

Guy Eskridge, machinist foreman, journeyed to the depot Sunday, October 9th, to see Jack Dempsey and Estelle Taylor as they stopped here for a few minutes on the Sunnyland.

C. C. Burkhardt, traveling boiler inspector, received a new Buick sedan.

Robert L. LaVeira, known as hollow-head, is now selling gas savers for automobiles. Says they save one-third to one-half gas. The oil fields will soon be out of work.

#### WEST SHOP LOCOMOTIVE DEPT. SPRINGFIELD, MO.

A. E. GODFREY, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Harrison spent the last week of September at West Plains visiting the home folks.

Richard Fowler, boilermaker apprentice is all smiles around the shop. Upon investigation we found that a fine baby girl had arrived at his home, born September 28th.

Hey! Hey! Know ye all present: Leon Greene, electrician, is sporting a new car. Where did you make the raise, Leon?

W. O. LaRue, boilermaker has the sympathy of the boys of the West Shops in the death of his son, September 27th.

Dewey Hulse has a unique way of Greater Traffic publicity on the back tire carrier of his automobile. Tell the rest of your co-workers how to do this stunt, Dewey.

J. M. Baker, boilermaker, has the sympathy of the boys in the West Boiler Shop in the death of his brother, September 16th.

G. B. Tipton, boilermaker, spent the week end at Dixon, Mo.

J. E. Brandon, sheet metal worker, spent the week end at St. Louis, looking over the tornado damage.

A. T. Perkins, boilermaker, was slinging at his work Thursday morning on October 6th, when a piece of staybolt flying fast, struck his prescription goggle lens, smashing the right lens to pieces, ANOTHER EYE SAVED BY THIS PRECAUTION, this is the sixth goggle broken during the year of 1927.

Louis Hoffman, boilermaker, has been ill for several weeks and has now returned to work. All the boys are glad to see him back.

John B. Madcaif, machinist apprentice, was transferred to the North Roundhouse, Springfield, where he will serve six months apprenticeship to gain roundhouse experience.

On October 6th, a monster Accident Prevention meeting was held in Springfield, at the Pipkin Junior High School. Many interesting speakers were obtained for this gathering of Frisco Employees, principal address being given by Mr. William Morrill, Frisco Accident Prevention Agent of Saint Louis. Mr. Morrill pointed out the fact that Springfield needed a safety drive as the citizens pay little attention to rules of safety. He cited the fact that over 90,000 persons met death in America last year in accidents, a great many of which could have been prevented, had the victims abided by safety rules. Other speakers included Harry Harrison and H. W. Hudgen, both of Saint Louis, and S. F. Cooper of Springfield, one of the delegates from here to the Chicago Safety conference. Mr. M. L. Ryan, Safety Supervisor at the Frisco West Shops, who headed the committee which planned the meeting, presided. The audience was entertained by G. L. Walton, West Shop Magician, and a number of others.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Heytman recently returned from a visit in Saint Louis.

Charles Puryear, "Country" as he is known to his buddies and also a rivet driving "fool" has been making regular week end visits to Saint Louis. Come on "Country" tell us, who is she?

Bruce E. Baland, boilermaker apprentice, is back on the job again after being off several weeks account severe illness, the boys are all glad to see him back on the job.

On night of October 4th, Local No. 2 held meeting at Association Hall, East Commercial Street, for the purpose of electing association officers for coming year. Results of the election, shows line up of officers, something like this: Charles L. Melton, president; A. E. Godfrey, vice-president; Harvey Smith, secretary; E. O. Skelton, treasurer; Lon VanWinkle, financial secretary; George Walker, trustee; Charles Milner, trustee; Harvey Slentz, conductor; John Franks, sergeant-at-arms.

A. P. Revis and family are visiting in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gordon Mann, sheet metal apprentice, resigned to go to work in Contract Shop, Gordon was a likable chap and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Jewell Sexton left the service on September 1st, working for the Nash Automobile Agency of this city.

G. F. Gearhart, laborer, left the service October 11th.

Wm. B. "Gob" Skinner, clerk to General Foreman, went to Saint Louis on October 14th, to attend the Missouri-Washington University football game.

Roy Sheppard, machinist apprentice, completed 1,200 day apprenticeship on October 13th and returned to his home, Enid, Oklahoma.

Leon Greene, electrician, has Frisco insignia and the words: "Let the Frisco haul it" on tire cover of his new buggy.

#### CAR DEPARTMENT MONETT, MO.

D. F. TOBIAS, Reporter

Each time the Magazine has been received at the office the "boss" has looked it through and asked "Where are the Car Department items?" More to the point—he addressed the question to me. All these months I have plead not guilty, but now he insists I must do the work. Will the editor please cut out the "gossip" and print only the news? And will all you other Monett news hounds please give me a chance?

Collie L. Hankins, who has been in the hospital at St. Louis for treatment of an injured arm was called home September 27th account death of his mother at Cassville.

Car Repairer Asa L. Welton, who has been off duty for a year account injured, expects to return to work in a short time.

Car Repairer George Powell is spending vacation at Pocatello, Idaho.

Agent A. T. Brown, local authority on the gentle art of pitching horse-shoes, insists our stakes are too far apart. Why not play in your own back yard, Andrew?

The decision rendered on the Tunney-Dempsey bout widened the smile usually worn by our foreman, R. G. Kaufman.

