

NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

Afton, Okla.

Fifteen members and one visitor were present at the October 31 meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Afton, Okla. Mr. Wm. Estes, former president, acted in the capacity of president for H. L. Freeman, who was absent, and W. H. Shedlebar, agent, served as secretary in the place of E. H. Carver, who was also absent.

Agent Shedlebar told of the tips he had received from the members and of the work done on each. A report of business from the sectionmen was reported, which showed they had been busy working on tips received. Tom Wilde, member of the club, reported securing two passengers to Baxter, Kan., who had previously decided to go by bus.

Ted Shedlebar, son of the agent, entertained the members with a few selections on his guitar. Mr. Shedlebar has been most generous in offering his services to this club at their meetings and he is a great favorite. He is broadcasting over station WMBH at Joplin, and may be heard from that station.

Thayer, Mo.

Twenty-six members attended the October 21 meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Thayer, Mo. T. H. Edmundson, president, presided.

The feature of the evening was a review of the digest of the bus and truck laws of various states in Frisco territory, and a number of good suggestions were offered by the various employes in connection with preventing truck and bus operators from violating laws now in effect. President Edmundson also offered the complete digest to any employe desiring to read it at his or her leisure.

P. A. F. Ingle, local agent, advised that the Thayer station had secured fifteen cars of stock and had shipped them out of Thayer since October 1. These cars were all secured from one party. Mr. Ingle advised that the local meat shipments to Thayer had increased since the August meeting.

President Edmundson reported that the Oregon County Fair was very successful this year, and that the Frisco booth attracted a great deal of attention. The Fair was held the week of September 12-17.

S. J. Frazier, superintendent, addressed the members, stressing the fact that every effort be made to get

trains through the terminals with the least possible delay. This in order to keep business, and secure more, through prompt movement and co-operation of all employes.

C. H. Baltzell, a visitor at the meeting, advised that accidents over the Frisco system had been reduced 57 per cent. He also advised that each and every employe should be on the alert to furnish passengers with information regarding connections of trains at various points.

C. B. Callahan, assistant superintendent, brought out the fact that the new freight schedules would provide work for more men in the operating department and urged that every effort be made to secure more business and reinstate more men now out of work due to depressed business conditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p. m. with the date for the November meeting not decided upon at that time.

Colored Club of St. Louis, Mo.

Members of the colored club of the St. Louis Terminals met on Friday evening, October 14, at the Tower Grove Club Rooms, with nine members in attendance. President Thomas Henry, presided.

Various members of the club addressed the meeting, and Willie Robinson reported having secured eleven round trip tickets on September 23 from Osceola, Ark., to St. Louis and return, also four round trip tickets to Memphis were secured by Rubos Smith on October 23.

Members of this club are enthusiastic and working hard in the interest of Frisco Lines and have requested that all information on excursions, low fare rates, etc., be sent to club members so they may work up business for Frisco Lines.

Joplin, Mo.

Fourteen members were present at the November 3 meeting of members of the Frisco Employes' Club of Joplin, Mo. The meeting was in charge of S. R. Landrum, president, who asked that the minutes of the past meeting be corrected to include C. K. Bennett, agent at Galena, as a member of the club, instead of a visitor.

The meeting was thrown into a round table discussion of various phases of club work, and everybody present had suggestions to offer.

As to passenger tips received, special mention was made of the work done by Rodger Fletcher of the roundhouse, as well as other roundhouse employes, and all present were urged to continue their efforts toward securing tips on business.

The subject of the play to be presented for the entertainment of the members was brought up, and President Landrum advised that the parts would be assigned within a short time.

Investigations were reported as having been made with various firms to ascertain why more business was not given Frisco Lines, and a discussion of the amount that the trucks and busses were receiving, ensued.

President Landrum reported that election of 1933 officers would be among the matter of business to be brought up at the next meeting, and members present agreed to do away with a nominating committee and to unanimously vote for the officers at the next meeting, either by acclamation or ballot.

The suggestion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

St. Louis Girls' Club

The handkerchief bridge party, given to raise funds for the Christmas charity program sponsored by the St. Louis Girls' Club each year, was a decided success. The event was held at the Olive Hall, Olive Street, St. Louis, on October 28, and the affair netted the club a total of \$62.25.

