



Flashes of Merriment

He Looked It

When the donkey saw the zebra,
He began to switch his tail.
"Well, I never!" was his comment,
"There's a mule that's been in jail."
—Exchange.

Eliminated

"Are you the groom?" asked the bewildered old gentleman at a very elaborate wedding.

"No, sir," was the reply of the young man. "I was eliminated in the preliminary try-outs."

One of Them

"Say, do you know", remarked the enthusiastic clarinet player, "two thousand wouldn't buy this clarinet."

"I'm one of the two thousand," answered the agitated bystander.

Triplets are twins, with a spare.

A husband is something no respectable family should be without.

We call our dog "Sandwich", because he's only half-bred.

Increased Pay

"How much do you get for playing that violin," asked a stage wit to the orchestra leader.

"Two hundred a week," was the reply.

"How much do you get for playing that big bass violin," he asked of the bass viol.

"One hundred a week," was his reply.

"Well, listen, brother, take it from me, you'd better put it under your chin and earn more money."

A Hard Time

Said the small boy: "My maw and paw had a terrible time getting married. Maw wouldn't marry paw when he was drunk, and paw wouldn't marry maw when he was sober."

Oh!

He: "Do I need a shave?"
She: "No, but you needn't rub it in."

A New One

"I'm going out in the orchard to pick some eggs."

"Wotinnell are you going to pick them from?"

"Why, a poultry, of course."

Speed

"Why is a trap drummer the fastest man in the world?"

"I don't know, why?"
"Because time flies, and he beats time."

Mistaken Identity

Husband, coming in on wife unexpectedly, slaps her on the back: "Hello, Babe."

Wife: "Fifty pounds, and don't drop it in."

It wasn't the cough that carried her off, it was the coffin they carried her off-in.

What is so rare as a bride with a broom.

"Santa Claus certainly was good to that girl."
"Howzat?"
"See what he put in her stockings."

A Comeback

A small boy was sitting close to a rather fussy woman in a crowded car, and he kept sniffing in a most annoying way. Finally she asked, "Boy, have you a handkerchief?"

The small boy looked at her for a few seconds and then in a dignified manner replied: "Yes, I have, but I don't lend it to strangers."

Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow your bootlegger may get shot.

If Plato could Charleston, could Aristotle?

Never kid the Judge. The day of the court jester is past.

It takes a **clever** man to get out of what is known as an "understanding".

Suspense!

Motorman: "Alright, back there?"
Conductor: "No, hold on a minute. Wait 'till this woman gets her clothes on."

The entire carful of passengers turned and craned their necks expectantly as a colored mammy came into the car with a basket of laundry.

A Cat Tale

"Dickey," said his mother, "you mustn't pull the cat's tail."
"I'm only holding it, the cat's pulling."

Practice

"I see you have a sign in your store, 'We aim to Please,'" remarked the irritated customer.

"Certainly," replied the proprietor "that is our motto."

"Well," retorted the I. C. "You ought to take a little time off for target practice."
—Exchange.

A shingle, a cigarette and knickers make a lot of difference, but they don't fool a mouse.

Early to bed,
Early to rise,
And your girl goes out
With other guys.

Least Resistance

"When I was twenty I made up my mind to get rich."

"But you never became rich."
"No, I decided it was easier to change my mind."
—Boston Transcript.

American skippers can't marry passengers. One by one they eliminate the hazards of ocean travel.—Detroit News.

The man who toots his own horn soon has everybody dodging when he approaches.—Boston Transcript.

The difference between learning golf and motoring is that in golf at first you hit nothing and in motoring you hit everything.—Boston Transcript.

Absent-Minded!

Absent-minded Prof. P. D. Smith had left his berth in the sleeper to find a drink of ice water and was hopelessly lost in the middle of the aisle. It was about midnight, and the train was speeding through the country.

"Don't you remember the number of your berth?" asked the conductor.

"I'm—er—afraid not," was the reply.

"Well, haven't you any idea where it was?"

"Why, uh-oh, yes, to be sure!"

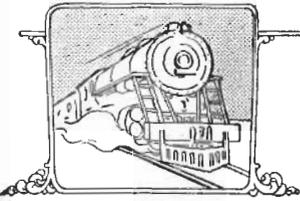
The professor brightened up perceptibly. "I did notice at one time this afternoon that the windows looked out upon a little lake!"—Judge.

Moving

Judge: "Rastus, take the witness stand."

Rastus: "Yes, sir, where to?"

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WHAT IS EFFICIENCY?

It is doing things—not wishing you could do them—dreaming about them or wondering if you can do them.

It is the power to learn how to do things by doing them, as learning to walk by walking, or learning to sell goods by selling them.

It is knowing how to apply theory to practice.

It is the trick of turning defeat into experience and using it to achieve success.