August Bruenn is again able to be on the job after a short illness.

Fred Walton made a raid on his favorite "fishing hole" one day last week, brought back the usual stories and a new tale about a fishing license.

Charles Summers and wife made a week's visit at Tulsa.

Carmen R. M. Robinson and J. E. Proctor have re-established their seniority and are with us again. R. M. claims to have learned to pitch horse-shoes while at West Tulsa.

Miss Ruth, daughter of Yard Oiler D. E. Horine, is attending school at Springfield. Miss Susie Burns' daughter of Claude P. is also in that city attending school.

Radio, radium, radium. Sonohmore stuff? Oh no, just Foreman Sheridan as usual.

E. R. Haggard and wife are spending their vacation at Weatherford, Okla., with relatives.

Air Brake Man Harry B. Harvey and wife are making an extended vacation touring the Western states.

At the special meeting of the F. A. M. C. & C. D. E., President H. B. Harvey was nominated to succeed himself as president of the Local. An evidence of

his popularity with his fellow members was noted when no others were nominated to run against him. Harry has worked hard to make the Local a success and the Lodge is fortunate in securing him for the next year.

#### OKLAHOMA CITY LOCAL NO. 15

E. W. GEE, Reporter

On account of the death of Brother Atteberry, vice-president of Local No. 15, we have not been active for the past few weeks.

We regret very much the death of Fred E. Carter, president of our Greater Traffic Club. Fred was one of us, and liked very much by all.

Brother Dave L. Estes, operator at South Yard, who was active vice-president of the Greater Traffic Club, now becomes president, and we wish him success and hope every member of Local No. 15 will give him their whole-hearted support and keep the Mechanical Department 100 per cent as it has always been in the past.

Brother Frank Jenkins was with us Sept. 23rd and Oct. 5th, come again Frank you are always welcome.

Mr. J. S. Jowers, our general car foreman, was with us Oct. 5th, we are always glad to see Mr. Jowers. Come oftener and stay longer.

Mr. E. L. Phelps, car foreman at this point, has moved his family here. We want to welcome them to the best city in the Southwest.

Brother Geo. L. Howe has been assigned as car inspector South Yard 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. This is a new job.

Brother Wm. Owens, car inspector at North Yard, has bought a fine new home.

The Ladies Auxillary of Local No. 15 gave a Tackey Party at our hall October 5th. Mrs. Jesse Moore was in charge of program and it is needless to say that a fine time was had by all.

Mr. Huggins, editor of the Magazine, attended the party. Don't let this be your last trip Mr. Huggins, your talk was very much appreciated by all.

Mr. Tom Bryan, our air brake instructor, was with us last week.

Look for us every month, we will do our best to give you the news from Local No. 15.

#### LOCAL No. 17 WEST TULSA, OKLA.

E. F. BEATTY, Reporter

Mr. Frank Carruthers, king of the bull gang was on the sick list last week, but is now back on the job, as full of authority as ever.

Mr. A. L. Sasser, president of Local No. 17 for the past year, was elected Division Chairman for the Southwestern Division at a meeting held Oct. 3rd. We are all very proud of Albert and feel sure that he will do the right thing by everyone.

Mr. William I. Miller, box packer, has just returned from a fifteen day vacation, don't know just where Mr. Miller went, but think he visited in Arkansas.

Tom Allred, box packer, who has been laid up for the last three months account of an injury to his arm is now able to be back on the job again. We are all very glad to see Tom back once more.

Mr. Joe Owens, formerly car carpenter 1st class at this point, has been transferred to Oklahoma City in the same capacity. Hate to lose Joe, but everyone wishes him luck on his new job.

Mr. B. Cozby, mill shop laborer, is laying off at this time, account of sickness.

Mr. L. C. Johnson, car carpenter 1st class, has invested in a Rolls-Noisy of the roadster variety. Louis should have waited a bit and looked the new ones over.

Mr. Elzie Dennis, night coach carpenter and Mr. Ambrose Rice, box packer, were both taken down sick,

recovered and came back on the job all in one week.

The Greater Traffic Club of the Car Department, at this point, is well organized and hold meetings every Saturday night. Mr. John S. White, chairman of the club, reports a great improvement as regards the soliciting of business both freight and passenger.

Mr. A. L. Sasser, Division Chairman, made a business trip to Oklahoma City last week.

#### LOCAL No. 32—NEWBURG, MO.

ED. F. FULLER, Reporter

H. W. Fuller, president of Local No. 32 at Newburg, attended the 5th annual convention of Metal Craft and Car Department Employes at Springfield, September 19th.

William Hoss, boilerwasher, is wearing a pleasing smile these days account of a new boy at his home.

Uncle Marion Tankersley, laborer, and Frank Short, boilermaker 2nd class, visited St. Louis looking over the area recently destroyed by the tornado.

Mrs. S. E. Fellows, wife of our storekeeper, is in Barnes Hospital convalescing after a nervous breakdown.

N. A. Borders, coal chute foreman, is busy handling the Brown Hoist loading all the storage coal placed here during the coal strike.

Hermie L. Robinson, car inspector, was transferred to rip track as car repairer, Louis E. Long, car repairer, taking his place on the inspection work.

Wm. Gower, car repairer, made a flying visit to the old homestead near Marshfield, recently.