One hundred and forty-three tickets at thirty-five cents each were sold, which totaled \$50.05; \$20.15 was derived from the sale of ice cream, cake and coffee, also a cake raffle, and handkerchiefs left over were sold for \$1.75.

Expenses for the affair were only \$9.70, as each girl donated the handkerchiefs which were given for prizes at the bridge tables.

The energetic committee in charge of the affair consisted of Lil Kulage, secretary and chairman, assisted by the Misses Corinne Uhlenhaut, Minette Juhlin, Genevieve Hutchison, and Bernice Hower.

This was one of the most successful affairs of its kind to be undertaken by the club members and they reaped their reward in its success.

The October luncheon of members of this club was called off, in respect to the memory of F. W. Young, late

paymaster of Frisco Lines, and at this writing the November luncheon is scheduled to be held November 29, when an interesting program will be presented.

Sapulpa, Okla.

A masked ball and bridge party was the feature of the October 17 meeting of the members of the Frisco Employees' Club of Sapulpa, Okla. It was considered to be one of the best attended and most successful events ever given by the club, with all due credit being given the president, Joe Robson, and the hostesses.

The evening was spent playing bridge and dancing to the splendid music furnished by Ray Stancil and his Rough Riders. A number of clever costumes were seen, and those deserving special mention were worn by Joe Robson and wife, C. T. Fine and wife, and Frank Campbell and wife. Mrs. Campbell's costume was sixty years old. Many costumes were in keeping with the spirit of Halloween.

The dancers were pelted with confetti and serpentine, and, altogether, it was a gala affair, and everyone spent a most delightful evening.

Members of the Frisco Employees' Club of Sapulpa sponsored a benefit bridge on November 7, which was well attended, there being ten tables.

Colored Club of Birmingham, Ala.

Members of the Frisco Colored Employees' Club of Birmingham, celebrated the third anniversary of the club's organization on the night of November 17 at the St. Paul A. M. E. church at Birmingham, Ala.

There was a splendid crowd in attendance and the program presented was both interesting and entertaining. T. J. Guice served as Master of Ceremonies.

The program was opened with selections by the choir, followed by the invocation. Steve Robinson, president of the club, spoke on the purpose of the club and urged that all members double their efforts in behalf of the railroad in securing more freight and passenger business.

The Continental Gln Quartet furnished some snappy selections for the enjoyment of the audience, and the future of the organization of the club was discussed by Rev. W. M. Sample. Other numbers on the program consisted of: spiritual, Mrs. T. J. Guice; Over the Hill to the Poor House, Mrs. C. J. Johanson, and solo, Oscar Rivers.

C. J. Thompson, of Frisco Lines, Birmingham, introduced the Frisco of-

ficials of Birmingham which attended the meeting. Rev. E. O. Woolfolk presented a well-prepared sermon.

Wichita, Kansas

Twenty-five members of the Frisco Employees' Club of Wichita, Kan., met for their monthly meeting on November 14. J. A. Moran, superintendent, E. E. Carter, assistant superintendent, and Bert Tanguary, agent, from



Little Miss Merlyn York (pictured above) nine-year-old daughter of M. L. York, switchman for Frisco Lines, and wife, of West Tulsa, Okla., is a talented dancer, and a student of the Burch Holtzman School. She is in great demand at parties and entertainments of the Employees' Club, and other affairs at both Sapulpa and Tulsa.

Wichita Heights were guests.

Agent Tanguary reported that truck violations in his city were being handled through the State Highway Inspection Department, and S. P. Haas, general agent at Wichita, reported that some business which had formerly been handled by truck, was now being given to Frisco Lines.

E. E. Carter gave an interesting talk on some of the problems of the railroad at the present time, stressing the point that it is up to each and every employe to see that the shipper gets his car in the quickest possible time after the car reaches destination. Mr. Carter was of the opinion that this

would be the means of holding business for the railroad, citing instances where business was lost to the trucks because of slow service in setting cars.

John Connell, brakeman, of Neodesha reported that contract was to be let on the new bridge over Fall River, and solicitation might cause the materials to be shipped via Frisco Lines.

C. S. Underwood made a personal appeal to every man present to put forth every effort to secure every pound of freight possible.

There was some discussion as to having cards printed showing Frisco service from various points to Wichita and President Immele promised to give a report on this matter at next meeting.

