

other morning; that was Ray Paschal, air brake foreman, coming to work in that new Star of his.

C. O. Edimisson, coach foreman, got his Hupp side-swiped the other day while enroute to work. Let us have an MP-129 report, Curtis, covering all damage, or was it a case of rough handling?

Miss Eleanor Forster has had an awful time since the last issue of the magazine came out, trying to explain to her pass customers that she can't as yet request a Frisco pass to Pensacola. She asks us to announce for the benefit of any of our employes that may develop the Florida fever and who might wish to visit Pensacola to be patient for awhile till the line is completed and open for traffic.

The regular monthly meeting of the northern division accident prevention committee was held in Kansas City on January 18 with a good representation present. Master mechanic W. B. Berry presided in his usual able manner and again stressed the point that all hands must be on their toes to make our jobs as near accident proof as possible. Mr. Berry is a firm believer in the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Would like to know of any employe in this department that fails to get a copy of the magazine every month. We are trying to make our system of distribution as near air tight as possible and shall appreciate your co-operation to this end.

YARD OFFICE, KANSAS CITY, MO.

HOWARD J. HOKE, Reporter

The first thing that the writer wants to get off his chest is an emphatic denial of all the things that I have been accused of putting in the magazine. I did not call C. W. Fink bull-headed. I can't say how his No. 2 pencil got into my pocket. Nor is it my fault that the straw hat that he wore until November 15 had holes punched into it and the top burned off. Plead guilty to threatening said hat, but someone beat me to it. I

did not call George Bigelow, Santa Claus. Neither did I put glue into Roy Maring's sponge. Whoever did these things I cannot say, but whoever did, knew his stuff.

Sweet Petey Spindle threw a switch on his foot at 29th street the other day. Claimed that all the rest of them threw hard and this one threw so easy that he couldn't get his foot out of the way in time.

Allen French, telegraph operator, bought a new piddle jumper. A regular Leeping Lena. Looks like most anything just now. But he assures us that some day he'll get the mud off of it and prove that it's a car and not a wheelbarrow.

Special agent McCarty just returned from a short visit at Des Moines, Iowa. Went to his old school there. Gave the students at Ames a glimpse of one of the old grads. Since he's been back he's been all dolled up. Been learning things, haven't you, Mac?

Perfect contentment would result if the following men had their wishes:

T. A. Ryan—Police siren on his Ford.
J. C. Bagemihl—Rabbit hunting in Rosedale yard.

Jack Burch—Be chief car inspector.
T. A. Graff—Pretzels, etc.
Swede Olson—Oodles of Jack.

R. A. Johns—Daylight job.
Bob Walker—Democratic councilman.
Ben Simmons—Same as Swede Olson only more of it.

A. W. Meyer—Real estate firm of his own.

John Miller—A. W. Meyer's partner.
Stew Yockey—Bungalow for two.

Glenn Ballenger—Trap drummer at the Empress.

Leo Timmons—Seniority enough to bump Rudolph Valentino.

Goof Anderson—Plenty of loving.
Bill Walsh—California Shebas move to KC.

Petey Spindle—Private car.
Allen French—Underslung Ford.

J. W. Skaggs bought a new car. Type B. Dodge Sedan. Had good luck with the last one so he is repeating.

COMMERCIAL OFFICE CHATTER
KANSAS CITY

**COMMERCIAL OFFICE CHATTER
KANSAS CITY**

IRENE MORRISON, Reporter

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Story in the recent loss of Mrs. Story's father.

Came in the office one morning to find the office force congregated in the vault. I heard one exclaim, "Did you say you got three dozen? Oh-h-h-h-h!" Another, "How's chances of getting one for a friend?" And another, "I wouldn't mind having a whole case in my cellar." Next morning the vault door was locked!

Rudolph Wiltshire, our suburban sheik, has now decided not to take up residence in the city. He prefers the wild, open spaces where men are men and the plumbing is terrible.