It is the ability to mass one's personality at any given time or place; it is skill in quick mobilization of one's resources.

It is making everything that is past minister to the future.

It is the elimination of the three microbes of weakness—regret, work and fear.

It is self-reliance, clothed with modesty.

It is persistence plus politeness.

It is the hand of steel in the velvet glove.

It is alertness, presence of mind, readiness to adjust one's self to the unexpected.

It is sacrificing personal feelings to the will to win.

It is impinging the ego against the combination of events—luck, fate, custom and prejudice—until they give way.

It is massing the me against the universe.

It is the sum of the three quantities—purpose, practice and patience.

It is the measure of a man, the real size of his soul.

It is the ability to use one's passions, likes, dislikes, habits, experience, education, mind, body and heart—and not to be used by these things.

It is self-mastery, concentration, vision and common sense.

It is the sum total of all that's in a man. —Selected.

Smith: "I understand some of your hens have stopped laying?"

Jones: "Two of them have, anyway."

"What's the cause?"

"A motor car." —Tit-Bits.

The man who tried his hand at something and failed might try using his head for a change.—Buffalo Post.

This above all: to thine own self be true,

And it must follow, as the night the day,

Thou canst not then be false to any man. —Shakespeare.

New Editors of Frisco Mechanic



HOWARD PICKENS



WILLIAM C. BUSH

WITH this issue of the *Frisco Magazine*, the Frisco Mechanic section of it which has been published in the interests of the Frisco Association of Metal Crafts and Car Department Employees, takes a new lease on life. So great an interest has been manifest by the 8,000 members of this association in their part of the *Frisco Magazine*, that the editor has agreed to increase the number of pages in the Frisco Mechanic, to care for the interesting news of the association's activities.

In order that the Frisco Mechanic may be truly a publication by of and for the association members, two acting editors have been appointed to care for it. Mr. Howard Pickens, secretary to General Chairman Frank Junkins at Springfield, is the new editor, and Mr. William C. Bush, president of Local No. 1 at Springfield, will become managing editor. Their work in this connection will not interfere with their present duties. All material for the Frisco Mechanic should be forwarded to Editor Pickens at the Springfield general offices.

Editor Pickens has been with the Frisco since 1920 when he began work as a timekeeper and distribution clerk at the West Shops. In January of 1923, he became secretary to the general chairman of the Frisco Association, the position he holds today. He was the editor of the ill-fated "Frisco Mechanic" in 1924, which was published only five months as a separate publication. When that publication was discontinued and its matter absorbed in the *Frisco Magazine*, Pickens served for a short while as editor. He is widely acquainted with the membership of the various locals throughout the system, and asks for the support of each local in making the Frisco Mechanic a live organ of the association.

Managing Editor Bush has been with the Frisco since October 3, 1922, when he took employment as a cabinet maker in the North Shops. Prior to that time he operated a book store and later a weekly newspaper at Poplar Bluff, Mo. He became active in the Frisco Association shortly after its origin and served as a committeeman and later as chairman of the shop committee from the car department. On October 25, 1925, Mr. Bush was chosen president of Local No. 1 at Springfield and was recently re-elected, almost unanimously, to succeed himself. The local has grown under his administration and now has a membership of more than 2,000.

We cordially welcome these two workers to the staff of the *Frisco Employees' Magazine*. We believe they will help make the Frisco Mechanic a better and more representative publication.

—W. L. HUGGINS, Jr., Editor, *The Frisco Employees' Magazine*.

Local No. 1 of Frisco Association Holds Christmas Party in Springfield December 17

*Club Rooms Beautifully Decorated for First Annual Party—
Christmas Tree and Athletic Program are Features*

THE first annual Christmas entertainment of Local No. 1 of the Frisco Association of Metal Crafts and Car Department employes was held at 7:30 o'clock Friday night, December 17, at the Frisco Hall, 214 East Commercial Street, Springfield, Mo.

The Springfield local organization has approximately 2,500 members and because of the lack of space to take care of the huge crowd which came in the hope of enjoying the splendid program, many hundreds were turned away. It was the largest and most elaborate affair ever staged by the local organization of shopmen.

The supervisors' association presented the local with a large Christmas tree and \$25 to furnish illumination and decorations for the tree. Not only did the supervisors purchase the various decorations, but they met in a body at the hall of the shopmen and set everything in readiness for the occasion. It was indeed a most generous act and the craftsmen are highly elated over the splendid spirit shown by their leaders in this very kind gift.

A committee comprised of Mrs. H. G. Crawford, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, Mrs. T. G. Ladd, Mrs. A. W. Skelton, Mrs. W. C. Bush and Mrs. Joe Brandon, was very instrumental in bringing about the wonderful success of the Christmas program. Christmas packages of candies, nuts and fruits were distributed by Santa Claus who had charge of taking the things off the huge tree.