J. P. Sheehan, retired roadmaster, reported a new sewer contract let, and Mr. Underwood reported that routing of inbound material for this project was being handled.

It was decided to see that each employe was furnished with routing order blanks for use in solicitation and the secretary was instructed to mail supply of forms to department heads.

J. A. Moran made an interesting talk, speaking generally of railroad conditions today and the need for intense solicitation efforts on the part of all employes.

President Immele called attention to an interesting article from the Traffic World pertaining to the railroads versus truck lines.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

Neodesha, Kansas

The regular monthly meeting of the Frisco Employees' Club of Neodesha, Kan., was held in the assembly room at Neodesha on November 9. There were eleven members present, including E. E. Carter, assistant superintendent. J. A. Moran, superintendent, and C. S. Underwood, division freight and passenger agent, who intended to be present at the meeting were unable to do so account of business in other cities.

A. M. Reed, conductor, gave the club members a tip on a car of meat out of Wichita for Neodesha each week. The matter was taken up and will be handled through to a conclusion.

Club members were also hopeful of securing routing on eight cars of stock into Neodesha for winter and spring feeding. This shipment to move January 1.

Mr. Carter addressed the club, thanking the members for their past activities and explaining the present conditions of the railroad and asked that each member put forth every effort to secure some business or give

every effort in helping to move the business which we already have secured, and he talked encouragingly of future shipments.

O. C. Miller, local agent, thanked the club members for their past assistance and asked them to give their undivided support toward future solicitation.

Another important feature of the meeting, handled last, was the election of officers. H. F. Lee was elected president and G. H. Harbin, secretary. Mr. Lee is employed as operator and Mr. Harbin is a clerk.

Both men thanked the club for the honor bestowed on them and pledged their efforts toward the interests of the club during their term of office.

Oklahoma City

The first regular fall meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Oklahoma City was held on October 20, called by Jesse Moore, president. There were a total of 35 members and guests present, and the meeting was a combined business and social affair.

W. L. Huggins, Jr., assistant traffic manager, was the guest of honor and made a talk on railway conditions today. His address was an inspiration to all who heard him, and he spoke encouragingly of improved conditions, indicating that car loadings had increased substantially—business conditions were such that new freight trains on fast schedules had been put on, and improved service made in other freight trains. He stated that passenger train schedules had also been speeded up.

M. W. Bell, chief clerk, traffic department and recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Railway Employes & Taxpayers' Association of Oklahoma, devoted a few minutes to explaining in detail the plans of this organization, pointing out the necessity of cooperation from all employes in supporting same.

R. C. Mills, general agent, gave a short talk concerning the signing of application blanks for membership in the above mentioned organization, and a supply of these blanks were distributed to those present, and all were urged to become members in the interest of the welfare of the employes and taxpayers alike.

Walter L. Pipkin, demurrage clerk, reported having secured three car loads and one LCL shipment; C. C. Atteberry, chief clerk in the freight department had secured one LCL shipment, and Mr. Baulch, stationary engineer and E. E. Reynolds, ticket clerk, reported having secured one passenger each.

Following the report of business

Popular Band at Imboden



George Morgan, agent for Frisco Lines at Imboden, Ark., is the leader and instructor of the Frisco Booster Band of that city, and all members (with the exception of three) are shown in the above photograph.

This band has furnished splendid music for meetings of the Frisco Employes' Clubs of Hoxie, Black Rock and Mammoth Springs, and is made up of local talent around Imboden. Their help has been invaluable in advertising the club meetings in that

section of the country and their appearance at any meeting assures its success from an entertainment standpoint.

Members of the band are (left to right, standing), E. S. Baker, Manning Estes, Richard Abee, Buster Abee, Kenneth Ruhl, Marshall Crabtree, W. A. Gray and A. D. Ruhl; (left to right, seated), G. E. Morgan, agent and instructor of the band, Virgil Goff, Hubert Marshall and Burl Gray.

secured, the Sunset Six orchestra furnished music for the dancing. The next business meeting was scheduled to be held on November 17.

Springfield Girls' Club

On the evening of November 3 the Frisco Girls' Club of Springfield held a dinner bridge and bunco party at the Greene Tavern Hotel in honor of the outgoing officers. Fifty members and guests were present.