H. W. Fuller, first class machinist, is still another whose hobby is fowl-husbandry. He has been raising the Jersey Blacks for some time. One of his roosters killed the other day weighed seventeen and three-fourth pounds with its head off.

D. B. Ege, staybolt inspector, made his monthly trip to Salem to inspect engines, October 1st.

Mrs. E. F. Fuller, wife of E. F. Fuller, machinist, supervisor of the Elizabeth Juvenile lodge of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen at Newburg, was invited to bring the Juvenile drill team to St. Louis, October 6th, to exemplify the ritualistic work for the Juvenile lodge of the Mound City Homestead there.

It was reported that they received many compliments on their exemplification of the work and were royally entertained. Marion Lee Canary, who is the Junior Foreman, is the daughter of A. E. Canary, Frisco Engineer. All the members of the Newburg J. O. Y. Lodge, with the exception of two, are members of Frisco Families, and for this reason it was suggested they should have named the lodge "Frisco."

#### LOCAL No. 8—ENID, OKLA.

H. H. FULLER, Reporter

The E. & B. Department has just completed the erection of a Standard Water Tank here which will enable us to use water from our own wells in the stationary boiler and also in the boiler washing plant. This will effect quite a saving as we have been using about 50,000 gallons of city water per day in these plants. We have a number of Lane-Western systems that will supply all water needed at the shops.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, a son, on September 14th.

Claud C. Bond, division chairman, C. P. Clark, and Sim Hilley attended the annual meeting of system committee at Springfield, September 19-20, 1927.

C. P. Clark, sheet metal worker, spent several days in Kansas City on business the last of September.

Roy D. Richards, machinist, was selected by Master Mechanic Foley as the man who had done the most to pro-

mote accident prevention and was sent to Chicago to represent the Western Division at the meeting of the National Safety Congress in session from Sept. 26th to Oct 1st.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Basham, a winsome baby girl on September 17th, whom they have named Bobby Lee.

Ye scribe spent two days in Oklahoma City doing the State Fair and also to see "Lindy".

Wilbur Ayers, machinist and wife, spent a very pleasant vacation in Council Grove, Kansas, visiting friends and relatives.

Asa Vion, locomotive inspector, spent his vacation visiting points in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas. He had a most enjoyable trip.

John Poling, machinist and family, spent the 1st and 2nd taking in the sights at the Oil Exposition in Tulsa.

The Brown Hoist in use at this point has just been completely overhauled and put in first class condition. Engineer Wheeler is as proud of it as a kid with a new red wagon. William Decker of Springfield, had charge of the job.

William Mercer, store room helper, who has been off for some time on account of sickness, is still in a hospital at Anthony, Kansas, and is not doing so well. We are all hoping "Bill" will soon recover and be back with us again.

Claud Bond motored to Oklahoma City Saturday, October 1st, for the last day of the Fair and to see Art Gobel and his plane "Woolaroo".

G. W. Clinton and family have been entertaining their brother-in-law E. A. Catron and family of Claremore, Okla., for a few days.

Mr. Stine Taylor, one of the oldest employes in point of service had the misfortune of being struck by a car, recently. He was painfully, but not seriously injured. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. "Mike" Wagoner are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born October 4th whom they have named Georgiana.

#### LOCAL No. 25—SHERMAN, TEXAS

M. H. MURPHY, Reporter

Local No. 25 met in regular session October 10. The meeting nights have been changed from the first and third Wednesday nights to the second and fourth Monday nights.

The main business was election of officers. The new officers are: W. W. Johnson, machinist, president; M. H. Murphy, secretary; T. M. Tolbert, vice-president; Eddie Green, conductor. The retiring president, John George, who has been a faithful worker in the organization, was presented with a fountain pen and pencil.

The Sherman local is planning wrestling and boxing matches. Dick Chapman, of the car department, holds the heavyweight belt in North Texas for wrestling.

The supervisors gave a big dance October 27 for the benefit of the baseball club.

J. R. Morgan, blacksmith foreman, recently returned from a three months' trip to American Falls, Idaho, taken for his health. He was benefited greatly.

Shorty Hudnall, of the locomotive department, has just returned from a fifteen days' vacation.

"Hatrack" Hatfield is on the job soliciting business for the Frisco.

Harold Gardner has returned from a visit at San Angelo.

#### MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT PENSACOLA, FLA.

GEO. H. PAYNE, Reporter

Bert E. Spillman, first-class boiler-maker, who has been confined to his bed since August 4 plans a trip to Chaffee, Mo., his former home. It will

be some time before he will be strong enough to resume his duties.

E. A. Joseph, third-class machinist, is able, since the recent arrival of his little and only daughter, to use his casting net with more success down on Pensacola Bay. He holds the title of the Frisco net users, with a record of fifteen Mulllets caught in one cast on October 5.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cherry announce the arrival of a new baby girl in their home recently. Mr. Cherry is wrecker engineer. He says he now has a little king and queen in his home and from all indications the queen now rules the home.

George Moore, assistant superintendent motive power, was a visitor from Springfield, Mo., recently.

J. P. Brown, machinist, announces the arrival of a new baby son at his home.

G. H. Payne, our delegate to the conference at Springfield, September 19 and 20, had many interesting subjects to tell us in our last meeting. We are just a new comer in the Frisco family, however, we are just as interested as any long-standing lodge on the Frisco Lines.

