at the city's edge being made into Red Crown gasoline. Many other Kansas communities also take part in the operation of the Neodesha refinery, since oil from many parts of the state are purchased by the company.

Early in 1929 this company purchased a controlling interest in the Tulsa Oil Company, a producing concern which now has around 40,000 acres in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas, with three large producers recently brought in in the East Texas field. These wells will produce in the neighborhood of 20,000 barrels a day.

The Neodesha refinery contributes an important payroll to the prosperity of the community and carries life insurance on all its employees under the group plan and the contributory group plan. An old age pension plan is also in effect. Officers of the company who reside at Neodesha are A. S. Hopkins, president; E. A. Warren, vice-president, and E. A. Metcalf refinery superintendent.

JOIN THE VETERANS!

John Forster, pensioned mechanical inspector of Frisco Lines, and the newly elected president of the Frisco Veteran Employes' Association, has already started to work on enlarging the attendance at the next reunion.

With over two hundred less veterans present at the 1931 reunion, much concern was felt as to the dwindling attendance, and following the 1931 reunion, Mr. Forster addressed the following letter to the Frisco Magazine, hoping to interest superintendents, master mechanics and others in securing additional members for the organization:

"We were slightly disappointed at the attendance at our last reunion. Every effort must be made to increase the attendance at this wonderful affair. I feel sure that there are hundreds of eligible veterans who are not only non-attending, but non-members.

"As a starter for increased membership, I would like for each superintendent and each master mechanic to appoint a captain on his division who will take the task in hand and comb the division for memberships to the Veterans' Association.

"Send the names of the various captains to the secretary of the association at Springfield, J. L. McCormack, and let's keep the organization going at top-speed."



Oklahoma City Shriners on Frisco Special Train to Cleveland Conclave



IT was a gay party of 108 Shriners and their wives, members of India Temple Shrine at Oklahoma City, who grouped themselves around the engine of their special Frisco train which left Oklahoma City at 7:30 a.m. the morning of July 12 to carry them to St. Louis, thence to their annual convention at Cleveland, Ohio, which convened July 13-16. The train consisted of nine cars. The accompanying picture was taken just prior to departure from Oklahoma City.

An interesting item was that the entire Frisco train crew were Shriners, and the Shrine insignia, which appears directly below the engine number is the property of R. C.

Canady, assistant superintendent at Oklahoma City.

The crew consisted of Bert Smith, engineer; J. O. Smith, fireman; W. M. Dorris, conductor; G. E. Anderson and J. T. Leachman, brakemen and J. G. Muse, Pullman conductor. The crew, while wearing their regular uniforms, also wore the usual red fezes. R. H. Francis, road foreman of equipment, also a Shriner, accompanied the special train.

Dignitaries of the trip appear in the front row of the picture and Charles F. Stewart, Illustrious Potentate, is standing in the front row holding a white cane. Other dignitaries, reading from Mr. Stewart to

the right are: Ed L. Hahn, Chief Rabban, Will S. Guthrie, treasurer, Earl W. Baker, Second Ceremonial Master, C. F. Sloan, Captain, Jack Sloan, Jr., and Mrs. Sloan, Leslie Swan, Recorder and Mrs. Swan.

R. O. Hopkins, assistant general agent at Oklahoma City, a Shriner, with his wife, arranged for the trip and accompanied the party to Cleveland. The return trip was made to Oklahoma City, handling special Pullmans on train No. 9, as they did not all return at the same time. The Shriners were highly pleased with Frisco service accorded them.

FRISCO VETS' REUNION

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conditions, advising that the wheat and cotton crop were the best in years and crews had been placed back to work at various points on the road and it was expected that more would be added. He also said that in times of depression, like the present, it is to the veterans that the railroad is indebted. When it is necessary to cut off men, the older men remain on the jobs and he said that when a veteran was in charge of operation, the job was in splendid hands.

He called Tom Lyons, Frisco engineer in active service, to the platform and presented him with a medal, as the veteran employee in active service with the longest service record. His record totals 50 years. Two rocking chairs were also presented to

Mr. and Mrs. John Moran as the oldest couple present at the reunion.

