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Power to make a trip over his line to look into the matter of excessive use of metallic packings used on this particular road. Conditions as found were, to say the very least, not what they should be. To be brief they were so bad that the aforesaid Superintendent of Motive Power was on the point of asking for an appropriation of a good many dollars to enable him to change to a different type of metallic packing, hoping thereby to improve their conditions. Many roads have done this very thing and are still doing it, but do they get better results? Yes, they do for a little while, but soon are back from where they started and the reason is evident. Why not have specialists on the packing job at each round-

house, help them keep up the packing equipment, keep the guides in line, the piston rod round and true and the piston head and cylinder packing in good shape. This was done by the S. M. P. above mentioned, and while it cost him something to keep up the work as it should be, he eventually found it unnecessary to change to a new type of packing and equipment and what he saved bought all his packing rings for a long while. Think it over. It pays.—*Service Department, The Hewitt Company.—Adv.*

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HOUSE GANG No. 2

Taken while at work re-roofing Freight House at Sikeston. Foreman W. J. Alsbrook, in foreground.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

### ST. LOUIS TERMINAL.

The St. Louis Terminal Safety First Committee met in the office of the Superintendent of Terminals, Tower Grove, on September 30, with the following members present: P. W. Conley, chairman; H. H. Robinson, local freight agent; J. B. Gilliam, gen. foreman car dept.; J. S. McGuigan, division roadmaster; George Kinsey, section foreman; P. M. Roach, conductor, representing H. T. Conley; W. J. Slattery, clerk, representing H. R. Palmier, and Edw. Murphy, representing J. T. Burke, general foreman.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, P. W. Conley, and after the roll call, he stated he was very sorry to see, or at least he felt St. Louis Terminals Safety First Committee were not showing the proper spirit in the safety meetings, also that very few postal cards were being turned in, and further that there were only two Form SF-1 turned in and one of those was marked "Blank." "Now gentlemen," he said, "we want to get back to work and at our next meeting I hope to see an SF-1 from every member—and don't forget the postal cards—they are very important, and I am sure each one of you see a number of items, which if reported would help the cause along. Now let us get busy and see what St. Louis Terminals can really show up at the end of the fiscal year."

The following article on Safety First, prepared by H. R. Palmier, platform foreman, Seventh St., was read:

When we speak of "Safety First," we do not mean that it applies only to our work in whatever capacity we are employed by the railway company.

"Safety First" applies to our homes, our families, ourselves and our neighbors. By neighbors, I do not mean the family living next door. We are all neighbors when we speak of "Safety First."

You can always, at all times and in all places do something, or say something that may be to safeguard someone. So always be on the lookout and

ready to give warning whenever the chance presents itself. Be looking out for someone else's safety as well as our own.

As I am in the employ of the railroad company in a freight house, and in the handling of freight, to insure our safety one must exercise the utmost precaution to himself and fellow workers. One of our most delicate articles of freight which I think we handle a great deal of is high explosives. We make a business to use extra precaution, and am very glad to say I think the freight handlers at the Frisco Depot certainly know how to handle high explosives. Not more than two or three weeks ago we received a shipment of powder where a hole had punched in a keg allowing a part of contents to leak out on car floor, a very dangerous thing. Had someone used a bar or any instrument by which a spark could have been made no telling what the result might have been, but by our careful handling we handled shipment, delivered to connecting line and have as yet not heard any bad results.

Another thing is very important in a freight house—see that bridges are securely cleated before allowing men to run over same. It only takes a few minutes and in those few minutes you may be saving some of your fellowmen's life, and a great deal of money for the company for which you work. I also notice men when going to and from work, if the switch-engine is going the same way they desire to go, they will readily jump on the running board not thinking what awful chance they are taking. Have noticed men from our freight house doing this. So we owe to ourselves and our families all the care that can be exercised in performing our work, in going to and from work.

I think of the orphan, widow, most of all the poor cripple that had been made just by not being a little more careful. So get together and say to yourselves today, "I am going to be even a little more careful than I have been." Say this every morning; talk about it to your fellow workers and neighbors, so we will all be talking "Safety First."

After the chairman talked to the men regarding the fact that not enough interest had been shown in the Safety First movement here of late, and the promise of all concerned to do better from now on, the meeting adjourned.

