

## 1933—Important Conventions—1934

Below is a list of important conventions which will be held during 1933 and 1934.

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.

American Society of Orthodontists.....Oklahoma City.....Nov. 8-10  
American Royal Live Stock Show.....Kansas City, Mo.....Nov. 11-18

### 1934 MEETINGS

National Shoe Retailers Assn.....St. Louis, Mo.....Jan. 7-10  
Western Fruit Jobbers Assn.....San Antonio, Tex.....Jan. 16-19  
Nat'l Educational Assn.,  
Dept. of Superintendence.....Cleveland, Ohio.....Feb. 24  
Shrine Directors Association.....San Antonio.....March 7-9  
Northern Baptist Convention.....Rochester, N. Y.....2nd Wk. May  
Natural Gasoline Assn. of America.....Tulsa, Okla.....May  
Gen. Federation Women's Clubs.....Hot Springs, Ark.....May 21-24  
Kiwanis International .....Toronto, Ont. ....June  
American Institute of Banking.....Washington, D. C.....June 11-14  
U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.....Miami, Fla. ....June  
American Medical Association.....Cleveland O.....June  
National Education Association.....Washington, D. C.....June 30-July 6  
B. Y. P. U. of America.....Pittsburgh, Pa.....July 4-8  
Lions Clubs International.....Grand Rapids, Mich.....July  
International Walther League.....Omaha, Nebr. ....July  
Civitan International.....Toronto, Ont.....June  
M. O. V. P. E. R. (Grotto).....Atlantic City.....June 26-28  
Shrine (A. A. O. N. M. S.).....Minneapolis, Minn. ....June 19-21  
B. P. O. E. (Elks) Grand Lodge.....Kansas City, Mo.....July 15  
United Spanish War Veterans.....Pittsburgh, Pa.....August  
Nat'l Baptist Convention (Colored).....Oklahoma City, Okla.....Sept. 6  
American Legion .....Miami, Fla. ....Sept-Oct.

### Lebanon, Mo.

Members of the Frisco Employees' Club of Lebanon, Mo., have taken into its membership, employes from Phillipsburg, Sleeper, Northview, Strafford, Stoutland and Conway. It is difficult for these employes to get together often, but on February 20 there were forty members in attendance from these various towns and they had a rousing good meeting.

Taking the solicitation efforts of members of this club from the various towns into consideration, this club reported 414 carloads of freight secured in the first six months of 1933 and 268 tons of LCL shipments.

T. G. Hart, agent at Lebanon, is president of the club.

### Dacoma, Okla.

The Dacoma, Okla., club is an example for any club, whose members feel that the conditions surrounding their club activities are anything but conducive to "getting the crowd together".

Members of this club have been unable to hold any meetings during 1933, due to inadequate train service and a

number of trains having been taken off; however, J. J. Hood, president of the Dacoma Club, keeps after the agents in the towns between Enid and Avard. He sends them information and encouraging letters and they report the outcome of their solicitation efforts to him. The result of the business secured in this manner, this year, totals, 30 carloads, 120 LCL shipments and 6 passengers.

Inadequate train service, reduced force and no meetings have never dampened the spirit of cooperation of these loyal employes.

J. J. Hood, agent, is president of the club.

### Eagle City, Okla., and Willow Springs, Mo.

The employe clubs, located in the towns of Eagle City, Okla., and Willow Springs, Mo., while active in the program of solicitation, do not have regular meetings. Each club president has reported business secured by the members and each president is directing the fall work of his club. The president of the Chaffee Club was recently transferred to Kennett, but is at this time arranging to see that a

new president is elected to carry on the work.

W. J. Ferguson will serve as president of the Chaffee Club, even though transferred, until his successor is chosen. A. E. Loven, cashier, is president of the Willow Springs Club.

### Thomas, Okla.

There are only five employes at Thomas, Okla., but they are all wide awake and on the job to capture all business possible for Frisco Lines. There is a cotton gin at Thomas, and a year ago all cotton seed was trucked out, but the Frisco got every bale of cotton shipped out this year, as well as all the cotton seed. A new grain elevator is being erected and these energetic employes secured a car of cement and a car of lumber, and another car of lumber is on the way. This business was secured in the face of some keen competition.

A. L. Dobbs, section foreman, is president.

### Tulsa, Okla.

After a sojourn during the hot summer months, members of Frisco Employes' Club of Tulsa have resumed their regular meetings.