The assembled veterans were favored with a violin solo by Joe Coppage, son of T. B. Coppage, superintendent of the High Line, and a vocal solo by Le Roy Prater of the mechanical department. Both numbers were encored.

Mrs. Robert Whelan, wife of a Frisco conductor of Oklahoma City and Grand President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors, made a splendid address, and among other things said that the veterans probably did not realize that in many homes throughout the Frisco system today, many young men and women were receiving their bread and butter through the establishment of the Frisco's pension roll, and many more were being sent to school through the receipt of the pay check

from the Frisco Railroad.

The final and principal address of the evening was made by Perry Allen, a Frisco attorney for thirty years and a resident of Springfield, Mo. Mr. Allen's address was a humorous one and greatly enjoyed by the veterans.

He touched seriously on the bus and truck situation, however, calling the competition most unfair, and pledged his efforts toward seeing that proper taxation was brought about.

He paid fitting tribute to the veterans and their long years of service. Their faithfulness to their duties, he said, had won for them the distinction of being known as a veteran, a term which in itself meant dependability.

Directly following his address, those who were so inclined, enjoyed the dancing in the big Shrine auditorium. Music was furnished by Bobbie Hudgen and his orchestra.

NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

St. Louis Terminals

Reflecting careful preparation by officers and entertainment committee, the annual picnic of the St. Louis Terminals Frisco Employes' Club held at Pevely Farm, near St. Louis, July 19, easily ranks as one of the summer's most successful outings. A crowd of approximately 1,000 club members, their families and friends attended.

A large portion of the crowd journeyed to the picnic site on Train No. 65, which left the Union Station at 7:45 a. m., and many others drove out. The morning was occupied with games, dancing visiting and spreading lunches on tables under large shade trees, and around noon the various family groups repaired to their respective tables. Pevely ice cream and milk, popcorn, soda pop and coffee were served free, and the children were given novelties.

The entertainment features provided for the occasion drew exceptionally hearty applause. The Frisco Safety Songbirds, a group of six small girls, most of whom are daughters of employes, drew a large audience and under the competent leadership of eleven-year-old Kathleen Wheeler delighted listeners with "Springtime in the Rockies," "Safety or Sorrow," "The Choo Choo Train," and "Walking My Baby Back Home." Other members of this group were: Virginia Schnable, 10; Mary Lee Valleray, 6; Margaret Ruth Valleray, 8; Shirley Sander, 4, and Dorothy Linkul, 14. Another feature, which was rousingly appreciated by the crowd, was several banjo numbers by a group of children, who attend the Paul Morton School of Music of Maplewood. This group was also comprised mostly of children of employes. It consisted of Joyce Jesson, James Johnson, Mildred Wilkenloh, Doris Watson, Winifred Marshall, Cliff Hunting and James Walsh, Jr. R. O. Johnson, inspector, Jefferson Avenue Coach Yard, secured this part of the program.

Following the entertainment, a large number of couples assembled on the dance floor and competed in the prize waltz to music furnished by Raleigh Beatty's Frisco Orchestra. Martin Tracy and Mrs. Erin McCalley won first prize in that event. Mr. Tracy received a smoking set and

Mrs. McCalley a rug. The prize fox trot, which followed, was won by Thomas Danforth and Miss Lelia Spann. The prizes were a shaving set and a dresser set.