Miss Selma Hoffman, the new president, presided at the dinner, during which a number of "pep" songs were sung, led by Miss Pearl Fain and accompanied by Miss Eugenia Seabough. Mr. Harry Hoffman and little Miss Peggy Meyers each entertained with a group of solos, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Rathbun. All were greatly appreciated.

The entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated in autumnal shades, with bouquets of chrysanthemums centering the tables and a favor, in the form of an English Walnut shell which contained a slip of paper on which was written a fortune, at each place.

At the conclusion of the dinner the outgoing officers, Mrs. Hazel Baker, Misses Marie Kidd, Helen Heflin, Hazel Clark, Dazel Lewis and Lillian Fuller, were each presented with a silver spoon, engraved with the Frisco emblem and the words "Frisco Girls'

Club, 1932", as a token of appreciation for their services.

The remainder of the evening was enjoyed at bridge and bunco, the high favors being won by Mrs. Hazel Baker and Miss Marie Kidd, low by Misses Ellen Kerr and Ila Cook, galloping prize by Miss Alice Larkin and door prize by Miss Elizabeth Dunn.

Tulsa, Okla.

Twenty-five members were present at the November 15 meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Tulsa, held in the basement of the new Public Service Building.

President C. E. Retzlaff reported that the dance, given during the month of October, was a social success, but not a success financially.

A letter was read from O. H. Reid, addressed to Walter Adams, brakeman, with reference to movement of steel from the Tulsa Steel Company to a Fayetteville firm. The steel was ordered shipped by truck, but after solicitation by railroad employes, a goodly part of this movement was handled via Frisco Lines.

Additional tonnage via railroad was also secured from a Tulsa firm, and members of the club felt encouraged over the new business secured. Additional switch engines have been put on recently to handle the increase in

1933—Important Conventions—1933

Below is a list of important conventions which will be held during 1933.

The traffic department will welcome any information that might be of assistance in securing travel to these meetings. Any communication in connection therewith, should be addressed to J. W. Nourse, general passenger agent, St. Louis, Mo.

National League of Com. Merchants.....	Chicago, Ill.,.....	Jan. 16-20
National Education Ass'n, Dept. Superintendence	St. Paul, Minn.....	Feb. 24-Mar. 2
Shrine Directors Association of North America.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	March 1-3
Coca Cola Bottlers Assn.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	March
American Zinc Institute.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	April
Associated Traffic Clubs of Am.....	Peoria, Ill.....	Spring
Presbyterian Church of U. S., General Assembly	Ft. Worth, Tex.....	May 25
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.....	New York, N. Y.....	May 4-6
Southern Baptist Convention.....	Washington, D. C.....	May
General Federation Women's Clubs.....	Richmond, Va.....	May 22-26
Rotary International.....	Boston, Mass.....	June
M. O. V. P. E. R. (Grotto).....	Chicago, Ill.....	June
National Retail Credit Assn.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	June 20-24
American Institute of Banking.....	Chicago, Ill.....	June
U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	June
Kiwanis International.....	Los Angeles.....	June 25-29
National Education Assn.....	Chicago, Ill.....	July 1-7
Shrine (A. A. O. N. M. S.).....	Atlantic City.....	July 11-13
National Federation Business and Professional Women's Clubs.....	Chicago, Ill.....	July
Lions Clubs International.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	July
American Dental Association.....	Chicago, Ill.....	Aug. 7-12
Knights of Khorassan (D. O. K. K.).....	Denver, Colo.....	Aug. 8-11
United Spanish War Vets.....	Los Angeles, Calif.....	September
I. O. O. F. Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	Springfield, Ill.....	Sept. 18-23
Nat'l Baptist Convention (Colored).....	Memphis, Tenn.....	Sept. 7-12
American Bankers' Association.....	Chicago, Ill.....	October
P. E. O. Sisterhood.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	Oct. 3-6

business; additional forces have been put on at the freight platform; more car inspectors and car rollers and additional mechanics employed in the roundhouse, and the general outlook for more business seemed good. Several locomotives that have been in white lead for some time, have been placed back in service.

The members were in favor of a big joint party with the ladies' club at Christmas time, and committees were appointed to plan for the event.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. R. W. Berry, wife of soliciting freight agent presented several vocal solos which were greatly enjoyed, and Harry Cozart, machinist apprentice, gave several selections of harmonica music. Henry Blair, car carpenter, delighted the members with two yodeling solos.