Andy (over telephone): "Madam; Please understand I am a mar—" Five breaths later: "Oh, yes, the rate to Darling is—"

Yes, both Bill and Steve can give you authentic information on the World War but the tragic part of it is they can't agree.

Please page Mr. Santy Claus. A few days after that gentleman's arrival from Icy Cape he called up two of our boys in the local office, George Wilson and Davy Todd, and told them he had a nice present for them. Innocent and trusting, they believed him, but he never showed up. Now they are inclined to believe they have been fooled by some mean rascal who wished to destroy their faith in this friend of the children. But they still have hope and are going to be good boys until next Christmas.

My mistake in stating last month that L. W. Warner had purchased a new coach. He says it's a sedan and he auto know.

Oh, yes, the vault door was opened this morning and the hidden treasure revealed three dozen delicious grapefruit!

YARD OFFICE—FT. SCOTT, KANS.

LEO D. CHUMLEA, Reporter

Yard clerk E. P. Knox and wife were at the old home town, Eureka, Kan., for a visit during holidays.

With the reinstating of yard clerks J. E. Barrett and S. C. Vennen, the yard office is now running 100 per.

The Alpha Club, of which the Frisco is well represented, gave a New Year's Eve Ball that was a whang. About 100 there and all for a good time. C. Jones, our chief yard clerk, was floor manager. Everyone danced until they put the fiddle in the box.

M. J. DeBoben and H. T. Newcomb, yardmasters, took New Year's as a day for rest.

T. M. Cooper, assistant yardmaster, enjoyed a visit from his son, Glenn, and wife, from Cape Girardeau, Mo.

A. D. West, switchman, and wife spent New Year's at New Havens, Mo.

**LOCAL FREIGHT OFFICE
KANSAS CITY, MO.**

DAVID H. TODD, Reporter

Our agent, Mr. Gleason, is sporting a brand-new "Dodge Coupe." He says "he has to have something to keep him warm between here and Shawnee, Kan., where he lives."

The best posted man in this office on homes, their construction and home plans is our chief clerk, Mr. Fenner. If you want any pointers on types of homes such as Queen Annes, Dutch Colonials, Queen Elizabeths, or King Tudors, please address this office and he will furnish you with the information desired.

Josephine Brophy, who served this company for more than twelve years, recently made a visit to her sister's home in Ohio where she decided to stay. Marie McGirr was awarded her position of listing machine operator.

Jas. H. Beebe, who was retired from this office in October, sent his best wishes to "the gang" for a Happy New Year.

Willene Jacobs, who has been away on a leave of absence for almost a year, has again returned. We wish her good health and prosperity.

Julia Carpowich was recently placed in the position of comptometer operator on account of vacancy in this office. She has worked on our extra board for nearly a year.

Kansas City is about to lose its best reporter as I understand that H. F. Shivers will assume duties as "Chainman", shortly (not at Jeff. City, however), but with the Frisco in their construction of that portion of track lying between the recently acquired M. S. B. & P. and the main line of the Frisco. We will now look to Howard Hoke to be our next star reporter.

Our sympathy is extended to Harry McCarthy over the loss of his brother recently.

Paul Nuss is leaving shortly for Los Angeles, Calif., where his folks are giving a big re-union. Guess he won't be bothered with the cold very much the remainder of this year.

Now let us all sing that little song entitled "Let us all get together for 1926 and another bumper year."

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**MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT
FORT SCOTT, KANS.**

WALLER R. HECK, Reporter

Fireman Ralph Willard, who has been working on Greenfield local for the past two years, has been bumped by fireman Woodside. Fireman Woodside has been firing on the Aurora passenger run for several years, but placing a motor car on this run has cut the fireman's job off. Ralph Willard came to Ft. Scott and bumped on main line passenger and will move his family back in the near future.

Mr. Moore has lost another steno. Chester Fulton has taken a new position created recently in the superintendent's office at Ft. Scott. Miss Mary Bishard is the new steno in Mr. Moore's office. Mr. Moore married off two stenographers in 1925, so there is hope for our new one.