After those events the crowd divided between a bingo game and athletic contests, which were run off under the able direction of R. L. Klein. First on the athletic card was a 100-yard dash for men, which was won by Everett Smith. "Bill" Exposito was second. First prize was a box of cigars and second a carton of cigarettes. Next was a 50-yard dash for girls, which Eileen Dowling won and in which Mary Alice Fritz was second. A three-pound box of candy was first prize and a two-pound box of candy second prize. In a 50-yard race for boys, Robert Ford took first prize, a fielder's mitt, and Bud Lanihan won a bat and ball as second prize. The three-legged race for boys was won by Morris Herman and Frank Sullivan, who split a cash prize of \$2. Richard Wizeman and Oliver Cudy were second and split a cash prize of \$1. A 50-yard dash for women was won by Miss Elzada Hanbeck. Miss Katherine Kelly was second. A ham was given for first and a basket of groceries for second place. Miss Mary Kelly won a ham as first prize in the clothes pin race and Miss Katherine Kelly won a basket of groceries as second prize. The old men's race was won by O. B. McMillan, who received a box of 50 cigars and second was taken by Wm. Heath, who received a box of 25 cigars. The athletic events were closed with a rolling pin throwing contest. In this contest an effigy of Jiggs, the well-known comic strip character, took terrific punishment as the ladies hurled their missiles. Bottles of toilet water were given as prizes to the following: Mrs. Hester Vance, Miss Grace Page, Mrs. T. J. Phillips, Mrs. Agnes Rose, Miss Martha Moore, Mrs. C. J. Harman and Mrs. Charles Fitzgerald. The horse shoe contest was won by Ken Burlew who threw 30 ringers out of 100 attempts. He received a smoking set.

Following the contests, the winners assembled for their prizes, which were awarded by John Daniels, president of the club, and Mr. Klein. All expenses incurred for prizes were defrayed from the club's treasury. The

remainder of the day and the evening was occupied with visiting and dancing while the children enjoyed themselves on the swings and other playground facilities which were provided. Train No. 12, which left Crescent at 4:46 p. m. and train No. 66, which left there at 8:15 p. m., were used for the return trip by those not driving.

Girls' Club, Springfield, Mo.

Forty-six members of the Frisco Girls' Club motored to the James River Club near Springfield, after five o'clock the evening of July 17 at the invitation of Miss Mary Howell. It was an ideal day for swimming and a number availed themselves of that sport while others hiked about the grounds. After a splendid dinner the rest of the evening was spent playing bridge. The committee in charge of arrangements for this affair was comprised of Mrs. Amy Cummings, chairman, and Misses Tiera Lester and Nola Rook.

Men's Club, St. Louis, Mo.

The luncheon of the St. Louis Frisco Men's Club, held June 25, at the American Annex Hotel, was featured by a program of scintillating songs and stories. Approximately 180 members and guests were in attendance and all heartily applauded the wisdom of the club in its selection of numbers for the occasion.

Immediately following the meal Bob Cummins, master of ceremonies, took charge of the meeting and introduced the entertainers, all of whom were pressed for encores. Con Toomey, Bob Hebron and Louis B. Cahill gave some very pleasing vocal numbers and William Beford won a rousing acclaim from the audience with a group of highly diverting anecdotes. Next on the program were the Anderson Twins, Misses Mary and Cherie Anderson, popular entertainers from Gingham Inn, whose rendition of song hits was a high light of the affair. Bob Anslyn's Frisco Orchestra contributed much to the success of the occasion, both in accompanying the singers and furnishing music during the meal in its usual inimitable manner. The session was closed with the distribution of attendance prizes.

Tulsa, Okla.

The business and social meeting of the Tulsa Frisco Employes' Club held June 19 in the Public Service Company hall was very much of a success,

Frisco Employes' Clubs Make Encouraging Traffic Report for First Six Months of 1931

The story of the man who was shown business suits by a salesman and replied, "Why should one have a business suit anymore?" does not apply to members of Frisco Employes' Clubs. For the querulous statement that is so ubiquitous these days, "There ain't any business," certainly does not emanate from members of these organizations. They have demonstrated that there is business to be had and have gone out and secured it, as the tabulation below, which shows the results of their efforts the first six months of this year, conclusively proves.

Meeting adverse conditions with determination and energy, they have shown a decidedly encouraging increase over the first six months of last year. During the first half of 1931 they secured 4,654 carlots as compared with 4,336 in the same period of 1930; 4,456 LCL shipments as compared with 4,118 during the first six months of last year, and 2,919 passengers as against 2,259 for the same period of last year.

