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the 1925 meeting, and made a report on the membership campaign which was begun on January 1, 1926. More than 1,250 veterans are now members of the association, he said, and have paid annual dues and received cards.

One of the important features of the morning meeting was the forming of a ladies' auxiliary of the Frisco Veteran Employees' Association. A committee composed of Mesdames R. Whelan, chairman; W. L. Heath and M. D. Welch met with the women and perfected the organization with a nucleus of 120 charter members.

Mrs. R. Whelan, Kansas City, Mo., was elected president; Mrs. Walter Boyd, Springfield, first vice-president; Mrs. H. G. Wolfe, Pittsburg, second vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Heath, St. Louis, third vice-president; and Martha C. Moore, St. Louis, secretary-treasurer.

#### The Ladies' Auxiliary

The by-laws were briefly drafted and submitted to the Veterans' Association by Mrs. Whelan, and read by the secretary as follows:

"This Auxiliary is Auxiliary 2 to the Veterans Association. The purpose is to co-operate with them and to further the interest of the Veterans' Association in every possible way and any way which may develop in the future.

"This organization is formed primarily for social purposes and to promote friendship and good feeling among all veterans, their wives and families over the entire system.

"The membership will be composed of any member of the veterans' family.

"The officers will be, President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer."

The veterans voted unanimously to accept the Ladies' Auxiliary as a branch of their association.

#### George Taaffe New President

A nominating committee of five men was appointed by the president, W. H. Van Horn, to submit nominations for the 1927 officers of the association.

From the nominations, the following officers were elected: George Taaffe, Cherryvale, Kans., president;



*This happy group were pals during most of the day of the picnic. J. W. Reece, extreme left, came from Memphis and brought C. C. Carey (with umbrella), telegraph operator, 38 years' service, also from Memphis. N. H. Hudson, for 38 years an engineer between Springfield and Thayer, Mo., stands behind Carey, and next to Carey is Miss Lucille Hudson, Engineer Hudson's daughter. H. H. Litty, former mayor of Memphis and a former Frisco man, stands between Miss Hudson and Miss Ruth Cantrell, daughter of S. T. Cantrell, assistant to vice-president, operation. J. A. Mathis, of Amory, Miss., is on the end.*

Dan Hartman, Ft. Worth, Tex., vice-president, and J. L. McCormack, Springfield, secretary-treasurer.

A unique suggestion was made by Conductor H. E. Laney, Clinton, Mo., which proved that the veterans have the interest of the Frisco ever at heart. He moved that each veteran try to secure for Frisco Lines a car load of freight during the year, to reimburse the Frisco Railroad for the pension which it so cheerfully gives to its veterans.

This suggestion was re-

ceived with great enthusiasm and each veteran pledged his time and effort to the task.

The afternoon session was called promptly at 2:00 p. m., and the veterans were favored with an organ recital by Prof. Ritchie Robertson, director of music, of the Springfield High School. This recital lasted for over an hour, and the veterans were asked to call for their favorite songs, which Professor Robertson gladly played for them.

At the conclusion of the recital, Mr. McCormack called on Misses Agnes King of St. Louis and Anna Willigan of Springfield, the Frisco candi-

#### THE ATHLETIC EVENTS

The field day events at Sequi Park, June 28, brought a large crowd of both contestants and spectators to the grounds where the events were being run. In the pictures on the opposite page, Miss Helen Lipe (top picture), is shown winning the 25-yard dash for girls between 10 and 18 years old. Just below, at left, Mrs. O. L. Baker is shown winning the 25-yard dash for stout women, while on the right, Mrs. R. M. Smith is "out in front" in the 25-yard dash for married women. Henry Johnson, winner of the horseshoe pitching contest, is in the center picture with the runner-up, George Taaffe, of Cherryvale. Below Johnson's picture, at left, J. E. Harris is pushing his wheelbarrow under the wire for a win in this event, and opposite (on right), H. E. Sullivan, of the clerks' organization, is winning the chairmen's race. At the bottom, Harris is again shown, winning the 50-yard dash for men between 150 and 190 pounds, and at the right, J. K. Gibson is out in front over George MacGregor and Charles Baltzell in the officials' race.



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dates who sailed on July 17 as guests of the Jefferson Memorial Association. Both girls made a short talk, expressing their appreciation and gratitude.

An hour or so was devoted to short informal talks by the veterans and others. Among those who addressed the meeting were, "Uncle Billy" Morrill, and Harry Harrison of the accident prevention bureau, St. Louis; W. I. Huggins, Jr., editor, Frisco Employes' Magazine; F. E. McGuire, of Tulsa; Harry Sullivan of the clerks organization; M. T. Fullington of the telegraphers organization; Chas. Mills, accident prevention department; Albert Russell of the maintenance of way department.