### CHAFFEE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Meeting was called to order Tuesday morning by the chairman, and after a short talk with reference to the change in Committee, and other Safety First matters, the roll was called, to which the following members responded: Messrs. W. B. Thomson, master mechanic; W. H. Pryor, foreman water service; F. G. Fischer, general foreman; W. H. Williams,

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general yardmaster; J. W. Ellis, roadmaster; J. G. Sarius, agent, Chaffee; W. H. Brooke, general foreman B. & B.; Arch Campbell, chief dispatcher; E. O. Brown, general car foreman; C. McBroom, chief clerk to supt.; J. S. Meidroth, asst. supt. locomotive performance; J. H. Crader, yard foreman.

There were 74 cards handled at the meeting and 14 carried over, making a total of 88 cards. No further business appearing the meeting was adjourned at noon. Account not being able to get a hall, the meeting for the evening was called off.

## NEODESHA COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Northern Division Safety First, Neodesha Committee, was held in the Assistant Superintendent's office on September 24. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman E. D. Carter, with the following members present: E. D. Carter, asst. superintendent; R. Holland, roadmaster; D. Gibbs, foreman B. & B.; S. N. Greer, foreman car dept.; R. B. Oliver, agent, and Wm. Bumgardner, section foreman.

Also the following trainmen were in attendance: P. S. Porter, engineer; R. E. Obyrne, brakeman; C. W. Hosking, brakeman; Wm. Frahs, engineer; J. R. Reynolds, brakeman; J. Walker, fireman; D. Patton, fireman; D. S. Van Horn, conductor; J. Holber, engineer; A. D. Beebe, conductor; C. S. Havens, yardmaster, and Nick Walker, engineer.

Mr. Brown's letter appointing the Neodesha Safety First Committee and outlining the business to be transacted was read by the chairman, and the territory to be covered by this Committee was outlined as between Carl Junction and Beaumont, not including either yard, from Mile Post 629 to 458.

A number of cards were turned in and proper action taken. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P. M. Next meeting to be held on Saturday, October 6.

## SALEM COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

The Salem Branch met at the office of the station agent at Salem on September 18, at 8:00 P. M., and organized a Safety First Committee. Those present were: E. M. Frew, agent; W. S. Elayer, G. H. Lutzenberger, E. A. Lape and A. E. Murray, engineers; T. H. Houston and Clem Satter, engineers; A. Northcutt, B. Lutzenberger and B. L. Sankey, brakemen; James Smiley and R. Furry, firemen; Charles Leonard, operator; Percy Pelton, night roundhouse man; Amell Bradow, coach cleaner; J. J. Norton, cashier, and A. McCormick, division foreman.

After the usual preliminaries of selecting as temporary chairman A. McCormick and temporary secretary E. M. Frew, a permanent committee was selected and are as follows: E. M. Frew, agent; T. R. Judd, car repairer; C. Jason, section foreman; Thos. Houston, engineer; W. S. Elayer, conductor; J. C. Smiley, fireman; E. Lutzenberger, brakeman; Percy Pelton, night roundhouse man; A. McCormick, chairman; Joseph Norton, secretary, and T. L. Jones, warehouse man.

The time and place of meeting selected for first meeting, being 8:00 P. M., Saturday, September 23, in the office of station agent at Salem, where all meetings are to be held on the first and third Saturday nights of each month.

After explaining the use of the Safety First Number One Reports and the Postal Cards and distributing what we had of those forms among the members, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

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## TUPELO COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Tupelo Committee meeting was called to order September 16 at 2:00 P. M., by Chairman, Mr. M. D. Ross.

The following members were present: J. H. Buchanan, agent; M. P. Reed, division foreman; O. E. Bradway, yard master; W. A. Johnston, car foreman, and J. F. Thornton, car foreman to succeed Mr. Johnston.

The chairman read a letter from the Superintendent relative to the campaign against low hanging wires over our tracks; also a letter in regard to the increased number of personal injuries on Southern Division month of July this year as compared with the same month last year.

Mr. M. P. Reed read a very interesting paper on Safety First.

Mr. O. E. Bradway was appointed to prepare a paper for the next meeting.

A number of suggestions were made, and also several cards were received since the last meeting. These matters were taken up and discussed and proper action taken.

At 3:00 P. M. the meeting was adjourned, as no business remained to be transacted.

## FORT SCOTT COMMITTEE.

The Northern Division Safety First Committee meeting was held in the office of the Superintendent at Fort Scott, on Sept. 16. Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman C. F. Hesser. The following members were present: C. F. Hesser, asst. superintendent; J. J. Cummins, asst. superintendent; C. D. Toler, asst. superintendent L. P.; W. I. Elliott, roadmaster; Tom Hall, roadmaster; E. E. Dix, agent; G. L. Swearingen, yardmaster; G. W. Thomas, car foreman; Stanley McQuitty, warehouse foreman, and Lester Rose, section foreman.