W. A. Hunter has had excellent success in organizing a Frisco band at Pensacola.

L. E. Walker, storehouse clerk, has returned from his vacation. While away he visited his family and other relatives at Springfield, Mo.

#### LOCAL No. 24—AMORY, MISS.

EVERETT D. HANSEN, Reporter

Local 24, October 4, elected officers as follows: Charles A. Gateley, president; Everett D. Hansen, vice-president; W. C. White, secretary and treasurer; Walter Adams, W. T. Ritter and Howard Dyer, committeemen.

Walter C. White, third-class machinist, recently visited his father and mother at Wilmore, Kansas.

R. L. Row, coal chute foreman, Mrs. Row and little daughter, have just returned from Walters, Okla., where they visited Mr. Row's father.

L. J. Orman, car foreman, went to Birmingham October 4 to a Grötto ceremonial.

Tola Harder, hostler, and J. T. Lewis, stationary fireman, were on a hunting and fishing trip recently.

#### LOCAL No. 7—FT. SMITH, ARK.

H. H. MORGAN, Reporter

Frank Junkins, general chairman, was with us October 11. Mr. Digham, general engine inspector, was here October 3 and 8.

The accident prevention committee held a party October 14. Mr. Harrison, of the system accident prevention movement was the principal speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyer spent their vacation in St. Louis and Kansas City, where they had a very nice time.

Mrs. H. H. Morgan and small daughters are spending the winter in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where Ruth Ellen is attending school.

The mother of Mrs. John White has returned to Chattanooga, Tenn., after an extended visit here.

Mrs. Charles Kline is back from the Oklahoma State Fair held at Muskogee. Clarence Jefferies was at Springdale, Ark., recently.

Lee Caviness and A. D. Swain, who comprise the coppersmith gang, recently spent a few days in the Ozarks fishing.

Ernest Stringer, machinist, who is at Albuquerque, New Mexico, for his health, is improving. Mrs. Stringer and family are preparing to join him soon.

W. L. Cordell, who has been ill since July, has recovered.

W. P. Franklin is the proud father of a fine baby girl.

After a trip to Denver, Colo., Pat M. Riley says he is considering making

his home there. We should certainly hate to lose Mr. Riley.

P. E. Scherry has what looks like a 1928 model Willys Knight, but it isn't.

Jim Massey has painted his Buick red.

Jess Reeves is occupying a new home on Musset road.

#### LOCAL No. 9—JOPLIN, MO.

JESS F. WILSON, Reporter

Several Frisco employes attended the 101 Ranch wild west show here October 12.

R. W. Outland, car foreman, his wife and their baby, Helen Louise, have returned from their vacation spent in the East and Canada. R. W. O. says a little water goes a long way at Niagara Falls, and that they made other things besides Canada Dry Ginger Ale in Canada.

The writer spent a few days in Kansas City recently.

B. B. Boatright's daughter, Pearl and Helen, are attending school at Liberty, Mo.

The B. & B. department has constructed a new roof on the blacksmith shop at Ruth yards.

#### MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT WICHITA, KANS.

JAS. N. HARGROVE, Reporter

Glad to report that business is good at this time.

Wish to extend to Charles Ketchel and family our sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Harry Heins of Springfield, has been awarded the roundhouse clerk job at Wichita. We extend to him a hearty welcome and hope he will like this city.

Howard Pickens, assistant editor of the Frisco Mechanic, was with us October 11 in behalf of the local and while here did some good boosting for the magazine. Now boys, let's all back him up in it and show him we are going to help him out. Bring in your baby's picture and have it put in the magazine. Give me your items and let's help to make it a better magazine. Glad to have Mr. Pickens with us and feel that he has been of great benefit to us.

The writer and family visited his sister and her husband at Madison, Kans., recently.

Mrs. Phillip Winans, wife of air brake man, was at Arkansas City, recently.

H. L. McDivitt, car inspector, has purchased a new piano.

The state convention of the Odd Fellows and Rebeckas was held in Wichita October 12 and was well attended. We are glad to know that quite a number of them came in over the Frisco.

#### LOCAL No. 5—ST. LOUIS, MO.

O. M. EVANS, Reporter

Local No. 5, St. Louis, held its regular business meeting October 5. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Leaford Johnson, president; Charles Boggs, vice-president; J. A. Pearse, secretary; Roland Hallauer, treasurer. Four new members were initiated and given their cards. We had sixty-nine members present and the meeting was very pleasant. We have a membership of two hundred and seventy-five.

W. J. Ficke, general foreman, and his wife entertained Mr. Ficke's father and mother during the first of the month.

On September 29, a tornado visited St. Louis. The homes of Frisco employes who live in the south Lindenwood section of St. Louis were affected to some extent. A portion of the roof of C. S. Turner's house was blown away. Roy Brewer's garage was de-

molished and the roof of the residence of the writer was blown off. Mrs. Evans suffered a slight injury.

A. A. Jones, J. S. Abbott and O. M. Evans attended the annual convention of the F. A. of M. C. & C. D. E. at Springfield September 19.