The detailed record follows:

Club	Carlots	LCL Shipments	Passengers
Ames.....	2	3	—
Amory.....	25	75	20
Arkansas City.....	4	—	—
Birmingham.....	298	—	—
Blytheville.....	51	1	53
Blackwell.....	17	62	9
Cape Girardeau.....	23	38	17
Chaffee.....	7	37	48
Clinton, Mo.....	9	160	11
Clinton, Okla.....	9	20	3
Dora.....	37	67	32
Drummond.....	9	6	2
Eagle City.....	3	1	4
Enid (Estimated).....	175	250	75
Fayetteville.....	20	40	33
Fort Scott.....	6	—	15
Fort Smith.....	9	82	10
*Fort Worth.....	—	—	—
Hayti.....	9	21	27
Henryetta.....	14	51	15
Hobart (Estimated).....	5	25	15
Hugo.....	5	15	25
Joplin.....	14	41	26
Jonesboro.....	310	955	281
Kansas City.....	441	83	525
Lawton.....	4	10	10
Lebanon.....	47	No Record Kept	138
Memphis.....	49	214	29
Madill.....	3	15	8
Monett.....	7	26	22
Mountain Park.....	4	—	3
Muskogee.....	14	133	103
Neodesha.....	326	6	11
North End Beaumont Sub.....	23	8	20
Okeene.....	4	4	3
Oklahoma City.....	71	58	111
Omulgee.....	20	6	1
Pensacola.....	333	8	19
Poplar Bluff (Estimated).....	175	—	250
Rogers.....	19	108	56
Salem.....	1	16	10
Sapulpa.....	5	20	15
Sherman.....	60	2	30
Springfield (Men and Girls).....	1,452	1,681	553
St. Louis Terminals.....	184	—	36
St. Louis Men.....	11	1	33
St. Louis Girls.....	10	—	35
Thayer.....	15	8	22
Tulsa.....	139	49	127
Wichita.....	176	45	15
Willow Springs.....	—	5	13
Totals.....	4,654	4,456	2,919

*The Fort Worth, Tex., club kept record of tips only. That organization secured tips on the following business: 288 carlots, 86 LCL shipments and 259 passengers.

with approximately 175 members and about 15 visitors from Sapulpa in attendance.

C. J. Quinn, president, brought the session to order at 8:00 p. m. and called for communications regarding new business secured since the last assembly of the organization. The number of responses to his call evidenced considerable solicitation activity by members with encouraging results. Following the business section of the meeting, the evening was given over to dancing to music furnished by the Allie Phillips Orchestra. The attendance prize of \$1 was won by H. F. Allen. *Willow Springs, Mo.*

Talks and discussion devoted to solicitation occupied the greater part of the meeting of the Willow Springs Frisco Employes' Club held July 14 in the office of the roadmaster there.

R. L. Redding, general foreman, B. and B. department, spoke on general business conditions and Mr. Bryan of the traffic department outlined his recent work in the solicitation field. Mr. Livingston, agent, dealt with the matter of getting employes interested in club work and securing their attendance at meetings. The next session was set for August 11.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Kansas City, Mo.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Frisco Employes Sunnyland Club of Kansas City met June 2 in the Women's Benefit Association Club Rooms for a short business session and an afternoon of card games and bunco. Thirty-seven members and guests were in attendance.

The business section of the meeting was conducted by Mrs. W. B. Berry, president of the organization. Announcement was made that a program by children would be arranged for the July session and Mrs. J. Burch was asked to take charge of it.

Following the transaction of club business, the session was given over to bridge, pinochle and bunco. The prizes in bridge were awarded to Mrs. Roland and Mrs. Ennis. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. R. Gray had high scores in pinochle, and in bunco Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Clark were winners. Door prizes were received by Mesdames Renner, R. Gray, Ehni, Bryan, Hamilton, Malice, Ennis, McMahon, G. Berry, Anderson, Combs and DeFries. These prizes were donated by Mesdames Austin, Medlock, Conley, Meyers, Berry, DeFries and McMahon. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Conley, DeFries, Meyers, McMahon and Austin. Refreshments consisting of cake and coffee were served.



Five Hundred Persons Attend Fort Worth Outing

ACROWD of more than five hundred persons spent a day of genuine enjoyment, June 21, at the annual picnic of the Fort Worth Frisco Employes' Club, held at Casino Park on Lake Worth.