It was decided to hold meetings every first and third Saturday of each month. Mr. E. E. Dix was selected to prepare a paper on Safety First for the next meeting.

Mr. Levy's letter of June 23, regarding the re-organization of Safety First Committees was read. Letter from Mr. Levy addressed to Messrs. Hutchison and Coppage dated September 6, in regard to unsafe practices and conditions on the Southwestern Division, was read. After discussing this letter the committee decided to ask Mr. Brown to try and secure copy of letter showing what was reported as unsafe conditions on the Southwestern Division.

This being the first meeting of the new committee, it was more of an organization meeting, there being no postal cards of SF-1 reports to discuss.

Acting Chairman Hesser stated that the next meeting would be held Sept. 30, at 2:00 P. M. Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P. M.

## HAYTI COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

The Hayti Safety First Committee was organized on September 29. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. S. J. Frazier, asst. superintendent. This being the first meeting held, the purpose and manner of holding meetings was explained, together with the use of form SF-1, Safety First cards, etc. In order to familiarize the committee with the handling of cards, several were read, together with the action taken.

The following members were present: O. N. Watts, agent; F. S. Vogel, section foreman; O. B. Davis, section foreman; J. R. Allbright, section foreman; S. H. Thompson, platform foreman; Wm. Gibson, roundhouse foreman; A. V. Eachus, cashier, Hayti, and P. C. Wright, clerk, Hayti. Visitors present: John Whitener and J. H. Martin.

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Mr. A. V. Eachus was appointed Secretary of the Committee.

After a short talk on Safety First matters by the chairman, the meeting was adjourned to meet October 20, at Hayti.

## THAYER COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Thayer Terminal Safety Committee was held at Thayer on September 16. Meeting was called to order by Chairman H. E. Gabriel, with the following members present: H. E. Gabriel, asst. superintendent; G. E. Dillard, A. S. L. F.; W. T. Tooley, roadmaster; H. F. Kirkpatrick, foreman, and F. I. Dodge, car foreman.

The matter of electing a secretary came up, and G. G. Harrison was unanimously elected. Then followed a short talk by the chairman with reference to keeping up the interest of Safety First, not only in order to prevent injuries to employes and others, but to retain the reputation that the Division has made in the past; after which all were asked to distribute cards among the employes over the Division and continually talk and work in the interests of Safety First, not overlooking anything that might come up.

A number of items were turned in, and the committee took up each one and decided as to the best way to handle them, after which the meeting was adjourned.

## WICHITA COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Wichita Safety First Committee was held at Wichita, September 16 at 10:00 A. M. Meeting called to order by the Chairman S. P. Haas, with the following members present: S. P. Haas, general agent; H. H. Grimes, general yardmaster; C. W. Wincheck, roundhouse foreman; S. B. Ramsey, car foreman, and T. P. Page, platform foreman.

A number of valuable suggestions were taken up and the proper action taken, and meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A. M.

## MEETING AT CAPE GIRARDEAU.

The Safety First Committee held a meeting in the Commercial Club Room at Cape Girardeau at 2:00 P. M., September 27. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, C. R. Jordan, asst. superintendent, and after a few remarks along the line of Safety First, the roll was called to which the following members responded: A. H. Keohrer, general foreman; C. S. Simpson, car foreman; R. E. Willer, shop clerk; W. Baker, general agent; H. G. Cummins, district storekeeper; Wm. French, yard foreman; F. W. Riech, roadmaster; J. F. Neal, ticket agent; B. G. Purnell, piece work checker.

The following visitors attended the meeting: Mesdames C. H. Claiborne, J. S. Lloyd, J. A. Moran, C. R. Jordan, S. T. Lippard, C. S. Pawkett, Geo. Patten, M. H. Stubblefield, A. M. Townsend, A. Thackery, S. J. Frazier, W. A. Walling, Floy Newlands, and J. T. McCammon.

The committee joined in a general discussion of Safety First matters and read some cards turned in by various members of the committee together with the action taken on them.

Committee appointed at last meeting to investigate and report on matters relative to advertising Safety First, submitted report. It was thought by the committee that by supplying waiting rooms at our larger stations with Safety First literature to be placed accessible to the traveling public, it would give more publicity.

The Program Committee had arranged with the management of the Park Theatre to hold their last show until 9:15 P. M.,