J. S. Abbott was elected division chairman, succeeding A. A. Jones.

M. R. Dyer had the big toe on his right foot broken by dropping a large wedge on it.

#### RECLAMATION PLANT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

T. O. CHAPMAN, Reporter

L. J. Leysaht, reclamation plant superintendent, has taken his vacation and is back on the job.

Several carpenters and painters of the bridge and building department have been at work making extensive repairs on the building in which the motor car and tin shop are located. Several hundred gross of window panes have been put in.

V. J. Rutherford visited his two sons at St. Louis after the destructive tornado.

H. F. Brown, storekeeper, visited in Memphis while on his vacation.

John Gutherie, of the motor car department, has gone to Rich Hill, Mo., to operate a rail layer for the Frisco.

The reclamation plant is gradually growing bigger and better each month. This month a new laundry washing machine, electrically driven, of the latest type, has been installed and is being operated by Charles Spencer.

Shortly after Clarence Sissel, painter, had his tonsils removed, he decided that his trusty old Ford was too rough riding, so he purchased a Pontiac coupe to glide around in.

J. F. Wasson, painter, spent his vacation in Tulsa, Okla., visiting friends and relatives. While there he called on William Mattocks, who at that time was very ill.

Charley Kelley, drill press operator, is a patient at Saint John's Hospital. Mr. Kelley had been ill for some time and has been advised by his doctors that an operation will be necessary before he can return to work.

Milford McElhaney, blacksmith helper, went to Kansas City to visit his old haunts again while spending his vacation.

William Frost, oxweld foreman, has purchased a Dodge coupe and laying aside all his worries about cutting and welding steel, proceeded to roam around the Ozark highways for a couple of weeks, resting and recuperating for another eleven and one-half months of flowing the hot metal.

Oran Billingsley, oxwelder, has left the Frisco and moved to Kansas City. He was accompanied by his son, Clell, and son-in-law, Lester Shockley, who were employed at the reclamation plant in the yard.

A barn at Pierce City, owned by Frank Herman, sheet metal worker, was destroyed recently by fire. The supposition is that it was fired by "hoboes" who were sleeping in it.

Bud Hall, valve machinist, recently was squirrel hunting at his old home near Mammoth Springs, Ark.

Clarence Doran, blacksmith helper, had his foot badly mashed by a falling rail. It is healing very nicely.

Tommy Fuzzell, machinist helper, spent a week on the White river and landed several nice strings of fish along with a twelve-pound bass.

Marland Goddard, blacksmith helper, dangerously ill with typhoid fever. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Tom William, concrete work foreman, was operated on for appendicitis at St. John's Hospital. He is improving.

Paul Preston, machinist in the valve department, went to Chicago to see the Dempsey-Tunney fight. From there he went on to Detroit, Buffalo and Niagara Falls. He reports a splendid trip and wants to go again. While he was

gone, Mrs. Preston visited relatives in Iowa.

William Mattocks, machinist, who was stricken with paralysis while visiting at Tulsa, Okla., has improved and returned to Springfield. He is slowly regaining the use of his limbs.

Fred Garland, of the valve department, reports that he has received information that two good oil wells have been brought in on holdings, in which he has considerable stock, near Denver, Colo. Mr. Garland is going to take a trip out to these oil fields later. This good news is very gratifying to us all, as well as to Mr. Garland.

Glenn Rader, formerly of the gas motor department, died October 3 at his home near Nixa. He resigned several months ago because of poor health. The reclamation plant employes extend their sympathies to the widow and parents. Those attending the funeral from the shops here were: J. F. Wasson, Clarence Sissel, Earl Gooch, Hazel Fitzpatrick, Homer Koch, Gerald Chaffin and Clarence Doran.

Local No. 1, F. A. of M. C. & C. D. E. has re-elected all officers: Thomas L. Reynolds, president; Gordan Youell, secretary; William Tindle, treasurer; Otto Henderson, William Gooch, and Lewis Owens, trustees; William C. Bush, chaplain; Charles Beck, guard, and Chester Ferguson, conductor.

#### MECHANICAL DEPT. NORTH BACK SHOPS

ALEX WATT, Reporter

Fred Shanks, foreman at the north shops, has returned from a hurried trip to St. Louis, Venice, Ill., and other points where he went to see if his sister was O. K. as he was unable to communicate with her. He found her safe owing to her being on a shopping tour during the tornado in St. Louis. But the tornado razed her home.

Mrs. Alex Watt, wife of the writer is on an extended visit to Pasadena, and other points in California, Wyoming and Kansas.

W. A. Bangs, machinist at the north shops special equipment shop, is another one of the many men employed by the Frisco that has a "hobby", a hobby that has grown into an enterprise of considerable magnitude. He has a large flower garden and specializes in the growing of dahlias, gladiolias, cannas and sweet peas.

#### LOCAL 14—PENSACOLA, FLA.

BERT E. SPILLMAN, Reporter

Local 14 met Monday night, September 26, at the new hall on West Garden street. From the attendance and interest shown we will have one of the best locals on the Frisco Lines. George Payne, machinist, had just returned from the annual convention of the F. A. of M. C. & C. D. E., at Springfield and he gave us a full report concerning the very pleasant and profitable meeting.

Rube Carter, from Memphis, is our new tank truckman and has become quite a fisherman. He went fishing one day and succeeded in catching everything from a crab to a shark.

Frank Junkins, general chairman, Frisco Association of Metal Crafts and Car Department employes, was a visitor here recently. We will welcome Mr. Junkins back at any time as he made things very plain to all those who didn't understand the principles of our Association.