The talks were interspersed by the following numbers, which were well received: solo, Miss Jaunita Harrell, daughter of F. J. Harrell, conductor river division; several numbers by "The Melody Sisters," Misses Helen and Willa Meadors, daughters of R. C. Meadors, switchman of Afton, Oklahoma, and two readings, charmingly presented by Mrs. J. D. Killough, wife of agent of Stephenville, Texas.

Promptly at 4:00 p. m. Mr. E. P. Mann and Mrs. R. Whelan were asked to assist in the memorial services. Mr. Mann read the names of those sixty veterans who had passed away during the year, and Mrs. Whelan made a beautiful and touching talk. The veterans and their wives were deeply moved as they silently paid tribute to those who had passed on.

Following the memorial services, J. E. Hutchison, vice-president in charge of operation, presented to Miss Charlene Willard, secretary to J. L. McCormack, a beautiful box of roses and a check, which expressed the appreciation of the committee and of the veterans for her able assistance to Mr. McCormack in making arrangements for the fourth Veterans' Reunion.

#### *Banquet at Six P. M.*

At 6:00 p. m. the veterans, their wives and friends assembled at the Shrine Mosque to attend the banquet, which is one of the largest events on the program of each reunion.

Many of the old-timers recalled the first banquet, four years ago, when the crowd barely filled the Colonial Hotel dining room, and compared it to the fourth banquet, when the Shrine Mosque held over 1,500 guests, and a vacant chair was not to be found.

Again, as in previous years, the guests were delightfully and speedily served by the lady secretaries, stenographers and clerks of the Frisco general office building.

The menu consisted of olives, salted meats, sliced tomatoes, chicken patties, au gratin potatoes, creamed peas, Parker House rolls, jellied fruit salad, Frisco ice cream, assorted wafers and coffee.

Following the banquet the immense crowd filed back into the auditorium.

Here the floor was cleared for several feet and the Girls' Drum Corps of the Springfield High School gave a remarkable demonstration of marching and musical skill.

Following this, Professor Ritchie Robertson, with his famous Boy Scout Band, swayed the audience with music, consisting of old-time songs, songs of patriotism and modern numbers.

The crowd first cheered, then rose to its feet, as the

familiar strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" rang through the hall.

#### *Medal to Oldest Veteran*

At 8:00 p. m., the stage was cleared and M. T. Fullington, toastmaster of the evening, opened the exercises.

He introduced J. W. Bowler, newly elected chairman of the locomotive engineers, who presented Charles Stypes, Olathe, Kansas, with a medal in honor of being the oldest veteran present.

Mr. Stypes was led to the platform by J. E. Hutchison, vice-president and F. H. Shaffer, general manager, and accompanied by two of his friends who were with him at the time.

Mr. Bowler gave a brief history of Mr. Stypes and told of his birth in Hanover, Germany, August 2, 1838. He came to America when a very young man and worked for the Burlington first, and in 1881 entered the service of the old K. C. F. S. & M., as an engineer, where he remained until 1912 (the K. C. F. S. & M. being absorbed by the Frisco in the meantime). Mr. Stypes also has a badge given him by the locomotive engineers for forty years' continuous service.

In response, Mr. Stypes rose to his feet and his voice, clear and strong, was heard all over the auditorium.

"Sixty years ago this summer I met my girl," he said. "That was in 1866, and this is our anniversary month. I have never regretted the day that I met her, nor the day that I married her. We've gone through the years, happy as anybody could be, and we're old veterans together."

J. E. Hutchison, vice-president in charge of operation, was the principal speaker of the evening. He explained the absence of Mr. Kurn, which the veterans greatly regretted, as due to pressing business engagements, making it necessary that he return to St. Louis.

The keynote of his speech was that the association of veterans be kept evenly balanced and that the reunion be a good, get-together time for those who have served twenty years or more in the employ of the Frisco Railroad. He urged that the reunion be a time for renewing old friendships, and that it be kept free from cliques and clannishness.

He paid sincere compliments to the Boy Scout Band and its director, Ritchie Robertson, and called it "the finest organization in Springfield and the greatest asset Springfield has."

H. H. Litty, of Memphis, Tennessee, addressed the audience and told them of the death and last days of

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*Miss Juanita Harrell, 18 years old, was another Frisco entertainer at the Shrine Mosque. She sang several numbers for the Veterans. Miss Harrell is the daughter of Passenger Conductor E. J. Harrell, of the river division, and studied voice at the Cape Girardeau Normal School for several terms.*

# Forty-two Accident Prevention Meetings Scheduled for August and September on Frisco Lines

## Ten July Meetings Well Attended, Agents Report—Transportation and Mechanical Departments Head List for Next Two Months

**M**ORE than 1,200 employes of Frisco Lines will attend the forty-two accident prevention meetings which will be held at various points on the system during August and September, according to an estimate of the accident prevention department. The meetings are conducted by representatives of the accident prevention department, with the help of local officials and employes, and an enthusiastic reception of "safety first" ideas and practices is reported.