A very delightful entertainment was given January 14 at the St. Mary's school, which was attended by a number of shop employees. Our general foreman, Mr. Moore, and his sister, Mrs. Byrns, put on a black face comedy act which was declared by everyone to be good. The whole program was well gotten up and was an excellent entertainment.

Engineer R. Y. Humphrey and wife have just returned from a trip to California. They visited friends and relatives in Los Angeles and also saw the Flower Parade at Pasadena on January 1. They also visited the ruins of the earthquake at San Diego.

Mr. G. K. Bates, better known to Frisco employes as "Jiggy," spent Sunday, January 3, visiting Ft. Scott. While at Ft. Scott and during a smoker with old friends he related some of his railroad career.

Mr. Bates first settled in Ft. Scott in the year 1871. His first work for the Frisco was sweeping coaches at 50c per day, for the old Missouri, Ft. Scott and Gulf R. R. Was promoted from coach cleaner to caller and from caller to engine wiper, from engine wiper to hostler. From the position of hostler he entered engine service about 40 years ago and has been for the past 34 years an engineer on passenger run "Aurora Branch." After his 40 years' service with steam power, Mr. Bates is now qualifying for motor car service on the Aurora Branch and all of his Frisco associates and old friends wish him success with the motor car. His congenial ways and good citizenship in his community has made him a host of friends.

The Frisco Association of Metal Craft and Car Department Employes at Ft. Scott, assisted by the supervision both in the mechanical and transportation department at Ft. Scott and the water service officials from Springfield, contemplate holding a farewell reception for Mr. W. F. Kelchner at Ft. Scott, January 28. Mr. Kelchner was retired on pension December 1, 1925. The employes expect to stage a chicken supper and musical program. Each supervisor and employe feels very grateful towards Mr. Kelchner for the untiring efforts he displayed during his service, always assisting each one regardless of their department, in any way he could to make their work more efficient and lighten their burdens. The employes regret very much to lose Mr. Kelchner from among their midst as an employe, but congratulate themselves on having him remain a citizen of Ft. Scott where he can still be among their midst and continue in the future as he has in the past making the Frisco Association of Metal Craft and Car Department Employes a bigger and better association.

Sam Hudson and wife, and Elmer Hill and wife were called to Aurora on account of the death of Joseph Hudson who is the father of Sam Hudson and his sister, Mrs. Elmer Hill. Mr. Hudson died on January 14 rather unexpectedly from heart trouble and Bright's disease. The roundhouse employes wish to extend sympathy to them in their bereavement. Mr. Hudson visited Ft. Scott during the holidays and was introduced to a number of the employes.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

**FREIGHT TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

KATE MASSIE, Reporter

H. V. Cook and family spent the New Year holiday with relatives at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas.

IMBODEN-LEMONDS

The marriage of Miss Thelma Maye Lemonds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Lemonds, to Otis Imboden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Imboden, was quietly solemnized December 28 at the home of the bride's parents, on north Parkway. Mr. Imboden is commercial agent at Memphis. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. W. Armstrong of the Epworth Methodist Church in the presence of only the immediate families. After January 10, Mr. and Mrs. Imboden will be at home on Hudson Avenue.



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J. S. ABBOTT, Reporter

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General foreman S. E. McCoy and wife were called to Sherman, Texas, by the death of Mrs. McCoy's mother, Mrs. Pishop.

Night roundhouse foreman B. B. Brittell and wife took their daughter, Loraine, to Springfield for a minor operation, from which she successfully recovered.

Boilermaker M. P. Murphy and wife spent Christmas in Kansas City with their parents.

J. S. Abbott upon completing special apprenticeship at Springfield relieved night machinist A. R. Peterson November 5.

Machinist R. D. Wolf tells us he wrecked his car to miss a wagon after being crowded off the road by another car.

Machinist R. E. Radford has been transferred to the night shift.

Engine watchman Loyd Bay has completed his student fireman trips and is O. K. for the southern division.

Lead carman M. Wright is planning a trip to Pittsburg and Leroy, Kansas.

Car inspector G. Benton and wife have returned from a visit to Kansas City, Missouri.