There is a fair percentage of attendance at strictly business meetings, and a very good attendance at all social gatherings. Every employe in Tulsa is loyal to the club and has a very high regard for that which it represents, which can be well judged by their splendid cooperation.

Among the big social events which drew the attention of the guests and merchants alike were: dance at the Plamore, attended by 400 couples, held during February, 1933. The large attendance of prominent industrial traffic managers and members of their staff at this affair enabled the employes to make new acquaintances and helped to bring about a feeling of neighborly good fellowship, which has far reaching effects.

At Christmas time the club staged a dance and the admission price was "canned food and other foodstuff", which was used for distribution among the needy of Tulsa. Over two truck loads of substantial food were secured through this dance. A similar program is being planned for this year. The first dance of the fall season was staged on October 26.

This club has made itself known in business circles of Tulsa, and officers and members of the club are accorded every courtesy and cooperation whenever they call on a merchant or an industry. Their fall and winter program will be a full one.

J. C. Burnett, engineer at Tulsa, is president of the club.

## Springfield Men's Club

By J. E. POTTS, President

I am very glad to know that a number of the Magazine is being devoted to the Frisco Employee Clubs, and I wish to give you a short resume of our activities during the year.

Through the efforts of our Employees' Club of Springfield we have secured, during the first nine months of 1933, 516 carloads, 1,303 LCL and 139 passengers actually secured, in addition to a large number of prospective tips turned in. Below is a resume of the activities of our Club for the year 1933 to date:

In January a dinner meeting was held at our Frisco Eating House, attended by 310 members and guests. At this meeting we had as our principal speaker S. S. Butler, general traffic manager. His address was broadcast over KGBX, our local radio station, by remote control arranged entirely by our Men's Club. We also had as our guest H. L. Worman, chief operating officer, of St. Louis, and all of our local officers, including the general manager and superintendent motive power. We also had as our guests, the officers of the Springfield Retail Merchants Association and officers of the Springfield Manufacturers and Jobbers Association.

During March, we sponsored a St. Patrick's Spring Festival at the Shrine Mosque. At this meeting we had approximately 4,500 in attendance, having invited the various merchants, manufacturers, employes and families to attend as our guests.

During April we had a dinner meeting at our Springfield Country Club, having around 300 in attendance. At this meeting we were addressed by the Hon. Robert J. Smith, Judge of the Springfield Court of Appeals. We had as our guests a number of our general officers, among them B. T. Wood, E. H. Bunnell, W. S. Merchant and H. Skinker. Also practically all of our local officers. We also had as our guests the Mayor of Springfield and his entire official family, also all of our county officers, including judges of the circuit courts, sheriff, prosecuting attorney and various circuit and county clerks, assessors, etc.

During June we had a barbecue picnic entertainment at Doling Park, one of the largest amusement parks of the city. We had as our guests families of our members; about 800 were in attendance. A full barbecue supper and refreshments were provided. Numerous athletic events were held and valuable and useful prizes were given by the club to the winners of the various events. Addi-

tionally we had a ball game between two Frisco teams. Practically one full page of our leading Springfield paper was devoted to this barbecue, they having sent official photographers to take pictures of the various winners of the athletic events, etc., which gave the Frisco Railway a great deal of publicity.

In September we had a dinner meeting at the Ontra Restaurant, attended by 260 members, at which time we were addressed by the Rev. G. Bryant Drake, on the subject "Romance of the Rails".

The officers of the Springfield Men's Club, early in the year, reached the conclusion that more good could be obtained by bringing our members together with dinner meetings and various entertainments than could be had by holding monthly business meetings where only a few members would attend. We have built up a wonderfully good fellowship spirit amongst our members, and a desire to put forth our best efforts for our railroad that lends such hearty support to employes activities.

Might also mention that during May we sponsored a Minstrel Show at one of our church auditoriums, where a small admission was charged. The proceeds were used in the purchasing of uniforms and equipment for our Frisco employes' ball team, which has been a member this season of the Greene-Christian County League, which has provided wholesome outdoor entertainment throughout the summer season for our club members and friends.

Through the advertisements we obtained from our Frisco ball team brought us recognition from our Springfield Cardinal ball team of the Western League (member St. Louis Cardinal chain), they designating their night game, August 24, as Frisco Men's Club Night. Our Frisco employes were furnished tickets at a small admission price. We had 10,500 in attendance at this ball game. The Springfield Boy Scouts Band, the largest in the world, played a forty minute concert prior to the game, which was dedicated to the Frisco Men's Club of Springfield.