Committees will begin work at an early date on plans for the Christmas party, which is expected to be the best ever undertaken by the club.

Colored Club of St. Louis, Mo.

The November meeting of the colored club of St. Louis, Mo., was held at the Tower Grove station club rooms on the night of November 11,

at 7:30 p. m.

The feature of the meeting was the nomination and election of officers for the coming year. Thomas Henry, who now serves the club as vice-president, was made president; Will Swift was elected vice-president; Jacob Rollins, re-elected treasurer, and Willie Robinson, re-elected secretary. Fred Mitchell and Tom McGuire were renominated for governors.

The new officers will be installed at the December meeting. The secretary reports that Fred Mitchell was fined 50c for having missed four meetings of the club.

The new officers pledged their hearty support to the club and plan to make it one of the strongest clubs on the system and in this endeavor they have the cooperation of all members.

Clinton, Mo.

Eight members of the Frisco Employees' Club of Clinton, Mo., met for a short business meeting on November 20.

C. K. Morrison, president of the club, spoke on courtesy in handling the public, and the matter of making additional friends for the Frisco.

Correspondence from various of-

ficers was read and the employes present felt that conditions were slightly improved and were encouraged by increased car loadings.

The various employes present made short talks and suggestions as to how to increase business for Frisco Lines.

Following these talks the meeting was adjourned and the next one will be called for the third Sunday in December, the regular meeting date of the club.

RAIL WORKERS MEET St. Louis Organizes With 500 Members

TWO meetings of railway employes and taxpayers have been held during the past two months, one, an organization meeting at St. Louis, Mo., and the second, a meeting of the already formed Railway Employes' and Taxpayers' Association at Oklahoma City.

There were 500 railway employes and taxpayers present at the organization meeting held in St. Louis at the Railroad Y. M. C. A., on the night of October 28. The men present lost no time in electing officers who are; E. L. Worley, president; R. S. Gaile, vice-president; F. J. O'Sullivan, vice-president; W. L. Heath, vice-president; O. L. Fry, treasurer, and J. M. Montgomery, secretary.

Charles C. Kinney of the Pennsylvania Railroad was a guest speaker and discussed the organization of the association and programs of like organizations being formed in the east. J. A. Witthaus, a St. Louis attorney, also spoke, as well as E. H. McReynolds of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The organization was named the Railroad Employes' and Taxpayers' Association of Missouri, and believes that the business of highway transportation has developed with such rapidity that it has outstripped proper legislation and administrative control, and that as a result the public safety and welfare are today seriously jeopardized.

To correct these conditions, this organization advocates: that those engaged in highway transportation for hire should be required to obtain authority to do so from the duly established public supervisory body to the end that unnecessary and destructive competition with rail transportation facilities shall be avoided; that motor vehicles should be required to pay taxes sufficient to produce such revenue as is required to compensate the state for the cost of constructing and maintaining the highways for their use, and to effect an equitable

distribution of such cost between the private automobile owner and the operator for hire; that interstate transportation of persons and property by motor vehicle requires Federal regulation which cannot be reached by the states.

The plans also cover restrictions upon the weight, size and speed of motor vehicles, liability insurance of operators, qualifications and hours of service of employes of motor vehicle carriers, maintenance of proper records with the regulatory body, highway patrol, etc.

Application for memberships have been filled out by hundreds of railway employes in St. Louis, and the organization is expected to be one of the largest ever formed in any state. Representatives from twenty-seven railroads, running in and out of St. Louis, present at this meeting, pledged their support to its policies and to the matter of securing members.

There were one hundred and two members of the Railway Employes' and Taxpayers' Association of Oklahoma present at their November 4 meeting, held at Oklahoma City. This organization now boasts of a membership totaling 2,200.

