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difficult for him to pronounce it almost broke the roof of his mouth.

John Fisk, employe in Stationery Department, says that he didn't know what a barber pole was until he was twenty years old. He thought it was a big stick of candy.

Paul Lowery is still grieving over a \$22 bet lost during the world's series games.

We miss J. J. Corum, especially at noon hour when he played checkers with a few of the other employes. He has been transferred to Southwestern Division as operator and extra agent.

Everyone is glad to see Tom O'Kelly back at the store room. Tom has been absent for several months.

F. W. Pomeroy, stock clerk, made a hurried trip to Tulsa, Okla., recently. The duke offered the information that he was married while there, but we don't know whether to believe him or not.

It was rumored at the store room that Josephine Welch, stenographer in general storekeeper's office, went to St. Louis recently to purchase her trousseau.

Since reporting the last meeting of the girls' I. W. W. Club, at Rowena Lewis' home, we have met at the home of Bertha Reed, Josephine Welch, Beulah Shepherd and Effie Ott. The next meeting will be at the home of May Yates on Kellert Avenue. We accomplish lots of work and have just worlds of fun at each meeting.

Virgil Stone was granted a two months' leave of absence. He is at this time in Kansas City, Mo., recovering from an operation performed some ten days ago. We wish for Virgil, a speedy recovery.

Floyd Yates, stenographer in Stationery Department, is known as the Harold Lloyd of the store room.

Fred Delo advises that Guy Tum-

mons is the sheik of the Stationery Department. Has been seen for the last few days wearing a collar and tie.

### Birmingham Terminals

John L. Godsey

The "Magic City" recently dedicated a new Municipal Auditorium, one of the finest in the South, and it has a seating capacity of about 10,000. This will be an excellent opportunity for our young Esker Darrah to give a saxophone concert as soon as his instructors declare him proficient.

The Shenandoah, better known as "The Queen of the Sky," passed peacefully, but swiftly, over the East Thomas Yards while enroute to California. It all happened about 7:00 a. m., which made the third shift employes all late for breakfast, and the first shift employes suffered with slight cricks in their necks.

Mrs. W. T. Souda, who is steno in the Accounting Department, is recovering from an operation in St. Vincent's Hospital. Mrs. Souda is a very enthusiastic reader of the magazine, and the November issue was sent her.

A. L. Mullins, of the American Railway Association, informs us that the magazine always receives a hearty welcome in their offices, located in the American Trust Building. This is good evidence that the magazine is not only a family affair, but is gaining popularity on the outside.

Grand President Fitzgerald and Grand Vice-President Dee, of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, were in Birmingham during the latter part of October for a special meeting of the local organizations.

When one speaks of going to Springfield, they naturally think their business is railroad, but J. H. Anderson declares he went up on personal business.

Author Johnson, who has been handling the "checks" during the absence of Mr. Wright, was all enthused over

an article which declared a man should not work but 11 months a year and take a month's vacation. Johnson said he remembered that he was supposed to take one three years ago.

We understand a certain young lady in the Master Mechanic's office at Kansas City has decided that single blessedness is preferable to double cussedness, this was caught on the radio.

J. Marvin Darrah was very optimistic during the world's series, and announced that he had a sum of 2 cents to bet, which was quickly covered, and is now framed and hanging in the roadmaster's office as a memory of Marvin's greatest loss.

Miss Dudley, who is one of the two ladies working in the Mechanical Department at East Thomas, has gained the honor of the biggest bean eater at the bean shop. Take a country girl away from the farm but she don't forget the beans and cornbread. Miss Dudley brags about it, too.

Bob Kilpatrick is the latest yard clerk to get promoted into the yard office, and Bob wears the largest smile of anyone on the second shift.

"Chester Says" Coyote Lewis and me should have a "shot" on the golf course (ever take one there, Ben?), and that we was always full of good spirits. Well, I tell you, Chester, I bin reading this "How to play golf" by Eddie Bernard, as he states he is the wurst shot he knows, and I'd hafta take my lessons that way, and when I get enough diagrams and blue prints drawn as to how I could locate all the lost balls, how to shoot in perfect form and all that, I'm gonna challenge "Coyote" to a game. 'Bout all I know of golf right now is golf stockings, and that I will never wear another pair out here again. Only onct I did that. Somebody dared me then.