Our plans for next year are in the making, and our members can look forward to a year jam full of activities.

## Springfield Girls' Club

The outstanding program, sponsored by the Springfield Girls' Club, was Springfield Day, when the Frisco girls cooperated with the merchants, advertising the special day throughout

the territory and 25,000 people swarmed the streets of Springfield on May 14, 1932. Several drum corps drills were presented through this club and members of this club received due credit for their efforts. A charity carnival given by the club later, netted them \$1,245.75, and with this fund the club members were able to do some outstanding work.

Members of this club are asked to partake in all civic affairs and have established their prominence in the city.

For the period, January 1, 1932, to October, 1933, the members secured a total of 503 carloads of freight, 1,755 LCL shipments and 64 passengers.

Selma Hoffman, telephone supervisor, was president of the club until October 18, when her successor, Loretta Henry, secretary in the office of the general claim agent, was elected for the forthcoming year.

## Ft. Smith, Ark.

The Frisco Employees' Club of Ft. Smith, Ark., has held meetings regularly during 1933 with the exception of August and September, when the hot weather cut the attendance. The business men of Ft. Smith have been guests at many meetings of this club, and the largest affair given was a dance at the Country Club.



C. H. DAVENPORT

There is a splendid feeling between employes and merchants of Ft. Smith, and they are always given a hearty welcome when they attend an affair of the club.

During 1932 this club secured 29 carloads of freight, 27 LCL shipments and 14 passengers. So far this year they have secured 14 cars, 29 LCL shipments and 8 passengers.

C. H. Davenport, cashier and president of the club, feels that with improved business conditions the club will show a large improvement, both in membership and in the amount of business secured.

## Newburg, Mo.

By C. E. SCOTT, President

Newburg Frisco Club is now a little over two years old. We count as our members every employe working here in all departments, also those working in and out of here on the road.

We have never had any dues, and when necessary to have a little cash we let it be known among the members and the necessary money always comes; however, we operate as a social organization and need little cash.

We have a nice club room over the yard office, which is steam heated and well lighted. We hold regular meetings on the first Monday night of each month, except during the hot summer months.

Our merchants seem to think well of our meetings, and tell us our service is OK, and do give us the greater portion of their business.

Our attendance, as a whole, is very good, considering two shifts of the men work through the late afternoon and night, making it impossible for them to attend regularly.

As stated above, we feel we can do more good as a social organization, having programs and inviting in special speakers from time to time, thus maintaining a friendly spirit with our merchants, and will continue along this line doing our very best to do everything we can to get and hold business for the railroad which employs us.

Believe our outstanding meeting was one held last year, when Frisco Girls' Club of Springfield came up and put on a fine program for us. There were several hundred from Springfield, St. Louis, Lebanon, Rolla and other towns along the line here at that meeting, and all that could get in the largest hall we could secure of our own people, in fact had to turn away many people.

### **Sunnyland Club, Kansas City, Mo.**

By **TOM KEHOE**, Secretary

The Sunnyland Club of Kansas City, although not quite as active as might



**W. ABERCROMBIE**

have been possible, has still, we feel, been altogether successful in keeping up the morale of the members and has continued to be an inspiration for securing traffic tips, and we are sure that every member has been on the lookout for every ounce of new business possible.

With business in every line looking up, and every hope for the future bright and encouraging, we are planning to enliven our drive for continued increase in business, by promoting

contests among members and encouraging other competitive events which will fan into flame every spark of interest for securing new business, and by exerting every effort to satisfy our customers, continue to hold all business secured.

The past social season has afforded many opportunities for getting acquainted with the families and friends of club members, and many delightful evenings have been spent together. The season-ticket system, inaugurated at the beginning of the season, proved to be very satisfactory from every standpoint. It not only facilitated the handling of financial matters, but assured the success of every event, because, knowing beforehand just the amount that could be depended upon, no event was ever a drain on the resources of the club.

The \$2.00 season tickets that were distributed at the opening of the season, admitted one couple to every affair, and were guaranteed to include not less than six social events during the season. The tickets were, therefore, more economical for the purchaser, and proved to be a much more satisfactory method of handling the affairs for the entertainment committee.