The morning was spent at the beach where contests and races were held. H. A. Granger and R. E. Wesenberg were in charge of these events and were assisted by G. L. Oliver and J. E. Steele, who served as judges. A hotly contested fat men's race ended with A. G. Davenport of Stephenville, and R. E. Wesenberg of the accounting department, first and second respectively. Each of them received a worthwhile prize. The lean men's race was won by M. H. Reams, son of C. A. Reams, yard clerk. He was awarded a \$3.50 pipe. Second prize, a box of groceries, was taken by G. W. Parrott of the vice-president and general manager's office. In the three-legged race M. H. Reams and Bill Harris took first award, an inner tube, and G. W. Parrott and J. D. Young, agent at Cresson, won a sack of flour, offered as second prize. A. W. Smith was first in the broad jump for boys under sixteen and received a cake. Jack Wesenberg was given a can of coffee for placing second. In the race for girls of all ages, Esta Mitchell, daughter of J. D. Mitchell, section foreman, Tolar, received a vanity case as first award and Virginia Stewart, daughter of E. M. Stewart, signal maintainer, Fort Worth, was given a can of coffee as the next prize. Esta Mitchell also was first in the race for girls under fourteen and won a box of candy. Zelma Bishop, daughter of J. M. Bish-

op, section foreman, Hebron, was second and received a jar of mayonnaise. W. H. Reams won a welcome kit for first in the shoe race for men and boys, and A. W. Smith was entitled to have his car washed for winning second. A gallon of vinegar and an automobile wash were first and second prizes, respectively, in the fat ladies' race, in which Mrs. Tipton, wife of D. B. Tipton, agent at Dublin, was first and Mrs. Camp, wife of R. B. Camp, agent at Tolar, was second. Mrs. B. L. Morgan, Fort Worth, received a book of milk tickets as winner of the lean ladies' race and Mrs. B. L. Westbrook, Fort Worth, who was second, was given a sack of flour. In the string chewing contest, F. A. West, agent at Celina, and Mrs. R. B. Camp were first. The prize was 2 two-pound boxes of candy. Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Morgan were awarded two pint jars of honey as second prize.

Following the contests, hundreds of luncheon baskets were unpacked and the barbecue pit was the scene of a great deal of activity. Five hundred and twenty-nine pounds of meat were barbecued on the picnic grounds. The club also had on hand a generous supply of lemonade for the occasion. M. S. Engleman, manager of the Dallas branch of the Central Boarding and Supply Company, furnished plates, cups, knives and forks and helped serve the meats and lemonade.

The afternoon was occupied with visiting, swimming, boating and dancing. A huge banner, bearing two large Frisco emblems, was displayed at the entrance of the park, proclaiming throughout the day the club's an-

nual picnic was in progress. It was painted by R. B. Leach of Sherman. Among the officials in attendance at this outing were: O. H. McCarty, vice-president and general superintendent; G. L. Oliver, traffic manager; W. S. Hutchison, auditor; L. C. Wilds, treasurer; R. L. Truitt, superintendent of freight loss and damage claims, and Dr. S. A. Woodward, chief surgeon, all of Fort Worth; J. W. Surles, superintendent of motive power, Springfield, and W. G. Hall, master mechanic, and K. P. Guin, storekeeper, of Sherman, Tex.

Fayetteville, Ark.

The Fayetteville Frisco Employes' Club had an exceptionally interesting and instructive meeting the evening of June 10. Forty-two members and visitors were in attendance.

L. J. Price, president of the club, opened the session by announcing the membership of committees appointed recently on solicitation, attendance, entertainment and publicity. W. E. Stafford exhibited a placard bearing a picture of a Frisco freight train and the words, "We patronize the Frisco 100 per cent," and, after a brief discussion, it was agreed that the club should have several of these printed and displayed in store windows. Mr. Price then called for a report on solicitation and a number told of tips and business secured.

C. Mitchell, agent at Farmington, spoke briefly, telling of the strawberry situation at his station, which is one of the principal assembling points for berry loading in that territory. He was followed by E. A. Morasni, who spoke on the unfairness of truck rates. Hugh Hays, president of the Rogers club, made a brief talk,