Carmen H. Stringer and V. Seiber returned from a week's hunting trip with many stories as to the game they bagged.

Roy Cox has been employed as an extra man.

BIRMINGHAM TERMINALS

JOHN L. GODSEY, Reporter

The essence of good cigar smoke still lingers in the atmosphere as the forces received several boxes of cigars from Santa Claus.

"Shorty Joe" Thomas, the dark side of the store room, raffled off his only yearling the day before Xmas and the first shot split the line next to chief clerk Whitten's number, who had been planning a beef stew instead of turkey dinner, but the next shot landed on Mr. Fletcher's number and he carried off the "steaks".

R. E. Huie, who recently moved out in West End, has had the experience of most all West End citizens, now that a burglar came near entering his home one morning. Had it not been for one of the alert neighbors, Mr. Huie would probably be without a Sunday suit.

Jesse Morgan evidently had the Florida swamps in mind when he erected his garage for one day the mud held fast and Jesse's flivver would not move, but the timely arrival of George Prince and his powerful Hudson saved Jesse from the mire.

Miss Etta Mae Paul has returned after several weeks' visit with her parents in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Bill McCaffrey has succeeded in obtaining a "daylite" job, coming from the night record desk to report clerk while Arnold Carden moved from report clerk to day record clerk. On the first Sunday, Bill assembled his "covered wagon" and drove peacefully to work.

During one of the cold days when the temperature was hanging around 7 degrees and all the clerks were compelled to work in coats and overcoats, the little office mice became so cold that they, too, sneaked out and hid under the radiators to keep from freezing to death. We have their footprints in the timekeeper's office to prove this assertion. (Look out, Ananias, John.—Ed)

C. M. Davis, the weighmaster at East

Thomas, was initiated in the Royal Order of KMA in West End and is a staunch supporter.

Emmit Boyd, owner of the cafe, has awarded \$5.00 for the best name to his new cafe. The name will be just "Boyd's" and the judges were the lady employes at East Thomas who were presented with a five-pound box of candy for their services as judges.

Mrs. Nellie McGowan has completed her new bungalow home in the Woodlawn Highlands and now has the old two-story "for rent."

Marshall Ford received Xmas greeting from the Canadian National Exposition and has declared his intentions of going back to Canada next summer for another vacation. The Xmas greeting sent Ford was in the form of a card.

Young Charlie Gann who is a king at the "Charleston" has landed a first shift yard clerk's position at East Thomas.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL OFFICE

LAUNA M. CHEW, Reporter

The division freight agent's office is in mourning; we have lost our "Sheik" C. E. (Abe) Bowen, rate clerk, having left the service to accept position as chief clerk, Wabash railroad.

We regret the loss of "Abe" but are pleased to have with us as his successor Fred D. Cross, from the local office. If Fred isn't quite able to maintain the prestige established by Abe, soliciting freight agent Shill will be a close second.

Chief clerk "Tommy" Thompson went fishing a few weeks ago. When asked how many fish he caught, replied "He didn't see any." We have been told those cottages on the river are so cozy with the big open fireplaces, it is hard to leave them even to fish.

Note the following reference made to our soliciting freight agent, J. W. Shill, in the "Sand House Column" of the Birmingham News: "Johnny Shill of the Frisco came into a street car with his five small children the other morning and immediately busied himself seating them. A benevolent old gentleman arose and at the same time inquired: 'Are these all your children sir, or is it a picnic?' 'They are all mine,' snapped Johnny, 'and it's no picnic, either.'"

Traveling passenger agent B. E. Hanley is taking his vacation. Understand he is enjoying the days repairing the fences and digging in the garden.

We also have a new office boy, Glenn Gibson, who takes the place of Woodrow Phifer. Woodrow has been promoted. He is now messenger boy for chief dispatcher Goldsmith.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE SOUTHERN DIVISION

BERTHA HARRIS, Reporter

Claude Andereck, clerk to trainmaster Callahan, is ill with flu.