Several interesting social events are being planned for the coming winter, and all members of the Sunnyland Club are eagerly looking forward to many more happy evenings to be spent in company with other club members, their families and friends.

During the first six months of 1933, members of this club secured 75 carloads of freight, 280 LCL shipments and 14 passengers. Williard Abercrombie, machinist at Kansas City, is president of the club.

### **St. Louis Men's Club**

By **C. A. PRATTE**, President

The St. Louis Frisco Men's Club was organized and held its first luncheon on December 5, 1927, at the Missouri Hotel Auditorium. It was the occasion for an enthusiastic gathering of 400 Frisco employees, assembled for the purpose of bringing about the united cooperation of all employes in the solicitation of freight and passenger traffic, and generally in the protection of all the interests of the Frisco System—The Great Pioneer of the Southwest.

At the conclusion of the first session of the new club, a telegram was forwarded to President J. M. Kurn, then enroute to New York, pledging the support of the club in all matters for the good of the Frisco system.

The activities of the club, during the six years of its existence, in the interest of the Frisco system, were many and varied; one of them being the petitioning of Congress for the retention of the Pullman surcharge, the reaction in this matter being very favorable. Another outlet for activity in legislative matters, both state and national, was found in connection with taxation and the regulation of buses and trucks, along with others of importance to the welfare of railroads generally.

From the day of its inception, this club found its way into the limelight among the business leaders, shippers and friends in the great metropolitan area of St. Louis, and it has enjoyed as enthusiastic guests and speakers, at various luncheons, men of city, state and national reputation, as well as outstanding business men and executives of St. Louis, whose words of commendation are cherished by the members.

As to solicitation of freight and passenger business for our railroad, records indicate the membership of this club has accomplished some very commendable results. However, with business increasing at the present time, the club is arranging to put forth more strenuous efforts toward having all members realize that now is the opportune time to display individual effort to increase our freight and passenger traffic.

The members realize, too, more than ever before, that this organization is the means of effecting a closer contact among employes, to the end that the aims and objects of the club may be better fulfilled; and this realization is being clearly demonstrated by the increase in membership so noticeable during the current year.

A varied program of activities is being arranged for the remainder of 1933, which will stimulate even more interest among club members, so that this club may be expected to show in the future even greater accomplishments than in the past.

### **St. Louis Terminals**

The St. Louis Terminals Club has not held regular meetings for the last few months, but the solicitation work of the employes has been outstanding.

In the first six months of 1933 this club secured 361 carloads of freight, 97 LCL shipments and 134 passengers. They plan to resume meetings again in November and in the schedule of fall and winter events are several big social affairs.

John Daniels, Chauffeur for Frisco Lines, is president.

## The Fort Worth Club

By A. T. TODD, President

The book before me defines the word CLUB as (1) a cudgel; (2) to beat; (3) to unite. My experience with the employes' club teaches me that most of us accept the first definition of the word; a scattering few glance at the second, and practically none consider the third, if it is known.



There is an article in the 'By-Laws of the Fort Worth Club that explains its purpose. It is two-fold: First, to promote social gatherings of the employes; second, to encourage and supervise employes' solicitation of business through the medium of traffic tips.

The possibilities and accomplishments of a club with a fixed purpose in view, such as ours, are really unlimited, provided we could encourage and direct the interest properly. The club means to its members just what the members mean to the club. One of the principal things your club should mean to you is, that it is a combination of all employes unified in an effort to aid, assist and support any legitimate SHIP BY RAIL movement. As you have to put money in the bank to be able to draw it out, so do you have to put something into your club to draw dividends. It is as mutual, as reciprocal as it is possible for an organization of its nature to be.

For the first eight months of 1933 the Frisco Employes' Club of Fort Worth has a record of securing 25 carloads; 6 LCLs and 46 passengers. Comparing these figures with 1932, there is a loss of almost 50 carloads and 23 LCLs, but a gain of 16 passengers. This decline in carloads and LCLs is not all due to stagnant business conditions. Neither is it entirely due to a let-down on the part of the employes in their solicitation efforts. Three cases have come to my observation where solicitations were made by employes, but for vague and sundry reasons, the club was not advised.

A short time ago it was noticed in an Associated Press item, the president of one of our competitive lines, in his report to the directors stated the increase in business on their line, in his opinion, was due almost entirely to the personal solicitation of traffic by the employes.