William Jordan, from Memphis, was a visitor here recently.

Since our last report was written, we have moved into our new shops. All work of installing machinery has been completed and we think we have one of the best little shops on the Lines.

Mary Dill and Coy Dan, respectively, son and daughter of Bert Spillman, have just recovered from severe at-

tacks of typhoid fever.

Clifford Peacher, Chaffee, Mo., was a visitor here recently, and we believe Cliff was impressed with Florida.

Pierce Malone, machinist, had the misfortune to get a piece of steel lodged in his hand, causing him considerable pain and loss of time.

C. Dyer, of Sapulpa, has transferred to Pensacola and is our triple rack man.

Bert E. Spillman, boilermaker, has been off duty for past two months with typhoid fever.

Pensacola is on the boom judging by the number of new residences that have been and are being built in the vicinity of the Frisco Shops.

The reporter wishes to use the columns of this magazine to express his sincere appreciation and thanks for the help received by himself and family, during their recent illness, from employes of the Pensacola Shops. This is a very good example of the splendid spirit of the employes at this point.

### SOUTH TRAIN YARDS SPRINGFIELD, MO.

JESSE L. BRANDON, Reporter

Sorry to report Mrs. J. L. Brandon's health is no better, at this writing.

We notice by W. L. McCormack's report that Tulsa was again awarded the flag for the best handling on the platform among Group No. 1 stations, which includes Tulsa, Kansas City, St. Louis Seventh Street Station and St. Louis Broadway Station, Memphis and Springfield. Springfield, however, had a good record, being second in the race. We are glad to see other stations making improvement in their handling, which is the object of this competition.

The Springfield freight station enjoyed the largest freight revenue month in its history in September, 1927, showing an increase of something like eight per cent over the previous September and several thousand dollars heavier than any previous month. This showing is particularly gratifying on account of September not usually being the peak month of the year. Our heaviest freight earnings have usually been in October and we cannot help but think that this showing is largely the result of efforts on the part of the various greater traffic committees which have been making every effort to obtain business and revenue for the Company.

Regret to report the recent death of Miss Aleatha Briggs, twenty years of age, eldest daughter of Otis Briggs, who for the past nine years has been employed as stevedore on the Springfield platform. Miss Briggs died October 9 after a very brief illness. She was active in church work and beloved by all her friends and associates. Funeral service was conducted at Grant Avenue Baptist Church October 12 and burial in Greenlawn cemetery. Sympathy to the family was expressed in a beautiful floral offering.

J. F. Bunch, car inspector, and wife have returned from a visit to Monett.

W. E. Bunch has been extra car inspector on the south side for the past month.

J. W. Hanselman, extra car repairman, on the south side has been ill for some time.

F. J. Brown had a very successful operation on his nose at St. Louis hospital and has an almost perfect nose now, thanks to our good doctors.

Wallace Hay, check clerk at outbound platform, reports a nice time on the trip of himself and his family to California. While there they visited Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Pasadena, and Long Beach.

Miss Ida Carlson, clerk, district claim office, spent her vacation at Rock Island, Ill.

W. F. Baker, district claim agent,

and daughter, Helen, have returned from visit to relatives at Pasadena, California, where Mr. Baker's brother celebrated his eightieth birthday.

The Frisco is still making improvements, having rebuilt the bridge across Jordan Creek and making nice progress on the rebuilding and relaying of the outbound freight platform.

J. J. Hawley, who for the past year has been city auditor for the Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, has been promoted to assistant traveling inspector for the firm, with headquarters at Fayetteville, Ark.

We are indeed very sorry to report the continued sickness of M. M. Mitchell, cooper at the outbound platform. He has high blood pressure and heart trouble. He has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

If we noticed little pleasures

As we notice little pains,

And forgot our little losses—

Remember all our gains,

Looked for people's virtues,

Their faults refused to see,

What a comfortable, happy,

Cheerful place this world would be.

### LOCAL No. 29—FT. SCOTT, KANSAS

ROY W. RECTOR, Reporter

The Frisco Greater Traffic Club gave a dance Friday, October 7 at the Episcopalian Parish Hall. Frisco men, their wives and friends from every department attended, including a number of Fort Scott business men, merchants and others. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Conner took a very wonderful vacation this year, traveling all over the western states. Some points of interest which they visited were Denver, Colorado, the Grand Canyon, Spokane, Washington, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Ariz., and back to Salt Lake City on the way home. They relate some very interesting stories of this trip which lasted two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clemm are the proud parents of a five pound baby girl born Sunday, October 9. Little Nadine is a very beautiful little girl.

A large crowd of Fort Scott folks, mostly Frisco men and their families, met the Frisco Sunnyland Sunday afternoon, October 9, to greet and shake the hand of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey, who stopped here for a few minutes enroute to Colorado. Jack had a glad hand and broad smile for all the Frisco boys and his popularity was much in evidence here at Fort Scott judging from the large crowd that was at the station to see him.

Billy Harriman has returned to work after four months of illness. Mr. Harriman is an employee of the car department.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold King are the latest newlyweds here at Fort Scott. Mr. King is finishing his time at Springfield shops. The Frisco boys here wish them worlds of success and happiness.

Frank Blankenship, locomotive carpenter formerly of Redfield, ten miles west of Fort Scott, has moved to Fort Scott.