Lee Ford, secretary to Mr. Butler, spent the holidays in Sherman, Texas, with relatives and friends. He reports a nice time, but states he was glad to get back to the city—the joy of every country boy.

We claim to have the hardest boiled pass clerk on the system. A day or two ago a bashful looking boy approached Mary Buhler's desk and the following conversation took place:

He: "I'd like to get a pass for my wife, please."

Mary: "When did you get married?"

He (blushing furiously): "Y-yesterday."

Mary: "Let me see your marriage certificate."

The young man in question was C. M. Kellert, operator, Marked Tree, but we were unable to learn the name of the bride.

Miss Minnie Deaton, formerly of the accounting department, has accepted a position as comptometer operator this office.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE NIGHT AND DAY

Ed Monroe, special agent, spent a couple of days at Pensacola this past week looking over the Frisco's new holdings at that point. Yes, he bought some real estate.

M. F. Shannahan, chief clerk, accompanied Mr. Butler over the Current River Branch last week. At Grandin they participated in a wild 'possum hunt, the reward of which was one live 'possum. All report a good time. No, we didn't see the 'possum.

**LOCAL FREIGHT OFFICE
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

VIRGINIA GRIFFIN, Reporter

Assistant general freight agent C. A. Reddens and wife spent the Christmas holidays in the home of B. S. Linville, chief clerk in this office. Mrs. Reddens and Mrs. Linville are sisters.

Our terminal auditor, F. M. Packard, delights in this costly speeding; \$50.00 no more, no less.

Station accountant Gordon Robertson spent Christmas at home, Mountain Grove, Mo.

We all were very sorry to hear of the death of J. J. Spencer's sister on December 28, who lived in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Spencer is a clerk in the accounting department of this office.

Faye Barbee spent New Year's day with her mother and dad, who live in Lepanto, Ark.

Agent S. L. Oliver, together with 84 other Memphis Rotarians, including our Mayor Payne, accepted an invitation to visit the Forest City, Arkansas Rotary Club, on January 12, the occasion being their Sixth Anniversary, leaving here on a special train over the Rock Island at five P. M., returning at ten P. M. Mr. Oliver reports a fine time, good talks, music and plenty of eats. With the party party was Walter Jenkins, having charge of the musical program, who was once with the great evangelist, Billy Sunday. Mr. Jenkins is now choir director of the First Methodist Church of this city.

Ben A. Martin, clerk on outbound platform, spent several days recently with his mother in Greenville, S. C.

**DIVISION ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

RALPH D. WILLIAMS, Reporter

There have been several changes made in our department in the past month. Maurice Williams, completion report clerk, bid in a like position at Fort Scott, Kansas; Robert Langston, late bill clerk at Chaffee, is the new completion report clerk. Miss Minnie Rhodes, comptometer operator, resigned, and Miss Minnie Deaton, who succeeded her, bid into the superintendent's office here.

S. W. Booth, who received a handsome golf bag Christmas, has been seen in action on the Riverside course. Uneasy rests the crown of one Bobby Jones. It seems Otis Haman of the engineering department was serving in the lowly ca-

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Warren Puckett, storeroom reporter, nominates a likely candidate for the world's meanest—it is the party who donated on certain Xmas presents, a check which was returned with that distressing notation, "No Funds."

at Memphis was open to the public the Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant week of January 11 to 16. After spending an evening out there I have come to feel a great respect for all "Lizzies." Just to stand at the end of the last conveyor and see roadsters, touring cars, coupes and sedans run off under their own power at an average rate of one every five minutes was very impressive to me. Some incubator!

**OFFICE OF SUPT. OF TERMINALS
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

LELIA LENIHAN, Reporter

Here goes at my first attempt as reporter for office superintendent terminals, Memphis. I hope everyone will be patient with me until I become more familiar with my duties along this line. I think this was given me to do because I am supposed to know everyone around here and all the latest gossip, but at this time I cannot recall one bit of scandal.

Mr. J. J. O'Neill, superintendent terminals, was on the sick list for a few days but is feeling much better now and is his jovial self again.