Martha Moore was a visitor in Birmingham during the first part of the month.

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### More Kansas City News By Ruby Munroe

Have you noticed the street car advertisements of Eagle Brand, where a great big eagle is carrying a big can of milk and a great big stork carries a youngster, and they're flying way, way up high, over a lot of little houses, and it's night and the stars are out n'everything? We don't know about the eagle, but just ask Mel about the new boy. I wish you could have seen Mel's face the next morning. Mel's sorter built on the straight and narrow pattern, but his face looked like a full moon, and was all shiny and bright and happy.

Did you ever stop to think that some time a long, long time ago your dad's face was bright because you were up at the house, and the fellows teased him and asked him, if he was going to spoil the new youngster by walking the floor with him, and he just laughed? It seems rather funny doesn't it? Makes you feel like saying it doesn't seem possible like when you look at your first baby stockings and wonder how in the world your feet ever went in them? But—is your dad still happy when he thinks of you? Or have you forgotten him in the mad rush of the twentieth century progress? Do you think it is more or less of a burden to go out and see him, or do you really enjoy going to visit him,

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and see his face get smily when he tells of the things you did when you were a youngster? You're not the the sort of a kid your dad had a right to expect you to be if you don't visit him, and by your youthful enthusiasm show him a broader vision of what the work-a-day world is doing since he sorter dropped out.

On the other hand, are other people glad that one day your dad told his friends you were up to the house? Or are they sorry? Do they feel that the world would have gotten along just as nicely or a little more so, if you hadn't lived? These are questions that make us just a little bit better for thinking of once in a while. If we can't make some people happier by our existence, it's a bum existence we're living. If we can't be considerate enough of other people to make the sledging smoother, it's a mighty small life. Think it over.

The Night Hawks met out at Swope Park the night of October 15th and made a bee-line for the chief clerk's lot out at Raytown, and had a weiner roast. There were eighteen in the crowd; members of the Club, and their guests. They are a quiet bunch—just like Robert M. LaFollette when you mention the Constitution to him, Gus Gabauer entertained with ballet dancing. Louie Poncik got lost from the gang and burned ten gallons of gas getting back, Johnny McCormick made a good imitation of a sheik with his Willys-Knight. (It's Knight time in America), Chet Combs served the "hot dogs" and makes a splendid dumb waiter, Earl Leonard lost his spare tire, and, all in all, they had a quiet evening. We haven't the remotest idea if they got in before four or not, nor will the boys advise, but they didn't look so very sleepy about it.

Rich O'Connor found an item in the paper the other day and handed it on to the reporter, believing a good joke should be passed along.

An old colored lady was calling a pickaninny, "Morphy, oh, Morphy," at the top of her lungs. At last a passing white man halted.

"Morphy? Isn't that rather a curious name for him, aunty?"

"Dat ain't his full name. Dat's jest whut I calls 'im fur short. Dat chille's full name is Morphine."

"Why?"

"I chosen it 'cause it was de mos' suitable one dey wuz. 'Bout de time he wuz hawn, I heerd one of de white folks readin' out of a book dat morphine wuz de product of a wild poppy. An' mista, ef evah a chille had a wild poppy, dis is de chille."

V. E. Minsker has applied for a sixty day leave of absence and anticipates a vacation of that duration in California. Vincent would feel funny if they induced him to go in the movies, wouldn't he?

I would rather know a little bit, and

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know that I know a little bit, than know nothing and think I know it all.

We have it from one of the Night Hawk crowd that they initiated Geo. Wilson into the K. K. K. order the other evening out at Mr. Fenner's country estate. When the fire got low, however, Joe Kramer wanted to add a little more fuel to the fire and threw some saplings on the blaze. It developed later that they were Mr. Fenner's peach trees. Mr. Fenner decided the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse had visited the place, only they had about seventy-two extra horses with them the way they cut the turf up out there. All for an initiation and a weiner roast.

J. C. Ellergard, an inspector with the Frisco about forty years, was killed the morning of October 15th. A train had passed over the body when J. E. Osborn, sergeant of special officers, discovered it in the yards about 11 a. m. Mr. Ellergard has a record of long, faithful service behind him, and his loss is sincerely lamented by his associates and friends in the service.