In addition to the Christmas program for the evening, three fast boxing bouts were staged, featuring local ring stars and a battle royal between eight colored boys. First bout: Chester Ferguson, age 20, weight 135 pounds, fought "Doc" Landrum of the same weight and age, four rounds to a draw. Both these boys are employed in the North Car Department. In the second bout, Hugh Ricketts, red-haired boilermaker from the West Shops, won a decision over Earl Newman. Newman was knocked to the mat twice, each time arising a bit groggy before the count of ten. Roy Maggard, local boxing instructor with several years' experience, refereed the two bouts. Otto Henderson, director of the Association Athletic Club, had charge of the athletic program of the evening. Aside from the boxing contests, two wrestling matches were put on: Dix Skelton, local



Frisco kiddies with their dads and mothers enjoy Association Christmas Tree at Local No. 1 party December 17

professional wrestler, and Everett Bash, machinist apprentice at the West Shops, wrestled two best out of three, Skelton winning the first fall in seven minutes and likewise the second fall in two minutes. It was hard grappling throughout; Skelton winning because of his superior science. However, Bash outweighed his opponent by twenty pounds. Second match: Frank Palmer of the West Shops, weight 175 pounds, and his opponent Jack Groff of the same size, wrestled to a draw of fifteen minutes. It is believed that the Springfield shops possess some very promising talent for the ring as well as the mat and inasmuch as the local is fortunate in having access to such wonderful talent, Athletic Director Henderson, will no doubt avail himself of the opportunity of arranging and presenting to the local shopmen in the future many interesting features in connection with athletic shows.

The Pete Pate Vaudeville Company, probably better known in Springfield as "Pete Pate and His Radio Stars," came to the hall at 10 o'clock and presented some comedy acts as one of the closing features of the program. The Frisco Paramount Four

lived up to their well established reputation as being one of the best quartets in this section of the country.

The Frisco Orchestra shares a very deserving place in keeping alive the hearts of all with the variety of melodious music which was indeed a very rare treat. The orchestra is composed of all Frisco shopmen and is under the direction of George B. Hasler, link gang foreman at the West Shops. Mr. Hasler has perfected an organization of musicians well above the ordinary run.

Red Barnes and Jones Garner, rendered several duet selections before the Ladies' Auxiliary during their program and were well received. These gentlemen are two of the many live wires employed in the North Car Department.

The success of the entire affair was due to the splendid help and co-operation of numerous members in the local organization, both ladies and gentlemen. In conclusion the occasion was a grand and glorious affair, one to be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to attend. It is the plan of the shop crafts here in Springfield to make this an annual affair which no doubt will be much bigger and better in the year 1927.

"Happy New Year to You" Say Employes of West



Many pictures have been printed in the *Magazine* of individual employes at the Springfield, Missouri, west shops, but never before has the *Magazine* reproduced such an inspiring group photograph as the one featured above.

Local No. 8 in Accident Prevention Rally at Enid

THE members of Local No. 8 and their families at Enid, Okla., held an enthusiastic accident prevention rally at the Chamber of Commerce building, Monday evening, November 22. Approximately two hundred Frisco employes attended, where they enjoyed a program made up of Frisco talent.

J. F. Ferguson, division car foreman, acted as chairman of the meeting and in his usual good form, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p. m., and introduced the numbers on the interesting program.

W. J. Foley, master mechanic, delivered the address of welcome, which was followed by a dialogue, entitled, "Accident Prevention", by Dorris Shepherd and Violet Devine. Elizabeth Sinclair, daughter of the claim agent, sang a solo, followed by an address by Harry Harrison of the accident prevention department. Wayne Shelton, son of a Frisco engineer, sang a solo, and obliged with an encore. H. F. Sinclair, claim agent, next addressed the meeting, and he was followed by Z. B. Claypool, of the accident prevention department. Margaret Giddens, daughter of the shop foreman, gave a reading entitled "Daddy Is Coming," and Alice Campbell of the office of the assistant superintendent, entertained the audience with a piano solo. Two readings were next on the program, one by Jack

Clark and a second by Mrs. Wm. Phillips, wife of the general foreman. Both were well received. A first aid demonstration proved of interest. This was conducted by Major R. C. Baker, assisted by members of the 189th Field Artillery. Frank Junkins, president of the shop crafts association, concluded the program with an address. Refreshments were then served, after which the floor was cleared and those present danced until a late hour.

NIGHT, ETERNAL NIGHT
Comes Not to Those Who Wear
Goggles

Another eye saved by the proper use of goggles.

Byrl Miller, a freight car painter at Springfield, Mo., on November 25 saved the sight of his eye when he wore goggles while operating a sand blasting machine, which blew the hose off the sand nozzle. The nozzle thus released, struck the operator across the head, fracturing the right lens of the goggles which he wore. Although the glass was cracked and broken, there was no laceration of the eye and no injury around it.