We have had several changes in our office recently. J. Mundy, of Dallas, Texas, is our new chief clerk. R. E. Fleming, former chief clerk, has been transferred.

Miss Florence Chaffee is Mr. O'Neill's new secretary, having taken the place of Ethel Stephenson, who is now with the Missouri Pacific Railway. We are afraid we are going to experience a lot of trouble in keeping the young men of our office out of Mr. O'Neill's office, as Miss Chaffee is quite an attractive young lady.

D. Hightower, general yardmaster, was sick with a cold for a couple of days, but is O. K. and "on the job" again.

DORA, ALABAMA

F. M. SCOTT, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Connell spent a few days recently at Mrs. Connell's father's in Tennessee. Ralph reports the hunting fine.

"It's a slow and painful process," said Alex Harper after returning from a session with the dentist.

Mr. D. D. Harper on January 12 announced the arrival of a baby girl. Mother and baby doing well.

On returning to work after the holidays, brakeman E. E. Nelson had a severe attack of ptomaine poison. It was necessary to send him to hospital in Birmingham, but he was entirely well in a few days.

Horace Parrish, brakeman, was married to Miss Ruby McDonald at Dora on Christmas day. This came as a surprise to most of their friends. The couple will live in Dora for the present.

Operator L. S. Shiffert and Miss Vera Nell Logan were married on New Year's day at Adamsville, Ala., at the home of the groom. Only a few close friends and relatives were present. Miss Logan was formerly of Palos, Ala.

Mrs. W. B. Robuck, wife of operator Robuck at Dora, is visiting relatives in Carbon Hill and Bob is batching.

We received a note from Mr. Wright at Spisey saying he sold 'possums and bought his new car. It is a fact that he catches 'possums for we shipped two from him to Mr. Frasier while he was on his recent inspection trip through here.

The Pratt Fuel Corporation has bought the Dora division of the Alabama By-Product Corporation. This leaves only

two mines in Dora not controlled by this corporation.

**STORES DEPARTMENT
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

WARREN PUCKETT, Reporter

Mrs. D. A. Riddle and daughters, Viola and Mary Lee, spent several days during the holidays with her relatives at Van Buren, Ark.

We are very sorry to learn that Miss Bertha Reed, reporter general store, fell and fractured several ribs during the holidays.

Miss Helen Griffin, comptometer operator, Memphis, was sick one day during last month. D. A. Riddle, store foreman, Memphis, was also out on account of illness.

Warren Puckett, reporter, Memphis, was out of the office a couple days recently having his eyes treated.

**TRAINMASTER'S OFFICE
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

VIOLET GOLDSMITH, Reporter

Mr. C. J. Snook, agent, has been granted a ninety days' leave of absence and has gone to the St. Louis hospital. We all hope Mr. Snook will fully regain his health.

Loer Turrentine was called to his home in Anthony, Kansas, account the death of his mother. The sympathy of the force goes to him in his bereavement.

Mr. F. C. Gow, our former assistant superintendent, who is now in Enid, Oklahoma, paid us a visit January 4 and 5. We are always glad to have Mr. Gow with us.

Mr. Anderson, claim agent in freight office, announces the birth of a daughter, Cathryn Ann, December 20, 1925, weight twelve pounds and two ounces. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Glenn Backschies has been assigned assistant cashier and Mr. Howell, former assistant cashier, has been assigned revising clerk in East Thomas.

We had a little telephone trouble a few days ago and after the wire chief and trainmaster had examined everything upstairs they went down to freight office and found Charles Silliman sitting on the telegraph key, so after removing him the phone trouble was also cleared.

Mr. H. E. Bailey, assistant division engineer, is about to leave us for Jonesboro, Arkansas. We hope this will only be temporary.

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W. E. RICHARDSON, Reporter

The Harvey House at Snyder has been closed, the Modern Cafe is recommended and will accept Frisco books.

Operator Murphy from Beggs, has been installed as ticket cashier operator at Altus, vice-operator Woods transferred to Snyder.

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