Alfred Westerman spent October 17th and 18th looking after personal interests, returning to the office the morning of the 18th.

The reporter's sister went abroad a short while ago to study music. She wrote back informing us to address her mail in care of an Express office. I guess they're gettin' so they crate them nowadays to keep 'em from getting seasick.

An me thought that beauty and terror are only one, not two;

And the world has room for love, and death, and thunder, and dew,

And all the sinews of hell slumber in summer air;

And the face of God is a rock, but the face of the rock is fair.

Benevolent streams of tears flow at the finger of pain;

And out of the cloud that smites, beneficent rivers of rain.

—R. L. Stevenson.

It was my hope that there would be no obituaries to write with these items but Mr. Ellergard's comes up just the same. It is odd, isn't it, to think what a few little span of years stretch out before us, and how deucedly uncertain is their termination. As the legal language is in the beginning of the will: "Knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death," in a number of instances, so is the fact

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brought home more forcibly by the loss of another member of the Frisco Family, or someone in the home circle, or someone in our circle of immediate friends. We find superabundant life upon every side, vivid, animated life, the sparkle of youth, the romance of honest toil; but we find the other side, too. It is possible, however, that the ever-changing scenes of life is what makes it so alluringly attractive to most of us, or is it the inborn characteristic of self-preservation?

The Revising Department is certainly getting its share of publicity in the last few issues. Joe Kramer's new Ford, Herm's new wife, and now Mel's new son. Who'll be the next to line up on the front row?

We have had our usual quota of efficiency men, special officers, members of the new freight claim prevention committee, etc., in our midst. We don't know all of their names but if you don't happen to know where some of the fellows were no doubt they were down to K. C.

Louie Poncik is getting regular publicity nowadays with Robin egg shirts and bright yellow ones, and being president of the Night Hawks n'everything. The latest is leading the bunch afield into new pastures and feedin' them marshmallows.

B. J. Gleason spent October 15th and 16th in Springfield.

Went ridin' on the new bus that runs from K. C., Kas. to K. C., Mo., tryin' to make the K. C. Rys. watch the tall lights. I got along splendidly for a short while. I had chosen the upper deck for the novelty—it was a novelty all right. Finally we picked up a little old lady who must have been about seventy. She was a nice

little lady, with a black bonnet with violets on it. I wondered how she managed to hang onto life so long, she looked so frail. I didn't wonder after we had turned a couple of corners. Every time the bus rounded a little curve, the old lady grabbed my knee. I never had an eagle light on my knee, but I can imagine how it would feel. If that little lady hangs onto life like that she will be strong and husky when Gabriel blows his horn.

It was very exciting for both of us. Half the time I thought I'd get home altogether, and part of the time I thought I wouldn't. She was so perfectly sweet, about it, though, so I tried to divert her attention. Shortly the bus stopped to discharge about six couples and I turned to my timid companion, "Wouldn't you like to go downstairs? You'd feel safer," I said kindly. (I didn't know about her, but I was sure I would.) We started, and got about half way down the little stairway, that winds around like a Spanish castle, when the bus hit a bump. That little old lady fell on my neck just as neatly as if she had been practicing it for years. I can remember hearing a sort of glub sound issue

from my lips, and then the conductor held out his hand.

"Can't I help you, or are you going to get off here?"

I said yes, and stepped down onto the pavement before the old lady realized what I had done. I looked in the paper the next morning to see if there were any other casualties, but there weren't. Incidentally, I got home all right.

In the early days of railroading Engineer Cullison walked into the Santa Fe roundhouse at a little station down on the Howard branch. He had been informed that his friend Bill McCarty had gone to work at that place. There was no one in sight as he stepped up close to one of the locomotives, but there was a hearty ba-a-a from somewhere on his left. Cullison looked around and couldn't see a soul.

"Ba-a-a-a, yourself, and see how you like it," he retorted.

He was answered in the same manner, and at last he was mystified. Advancing in the direction of the noise, he beheld a billy goat backing off, and getting ready to start in his direction.

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locomotive; goat right after him. The engineer then climbed up on the roof of the cab. The goat couldn't get up there. He tried it though.

Cullison heard someone laugh. "I'm up here and I'm safe, but I don't know how I am going to get down," he said laughingly to the man who walked up to the locomotive.