Ten accident prevention meetings were held with a record employe attendance over the system during the month of July.

On July 1, P. W. Conley, superintendent terminals, St. Louis, Mo., held an interesting meeting with his employes and representatives from the accident prevention department.

O. L. Young, superintendent terminals of Birmingham, Alabama, called a meeting of the Birmingham terminal employes in a fine meeting on July 1. There was a good attendance.

On July 6, a meeting in the interest of accident prevention was held at the South Springfield Shops and Reclamation Plant under the leadership of Z. B. Claypool of the St. Louis accident prevention department. The meeting was called at 1:30 p. m. and lasted until 4:30 p. m. About fifteen or twenty committeemen were present.

The following day, July 7, a meeting was held at the North Freight Shops, under the supervision of J. W. Morrill. In the afternoon Mr. Morrill conducted a similar meeting at the coach shop, west shops, Springfield, where some fifteen or twenty of the committee were present.

On July 6, E. E. McGuire, superintendent of terminals, held a meeting with his employes in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Many items concerning use of unsafe tools and reports of hazardous conditions were discussed and plans made for corrections.

J. L. Harvey, master mechanic of the eastern division called an accident prevention meeting at Newburg on Friday, July 9, and the committeemen and outside foremen attended. The meeting was under the supervision of J. W. Morrill.

W. H. Bevans, superintendent northern division called an accident prevention meeting of the employes of that division on July 12 at Neodesha, Kansas.

R. B. Spencer, master mechanic of the southwestern division held an accident prevention meeting on July 13 at Sapulpa. J. W. Morrill was present and reports great interest on the part of the employes.

On July 14, J. W. Surles, master mechanic of Sherman, Texas, held a

meeting of the Sherman shop employes. The attendance was good and the interest keen.

Feeling that a schedule of the meetings to be held in August and September might be of interest, H. W. Hudgen, director of accident prevention has issued two bulletins, one covering a schedule for the transportation department meetings and a second one for the mechanical department meetings.

Both schedules appear below:

### TRANSPORTATION DEPT. ACCIDENT PREVENTION MEETINGS

Third Quarter, 1926

DIVISION OR TERMINAL	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
St. Louis Terminal.....		Thursday, 2nd
Kansas City Terminal.....	Tuesday, 3rd	
Tulsa Terminal.....		Tuesday, 7th
Southwestern Division.....	Friday, 13th	
Birmingham Terminal.....		Thursday, 9th
Western Division.....		Friday, 24th
Northern Division.....		Tuesday, 14th
Central Division.....	Tuesday, 10th	
Eastern Division.....		Friday, 24th
Springfield Terminal.....	Tuesday, 24th	
River Division.....	Tuesday, 17th	
Memphis Terminal.....	Thursday, 26th	
Southern Division.....		Tuesday, 21st
Texas Lines.....		Thursday, 30th

### MECHANICAL DEPT. ACCIDENT PREVENTION MEETINGS

Third Quarter, 1926

DIVISION-TERMINAL OR SHOP	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
W. Springfield Shop (Loco.).....	Monday, 2nd am	Thursday, 2nd am
W. Springfield Shop (Fr. Car).....	Monday, 2nd pm	Thursday, 2nd, pm
N. Springfield Shop (M. S.-R. H.).....	Tuesday, 3rd am	Tuesday, 7th am
S. Springfield Shop (and R. Plant)....	Tuesday, 3rd pm	Tuesday, 7th pm
N. Springfield Shop (F. C. S.).....	Wednesday, 4th am	Wednesday, 8th am
W. Springfield Shop (Coach).....	Wednesday, 4th pm	Wednesday, 8th pm
Eastern Division.....	Friday, 6th am	Friday, 10th am
Southwestern Division.....	Tuesday, 10th am	Tuesday, 14th am
Texas Lines.....	Wednesday, 11th pm	Wednesday, 15th pm
Central Division.....	Friday, 13th am	Friday, 17th am
Northern Division.....	Tuesday, 17th am	Tuesday, 21st am
Western Division.....	Thursday, 19th pm	Thursday, 23rd pm
Southern Division.....	Tuesday, 24th am	Tuesday, 28th am
River Division.....	Thursday, 26th pm	Thursday, 30th pm