### LOCAL No. 20—HUGO, OKLA.

ORAY N. WRIGHT, Reporter

One of the outstanding feats of Local No. 20 was the entertainment of the Frisco lodge of Fort Smith, September 17. The boys came down that morning yelling "Engines on the left of us and engines on the right of us but this is us's day today". Everyone was keyed up to a 1500, for that was all they had talked about for a month previous. Every one was in a hustle as each had so much to do and they began to carry out their plans.

The committee that gathered up the

eats certainly knew its business for if you had seen the stuff that was brought in you'd think Russia was having another panic, and it was up to the committee to feed them.

The ball game between the two locals, was exciting from start to finish as the Fort Smith bunch had been defeated by us once before and didn't intend to lose another one. The Hugo bunch succeeded in proving that they were too much for Fort Smith. The final score was 7 to 5 in favor of Hugo.

F. D. Knipp, machinist must be trying to reduce, I see he's walking now. He sold his car last month.

J. H. Rees, head carpenter, and R. D. Walker, machinist, oldtime rivals, are on a hunting contest. They scored nothing and nothing their first trip.

Another Dempsey-Tunney bout will be staged between Barney Hope and A. B. Barrow as soon as the boys can find a big enough field. Both boys claim their feet are in good shape.

Dan Nease is back on the job after being in the hospital several weeks.

B. C. Tanner, blacksmith is also back from the hospital.

Fred Jarrell, machinist, has returned from a six week tour of Kansas and other points west.

Baseball over, Sam Hollins and Kenney Dunn are now currying their dogs for some winter hunts. Watch out coons.

Oh! yes, R. D. ("Bo") Walker has a new Buick. He says he was getting tired of pushing his other car into Dallas.

Local No. 20 elected officers October 3 as follows: F. D. Knipp, president; R. D. Walker, vice president; Jesse Seteman, secretary; Oray Wright reporter; Fred Jarrell, A. M. Patton and George Streeman, committee.

### LOCAL No. 16—WICHITA, KANSAS

HARRY HEINS, Reporter

Ben G. Morgan, roundhouse foreman, has a brand new smile these days and we don't wonder at him since the new eighty foot turntable and the new sand house have been completed. Things are beginning to loom up around the roundhouse now.

Ed. C. Fuson, storekeeper, spent a few days around Springfield recently. Ed. Beckett, night storekeeper, is still off with eye trouble.

At a meeting of Local No. 16, held October 11, the following officers were elected: John Austin, president; Jesse Burdick, vice president; T. W. Tunnell, secretary and treasurer. Among those present were Howard Pickens, assistant to F. Junkins, general chairman, and Eugene Todd, formerly president of Local No. 16, but now with the freight department. A large crowd was in attendance.

T. W. Tunnell is staying pretty close to home these nights, Tas has a new U. S. L. radio and says he got the Tunney-Dempsey fight just like being at the ringside, also that Hotel Lasson, Wichita, KFH, has a regular program every night.

Mrs. Mary Holland, Coldwater, Kan., the grandmother of Mrs. T. W. Tunnell, recently underwent operation at St. Francis Hospital for cataract. Grandma is 90 years young and doing fine.

Local No. 16 is planning a big spread for the near future.

Mrs. Jesse F. Kelsey, wife of Jesse F. Kelsey, stationary fireman, is at the bedside of her sister in Los Angeles, California.

Fred Pavey, outside hostler, looked things over at Joplin, Fort Scott and Neodesha recently.

L. L. (Stormy) Stephens has been carrying a long face for some time and when asked the reason, replied he thought Dempsey was a better man.

Conductor Beebe, train 303, October 3, deserves credit for the manner in which he handled his passengers when above train was tied up at Cherryvale account highwater.



## EASTERN DIVISION

### ST. LOUIS MECHANICAL DEPT.

LOUISE SCHUTTE, Reporter

Out of a sky apparently clear, a large area of the city of St. Louis received a staggering blow, September 29. Charles Heltibrand's home was located in Forest Park boulevard and it was practically demolished by the tornado. Clemence LaBarge's household furnishings was badly damaged. Several other employes' homes were damaged. In a "twinkling of the eye" strong houses, beautifully built, were destroyed. Boulevards and streets were filled with wreckage and the moaning of the injured. And the Prairie Seaport wept. It is history, nevertheless, how the Spirit of St. Louis came to the rescue.

Among the adventurers we have Milford Sellars and Virgil Light, formerly of Springfield. Milford married a St. Louisan recently and she has already visited the Ozark metropolis. Virgil was true to the old home town and married a Springfield girl. We wish them both good luck.

We understand that John S. Meidroth is improving. Mr. Meidroth has been very ill and is now in a Rochester, Minn., hospital. It is our sincere hope that he will continue on the road to recovery.

William C. Gentry is to be complimented on his final decision to move his family from Springfield to St. Louis. We hope they will be happy here. Why should we refuse to accept the inevitable?

Paul Pope, yard engineer, witnessed the big fight in Chicago. He is a Dempsey fan, and one of the irreconcilables.

We have a new locomotive carpenter, William M. Crouch.

Roy White, porter, is to accept the grease cup job. He is elated over the prospect.

### AURORA, MO., AND GREENFIELD BRANCH

CLAUDE E. RODERICK, Reporter

Ira Pilkington, brakeman, has been laying off a few days. He was relieved by Mr. Jones, brakeman, from the Northern division.