After reading this article, I was secretly thrilled that my endeavors have been to forward Frisco improvement. As a parting shot, it would be well for all of us to remember a phrase from that memorable inaugural address of President Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Without cooperation, leadership is futile."

## The Ladies' Auxiliaries

### TULSA, OKLA.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, of Tulsa, Okla., has been functioning regularly since it was organized, keeping its members busy and interested with luncheons, bridge parties, etc. Each year they have sponsored a big Christmas party, and this year's affair promises to eclipse all others. One outstanding social affair of the season was a tacky party, and still another was a covered dish dinner, at which they entertained the Men's Club.

J. C. Burnett, president of the Men's Club, is loud in his praise of the efforts of this club to make the Tulsa Club 100 per cent efficient. Mrs. R. S. Norman is president of the auxiliary.

### KANSAS CITY, MO.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Frisco Sunnyland Club, of Kansas City, Mo., meets on the First Tuesday of each month, and the average attendance is 45 members. This club has missed having only two meetings during 1933.



MRS. HIGHFILL

The object of the club is to form a friendly association, to bring all the wives of the employes in contact, so that each one will become better acquainted. Members of this club always send flowers or cards in case of sickness or death in the families of the members.

This club follows the business meeting each month with a card party, and prizes are furnished for high scores. Hostesses are appointed each month and each one is expected to bring at least four guests. One hostess recently brought twenty guests, and as the guests are not all from the Frisco family, the club is enabled to do some splendid outside advertising and contact work.

Night parties are given at least twice a year, which enables the husbands of the members to attend. There were approximately 150 pres-

ent at the card party given by this club on October 16.

Mrs. George M. Highfill, wife of engineer at Kansas City, is president of the club.

### JOPLIN, MO.

The Auxiliary at Joplin does much to help keep the club members interested and on hand at every meet-



MRS. MOULT

They serve a covered dish luncheon prior to the meeting each month, then the ladies and men withdraw to their separate meetings.

They interest themselves in selling tickets for special events, help to plan and put over the big

Christmas program given in the Union Station at Joplin, and are working hand in hand with the Men's Club.

Mrs. O. G. Moulton is president of the club.

### SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Another auxiliary which is most active is located at Springfield, Mo., and is known as the Auxiliary to the Frisco Association of Metal Crafts and Car Department Employes of Local No. 1. It has a membership of 60 or 70, and meetings of this club are held at the same time as the men's local. At this time officers of this auxiliary are planning a series of entertainments and the attendance at meetings of this club is most satisfactory.

Mrs. Alma White is president of the club. Within this auxiliary is a second club, known as the Bluebonnet Sewing Club, with a membership of 15 women. Mrs. Ural Atwell is president of the latter club.

### Neodesha, Kans.

The Frisco Employes' Club of Neodesha, Kans., does not hold regular meetings, although meetings were held the first four months of this year. They were mostly business ones, with local conditions discussed and suggestions for securing more business outlined. O. C. Miller, agent at Neodesha, makes a report of business secured at each meeting and H. E. Morris, and other officials at Wichita support the club 100 per cent with their attendance and suggestions.

During 1932 this club secured 64 carloads of freight and 17 LCL shipments, and in the first six months of 1933 secured 60 carloads, 30 LCL shipments and 10 passengers.

H. F. Lee, operator, is president of the club.

### Afton, Okla.

The Frisco Employes' Club of Afton, Okla., held 23 meetings during 1932, but only four so far this year. Their president, W. M. Estus, was transferred to another point and is now back again and the club is functioning in a big way. A meeting held on February 12 was attended by 400 employes, merchants and members of the State Highway Department. Another meeting was held later where more than 350 people were present.

Following the organization of the club in 1931 and after a vigorous solicitation campaign, the revenue from that station jumped over \$10,000 in three months, this after the employes started their solicitation work. The business men of Afton state that the club not only helps the railroad from a standpoint of revenue, but that it has increased their sales.

During 1932 the club members secured 215 passengers, 91 carloads of freight and 290 LCL shipments. During January and February, 1933, the club members secured business amounting to revenue to Frisco Lines of \$3,522.66. Regular meetings are planned for all future months.

W. M. Estus, of the telegraph department, is president of the club.

### FOR SPECIAL MENTION

Space prohibits a detailed account of the entire forty-five clubs. However we wish to mention and commend the following clubs for their intensive solicitation campaign, their splendid social events and their worthwhile business meetings.