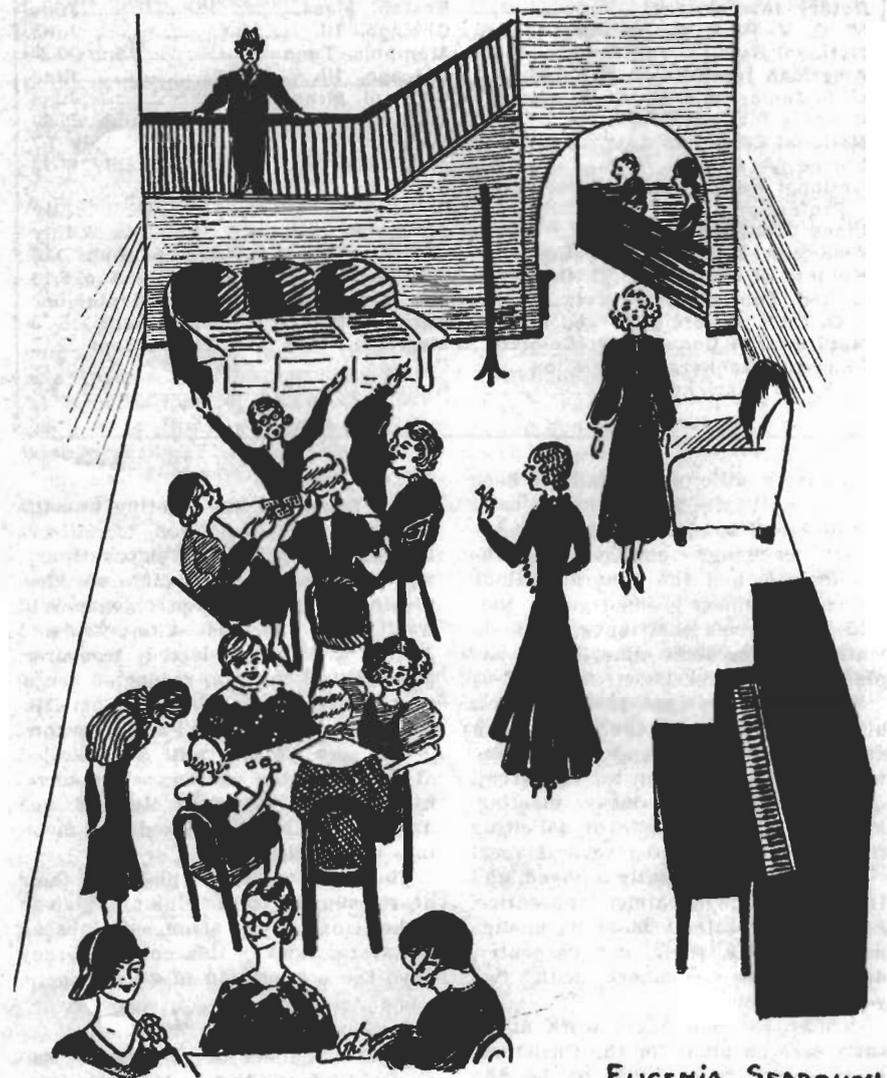
A. S. Johnson, E. G. A., of the M-K-T Railway, made a brief talk on the good work being accomplished by this organization, and advised continued activity along lines laid out. He introduced Geo. C. Smith, general traffic manager of the Katy with headquarters at St. Louis, who reviewed the conditions of the railroads, pointing out certain economic facts pertaining to them. Mr. Smith was most enthusiastic over the plans for the organization, and believed that it would be the means of creating favorable sentiment and legislation favorable to the railroads. His talk was exceptionally good and timely.

M. W. Bell, secretary and treasurer, mentioned that in an address made by W. L. Huggins, Jr., assistant traffic manager of Frisco Lines before the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, vital facts were brought out concerning conditions. Mr. Bell also stated that several candidates had called, soliciting support of the association.

Then Came the Deluge

A Scotch traveling salesman, held up by a bad storm, telegraphed to his firm in Aberdeen: "Marooned here by a storm; wire instruction." The reply came collect: "Start summer vacation as from yesterday."

The officers and employes of the General Office Building in St. Louis take this means of wishing their fellow workers on Frisco Lines throughout the System a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. 



EUGENIA SEABOUGH

A story of the Frisco Girls' Bunco party at the Green Tavern Hotel in Springfield is included in this month's "News of the Frisco Clubs." The sketch above was drawn from life by Miss Eugenia Seabough, relief telephone operator at Springfield. Miss Seabough indicates that while the girls are having a hilariously good time, the lone male who appears on the balcony railing is both perplexed and dumbfounded at this feminine invasion of the Springfield hostelry.