Bert Larmler, bill clerk, and Troy Pannell, carman, attended the showing of the "Big Parade" picture at Monett recently. They both say it was a fine picture.

We are glad to see Mr. Miller, conductor No. 152-151, able to be on the job again being off three weeks account sickness.

George Thrall, brakeman, was absent from duty several days here recently due to the serious illness of his son, who is now reported as getting along very nicely. George was relieved by Mr. McClure, conductor, from the Northern division.

Troy Pannell, our hard luck carman, made a trip to Tulsa to meet Mrs. Pannell on her return trip from visiting friends and relatives in Amarillo, Texas. They were delayed at Vinita several hours account No.

4 held up there due to washout just east of Vinita.

Mr. Hood, brakeman on the Northern division, who has been doing relief work on the Greenfield branch, returned to Port Scott October 7th.

Chloe Price, agent Miller, Mo., is on sick leave of absence. He is being relieved by Mr. Holder, relief agent-operator, from the Northern division. We all wish Mr. Price a speedy recovery.

### WEST SHOP NEWS—SPRINGFIELD

EDWARD KLINE, Reporter

Lloyd Lamb, chief clerk, spent his vacation moving to a new location on Kimbrough Avenue.

P. V. Hampton, storekeeper has returned from his vacation.

Gordon Mann, tinner apprentice, has left the service to accept a position with the Smith Sheet Metal Works.

Bill Lawson's All Stars defeated Virgil Smith's Sluggers in a fast game Sunday, at Zoo Park. The score was 15 to 1. I. Cantrell and Kenneth Lee were the battery for the All Stars, and L. Harless and D. Hulse for the Sluggers.

Bruce Baland, boilermaker apprentice, has returned to the drafting room after three months' illness.

Carl J. Schmitz, machinist apprentice, has completed his time and returned to Kansas City.

John Midkiff and Bert Bowen, machinist apprentices, have been transferred to north roundhouse to complete the last six months of their time.

Charles E. Hunter, machinist apprentice, left the service September 14.

Miss Naydean Blakely, stenographer in the office of superintendent west shops, left the service October 15 and announced she would be married the latter part of October to Neal Line. We all wish them a long and happy married life.

### OFFICE SUPT. TERMINALS SPRINGFIELD

NORMAN HINDS, Reporter

C. C. Ellison had the pleasure of a visit from his brother Charlie Ellison, of Los Angeles, Cal., recently.

We regret to report the loss of John Summers, secretary to O. W. Bruton, due to reduction of forces.

Myrl Finkenbinder, assistant yardmaster, was absent from his duties for several days on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt are enjoying a tour of various Pacific coast points.

W. A. Drago, general yardmaster at Birmingham, Ala., was a recent visitor. Mr. Drago formerly was an assistant yardmaster at Springfield.

C. C. Ellison spent a few days fishing along White river.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Banks are the proud parents of a baby girl which arrived October 8.

Ralph Rimbey was confined to his home for several days recently on account of an injured foot.

We are glad to announce the marriage of Miss Nellie Pierpont to Robert Hasten, October 8. Mr. Hasten is employed as a crew caller at this point.

Gerald Viggers and George McKeon are evidently intending to engage in the pursuit of agriculture as both have purchased suburban homes.

The recent heavy increase in business has necessitated the addition of another switch engine to the terminal force.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Viggers and little son recently enjoyed a visit with relatives in Nebraska.

### COMPTROLLERS OFFICE ST. LOUIS

O. G. MOULT, Reporter

Milton Grote was married September 19 to Miss Edith Thomas, of Murphysboro, Ill. The happy couple visited relatives in Chicago and Kansas City. Milt got a bad break shortly after returning to work when he strained a ligament in his foot running after a street car. Milt's injury must have been very painful because he showed up at the office using a cane, but propping up the wrong foot.

J. H. Hough, formerly employed in this office but now on the pension list, paid us a visit recently.

Walter Williams motored to Rolla, Mo., several weeks ago to visit again the scenes of his childhood.

Can you imagine;  
Chris Mahood with a pompadour.  
Miss Netscher out of glue.  
Ralph Hart dancing black bottom.  
Mrs. Ratchford not keeping score.  
Ollie Moulton in tights.  
Miss Fish making heimgamacht.  
Milt Grote at a tea.  
Miss Husbands keeping house.

### LINDENWOOD MECH. DEPT.

CELESTINE DEVEREUX, Reporter

R. A. Watson was in St. Louis, last month. We got to see him, but not hear him, which is so unusual for "Bob".

Miss Zeta Simpson is the new stenographer in the locomotive department. We extend her our warmest welcome.

A romance which had its inception in the office of the car department two years ago happily culminated in the marriage of Miss Pearl E. Ashlock and Claude E. Neely, September 22. Our best wishes are extended for their happiness.

B. H. Sinks, traveling air brakeman, also is in line for congratulations. He was married in Memphis, September 15. His wife is a Memphian.

C. C. Conley, locomotive inspector, spent a two-week vacation at Henrietta, Tex., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ficke, entertained relatives from Canadian, Tex., during the early part of October. They were Mr. Ficke's mother and father, two married sisters, Mrs. W. O. Lee and Mrs. Ross Tipps, and little Bobbie Tipps.