The Latham, Kansas, Club takes into its membership, employes from Arkansas City, Kans., and while they do not meet often, they work effectively. C. H. Cowles, agent at Latham, is president. The Clinton, Mo., Club holds its business meetings regularly on the third Sunday in each month. While small, this group of employes have done most effective work. C. K. Morrison, conductor is president. The Hayti Club is sponsoring a fine program and has close contact with the merchants of that city. Ira Capshaw, brakeman is president. Members of the Mountain Park, Okla., Club are on the job all the time, and getting results. J. C. Clevenger, section foreman, is president. The Thayer, Mo., Club holds meetings regularly and took a booth at the Oregon County Fair, thus advertising Frisco Lines. They let but little business get away from them. S. G.

Skaggs, roundhouse clerk, is president. The Sapulpa, Okla., Club does not hold regular meetings, but the members are hard at work on an extensive solicitation and social program. Frank Campbell is president. The Pensacola, Fla., Club has had several social events, but has not yet started its fall program. They find it hard to get the employes together for business meetings, but report that each member is doing his or her part in the solicitation of business. G. H. Payne is president of the club. The Memphis Sub Employes' Club takes in the employes from Black Rock, Ark.; Portia, Ark., and Jonesboro, Ark., and the clubs get together at intervals and give affairs of public interest, having as many as 350 and 400 at one meeting. W. K. James, of Black Rock, is president of the club. The employes at Dora do not hold meetings and never did. Their program is purely an employe solicitation program with N. R. Chamblee, engineer, directing their efforts.

### TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS

Groups known as the Railway Employes and Taxpayers' Associations have been formed at various points on the Frisco, for the purpose of organizing the railway employes and express agents into a group which will have for its purpose the betterment of conditions for the railroads and their employes, and to secure the enactment of legislation placing bus and truck operations under more rigid restrictions.

The largest organizations in this group on the Frisco are located at St. Louis, Mo.; Miami, Okla.; Oklahoma City, Okla., and Ft. Worth, Tex.

The group at St. Louis held their first meeting August 1, 1932, with representatives from practically every railroad and industry present. Approximately 500 were present at a later meeting. Its membership now totals 80,000 in Missouri alone and the work of the Missouri Railroad Employes and Taxpayers' Association is duplicated by associations of its kind in some 35 states, the activities of which are coordinated by a National Advisory Council composed of six members, the 48 states being divided into three groups—Eastern, Western and Southern. There are twenty-one county units in Missouri and E. L. Worley is president of the St. Louis Association.

M. E. Walsh, former president of the Miami, Okla., association has been

transferred to Birmingham and a new president is soon to be elected.

Frank Kesler is president of the Oklahoma City association which has approximately 16,000 members, and the same number of petitions were addressed to both the state legislators as well as federal legislators concerning the operation of buses and trucks. Plans are being made to carry on a fall program.

The Ft. Worth association had Ben B. Lewis for its president during 1932 and did some effective work in perfecting the organization and in working in the interest of seeing that the employes and taxpayers alike were advised of legislation which affected transportation. This association sought to better, in every way, the conditions affecting the railroads and their employes.

J. F. Green, agent for the Texas & Pacific Railway at Ft. Worth, is state president of the association.

### NEWS IN SHORT HAULS

One hundred physicians from over the Frisco system attended the 32nd annual session of the Frisco System Medical Association at Hotel President, Kansas City, on October 2nd. Dr. Jabez N. Jackson, city health director of Kansas City, and president of the association, presided. Dr. Ellsworth Smith, Consulting Internist of St. Louis, was elected president for the coming year, and Dr. Robert Vineyard, of Springfield, was re-elected secretary. A number of interesting addresses were made by physicians from the Frisco's nine-state territory.

R. E. Lee Wilson, one of the world's largest cotton planters, and founder and owner of the town of Wilson, Ark., died from a cancer ailment in a Memphis hospital, September 27. Mr. Wilson was a powerful figure in Arkansas politics. His farming operations covered 40,000 acres of southland, and he owned a pedigreed cotton seed farm, where a special "Wilson type" of big boll cotton was bred. During 1928 he shipped the largest single order of pedigreed cotton seed ever sold in the south—a trainload of 25 cars of the big boll variety. He was formerly a director of Frisco Lines.

J. E. Hutchison, retired vice-president in charge of operations and after his retirement a special representative to the president, is again "in