Owing to the thoughtfulness of this employe, his earning capacity remains unimpaired.

FLOWERS ARE HIS HOBBY

Don Fellows, of Springfield, Has Magnificent Garden

DON FELLOWS, acting mechanical accountant in the Frisco offices at Springfield, has a hobby that is attracting attention from different parts of the country.

On his little three-acre farm, south-east of Springfield he specializes in raising dahlias of many colors.

"I have secured seeds from London, England, California, Denver, Louisville and Philadelphia, besides many which I purchased here in Springfield," he said. "At first it was just an experiment, until I found that they were doing so well and of such huge dimensions that I began to get interested. I now have over 1,000 plants."

Besides dahlias he has 10,000 gladiolas, over 100 beds of elephant ears, a plot of 250 feet long of tube roses, 400 peonia bushes, six varieties of lillies, and numerous rose bushes.

The office in which he works has been supplied with a gorgeous bouquet from his garden each morning during the summer months, and now that fall has come, dahlias adorn many of the desks for he is generous and wants his friends to enjoy their extreme beauty and size.

His fame as a gardener has spread and his Frisco friends along the line have written him many letters.

Shops Locomotive Department at Springfield, Mo.



It is a condensed picture of the supervisors and employes of the locomotive shop grouped together, just as they work together, with only the interest of the Frisco at heart. They are all happy, loyal, and interested in their various duties. If you don't believe it, count the smiles and the real, sure-nuff grins! There are approximately 981 men employed in this locomotive shop, many of whom do not appear in this picture.

450 ATTEND MEETINGS

15 Accident Prevention Sessions Held in 30-Day Period

LATE reports of the accident prevention meetings held from November 5 to December 6, inclusive, shows that a total of 450 attended the fifteen reported in that period.

Three of the largest were held at Pittsburg, Kansas, on November 12, with fifty-eight in attendance; at Monett, Missouri, on November 19, with seventy-five present and a joint meeting of maintenance of way employes of the eastern, central and northern divisions at Monett, Missouri, on November 21, with eighty-nine men present.

On November 5, J. L. Harvey, master mechanic, of the eastern division, called a meeting of the mechanical department employes at Newburg, Missouri, in the interest of accident prevention. Ten men were in attendance.

The southwestern division employes held a meeting at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on November 9, where R. B. Spencer, master mechanic, acted as chairman and fourteen men responded to roll call.

The mechanical department of the Texas Lines met at Sherman, Texas, on November 10, with twenty men in attendance. A short noonday meet-

ing was also held with the shop men, where forty-seven were present.

J. D. Heyburn, master mechanic, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, held an accident prevention meeting at Hugo, Oklahoma, on November 12. Thirteen employes were present. Reports of committees were read and many worth while subjects discussed.

The mechanical department employes of Chaffee, Missouri, held a meeting at that point on November 22, at which meeting H. E. Hubbard acted as chairman. Fifteen men were present.

W. J. Foley, master mechanic, of Enid, Oklahoma, held a meeting with his employes at that point on November 22. Sixteen men responded to roll call. Z. B. Claypool, assistant director, accident prevention department, St. Louis, addressed the men.

Thirty-one men were present at an accident prevention meeting held at Thayer, Missouri, on November 23. C. C. Mills, accident prevention agent, of the St. Louis department, assisted with the meeting, while H. R. Wade, assistant superintendent, acted as chairman.

B. G. Gamble, master mechanic, of Memphis, Tennessee, called a meeting of the mechanical department employes on November 23, in the interest of accident prevention. A gratifying report of unsafe practices and conditions as reported and corrected, was made.

F. C. Gow, assistant superintendent,

of the western division, acted as chairman at an accident prevention meeting held at Enid on November 26. Fifteen men were present. C. C. Mills, accident prevention agent, of St. Louis, assisted with the program.

S. J. Frazier, superintendent, of the western division, acted as chairman at a meeting of the employes of Enid in the interest of better service and accident prevention on November 26. Fifteen men were in attendance.

Two meetings were held in Springfield, Missouri, on December 6, one at the west freight car shop, mechanical department, F. M. Darden, general foreman, chairman, and a second meeting at the west shops, with F. A. Beyer, superintendent, chairman of the meeting. Approximately forty men attended both meetings.

Through an error in this office, the high school band of Enid, Okla., was credited with a concert to Frisco shopmen in a picture and story appearing on page 43 of the December *Frisco Magazine*. The high school band of Fort Scott, Kansas, should have had the credit. The shopmen of that city were entertained, not Enid. We thank Superintendent Bevans of the northern division for calling our attention to this error.

—W. L. H., Jr.