"Just give him a chew of tobacco, if you've got it," he replied. "The boys always feed him Horseshoe and he's more or less used to it."

The engineer procured a liberal bite from his pocket and offered it to the goat, and he contentedly munched the bite and backed down out of the way.

**Kansas City Terminals—  
Mechanical Department**

H. F. Shivers, Reporter

Kiss and make up again has a double meaning these days.

This is the season of the year for trades of all kinds. Dan Tafe will trade one perfectly good electric fan for a good overcoat.

Pauline Hoffman, comptometer operator, is planning a trip to Birmingham and other points of interest in Dixie. John Godsey, please note.

Where were you last issue, Irene, missed your account of doin's on the Central Division.

W. H. Samuels spent a week in Kansas City recently.

Glad to note Neodesha is to have a new passenger station. Before you build, Neodesha, come to Kansas City and take a look at the Union Station her, then go back and do your best.

Agnes Lynch, exalted keeper of the files, was navigating on one side some time ago, due to getting a nasty fall in a tennis game. We won't tell you where she was injured.

And that fellow J. T. Williams, that travels out of P. F. Spangler's office, anybody know what has become of him?

We know a certain fellow around here that is quite a fisherman, and while on a fishing trip at Lockwood recently, he caught a big bass, the biggest he had ever caught in his long and busy life. He was elated. He was crazed with joy and telegraphed his wife: "I've got one; weighs seven pounds and it is a beauty." The following was the answer he received: "So have I, weighs ten pounds, not a beauty, looks like you, come home."

Amos Hynes, our maid of all work, recently signed up for a policy under the group plan, and he now wants to know how long he will have to wait before he can afford to die.

General Foreman C. R. Kew is highly elated over the new arrangement in the back shop. We have recently installed a new Niles-Bement Pond axle lathe, changed the location of the boring mill, also the wheel press, which rearranging of machines has enabled us to double our daily output of wheels pressed on and axles trued up.

Bridge and Building Foreman Brown and his force have been very busy tearing off the old tin siding on the roundhouse and putting up drop siding. The tin was rusted, all full of holes in places and was getting in very

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bad shape. The new wall, as it now stands, looks good, and if kept properly protected with paint will last a good many years. We believe we have about as nice a roundhouse as there is on the system, at least that

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is what roundhouse foreman Medlock thinks. And what Walter says goes.

We have also recently had an extension of ten feet put on the north roundhouse turntable, which now makes it possible to put the 1300 class engines in that part of the house, something we have not been able to do in the past on account of the old table not being long enough to handle the larger size engines. This will be a great help, especially this winter, as we will not be compelled to leave engines outside account no house room.

Our friend, who answers to the name of Nellie, came down to work recently all dressed up in, or with, a brand new pair of invisible glasses. We don't know if her eyes were failing on account of her age, or if it was because some people write so poorly she cannot read their handwriting.

None of our girls were in the POP parade this year, due to the fact that the management of the festival made

a new ruling that all girls taking part in the parade must be at least eighteen years of age.

In order to make the roundhouse foreman more punctual in answering his phone, there has been installed in connection with the bell-wringing apparatus a double Benjamin signal horn, which, when the bell wrings, lets out an unearthly scream or shriek that can be heard all over the roundhouse. Walter Medlock is now almost compelled to go home and shut all the doors in order to get out of hearing of the thing.

Timekeeper H. L. Johnson is keeping the roads hot in and around Kansas City trying to find a lone, stray wild duck to shoot at.

Assistant Timekeeper John Moffett and wife have returned from a pleasant trip to New Orleans, going via St. Louis and Decatur.

W. T. Clark, assistant general car foreman, says he has tried Lucas Cement on everything he can think of

except transmission grease for his car, and he says if it is as good when used for that purpose as when used on a box car, it will be alright.

We understand a certain young lady in the master mechanic's office has her eye on that young man she is going with.

**"Faithful Tommy"**

"Tommy," said his employer sternly, "you didn't expect me back this morning?"

"No, sir," said Tommy.

"I suppose you are aware that when I came in I caught you kissing the secretary?" And his employer glared at him angrily.

"Yes, sir," replied Tommy, without blushing, "but if you remember, sir, you told me to be sure and do all your work while you were away."

**Always Be Careful**