

# NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

**T**HE Frisco Girls' Club of Springfield on the night of November 7 set a high record for achievement by giving a benefit bridge party with an attendance of approximately 356, composed of Frisco employes, their families and friends, but in the opinion of many, an even greater success was achieved when they held their first Thanksgiving banquet at the Colonial Hotel, Springfield, Mo., at 6:30 P. M. November 17th.

The attendance at the banquet was limited to Frisco girl employes and about 150 of them were in attendance. The guests, who were general officers and officials of the railroad, were designated as follows: S. S. Butler, "Our silver-tongued orator"; F. H. Shaffer, "High Cock-a-Lorum of the Operating Dept."; C. J. Stephenson, "Low Cock-a-Hiram of the Operating Dept."; J. L. McCormack, "Our Club Mascot"; J. K. Gibson, "Mechanical Exhaust"; G. M. Forrester, "Daddy Forrester"; H. W. Johnson, "Chases Frisco cars off and entices foreign cars on line"; R. H. Kerr, "Juggles figures"; O. W. Bruton, "Car smasher"; Harry Harrison, "Stop! Look! Listen! man".

Miss Marie Arnold, president of the club to whom much of the success of the club is due, presided and acted as toastmistress at the banquet, which ended at 9:30 o'clock.

At the conclusion of the meal, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and other formal business disposed of in a short and business-like manner.

The Frisco Girls' Choral Club, one of the inter-clubs, under the direction of its conductor, Prof. Ritchie Robertson, presented two numbers, namely "Bells of St. Mary" and "My Curly-headed Baby" and attempted to resume their seats but the crowd was in no mood to tolerate it and continued and meritorious applause brought forth an encore "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" which it was announced was dedicated to John L. McCormack, superintendent freight loss and dam-

age claims.

F. H. Shaffer, general manager, who had been designated as the "High Cock-a-Lorum" of the operating department, was called upon and responded with an able and instructive address and among other things, stated "The girl problem is getting bigger and bigger—and I'm speaking seriously. Today there are about 8,000,000 young women in business. Thirty years from now there'll be at least 16,000,000. You girls have been very

freight traffic manager, who came to Springfield especially to attend the banquet, was then called upon. Mr. Butler spoke in his typical eloquent and humorous manner, characteristically and gracefully going from complimentary remarks to sentiment and from sentiment to "snappy" stories—and how! Mr. Butler brought a message from President Kurn to the effect that he regards the girls' club of Springfield as a great factor in increasing the efficiency of Frisco offices, promoting loyalty and better understanding between the various departments and directly aiding the road through contacts outside the office.

The toastmistress explained that Mr. McCormack had been designated on the program as the "Club Mascot" in consideration of the assistance that he had rendered the club. Mr. McCormack responded by stating that he was glad to receive the explanation, that most of the mascots he had seen were of the animal or bird kingdom, such as monkeys, goats or parrots. He added, however, that if

there were any grounds for resentment on his part, they were completely overcome by the fact that a mascot is presumed to bring good luck and that if he were accorded his choice of doing things that might be beneficial to others, he would choose to be a mascot in the fullest sense of the word and an instrumentality in bringing good luck, success, health and prosperity to the Frisco Girls' Club of Springfield.

J. K. Gibson, assistant superintendent of motive power, designated as "Mechanical Exhaust" was the next speaker. Mr. Gibson unblushingly admitted that he had been correctly designated. He pledged his hearty cooperation and support to the club. He expressed the regrets of H. L. Worman, superintendent of motive power, at not being able to attend the banquet account of unavoidable business from headquarters and delivered a message from Mr. Worman to the effect that it was his intention to give



*The officers of the Frisco Girls' Club, of Springfield, formed late in September with more than 200 members. TOP ROW, left to right: Misses Verne Tulloch, first vice-president; Anna Mason, treasurer, and Cora Pitts, second vice-president. BOTTOM ROW, left to right: Charlene Willard, secretary; Marie Arnold, president, and Freddie Draughon, assistant secretary. The organization meeting was held September 21. The club now has the following within-the-club societies, choral, personality training, ukulele, gymnasium, basketball and swimming.*

successful and you'll see more and more of your sex in railway offices within a few years." He stated that the club had his heartfelt endorsement and pledged himself to cooperate with and assist it in every manner possible. He further praised "the energy, enthusiasm and clear thinking" of President Marie Arnold.

C. J. Stephenson, assistant to the general manager, made a very interesting and entertaining talk, explaining the magnitude and importance of the railroads as a national institution, quoting figures as to the number of persons employed and the tremendous amount of money disbursed.

Jimmy Cook, who is known as the "Harry Lauder" of the Frisco family, was next called upon and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Howard Bruner, delighted everyone with three Scotch ballads, "I Love A Lassie", "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" and "Wee Dooch An Doris".

The "silver-tongued" Mr. Butler,

## Frisco Girls of General Offices at Springfield, Mo., Have Two



the Frisco Girls' Club a party and a dance to which their boy friends would be cordially invited and welcome. Mr. Gibson's remarks (perhaps due to the party announcement) were received with enthusiasm and applause.

Messrs. H. W. Johnson, car accountant and R. H. Kerr, chief statistician, were then called upon in the order named and each promised the club his support and assistance.

O. W. Bruton, superintendent of the Springfield terminals, gave an interesting talk on the handling of cars at Springfield, commenting upon what the Springfield forces were doing in the way of solicitation and assured the club of his support in all of its undertakings.

Harry Harrison, the "Stop, Look and Listen" man on the program, was the last of the guests to speak. He responded with a few well-chosen remarks respecting safety work.

The banquet closed with community singing, led by the Misses Marjorie Risser of the freight claim department and Dorothy Adamson of the lumber yards, accompanied at the piano by Miss Gertrude Fryer of the freight claim department.

The November meeting of the St. Louis Frisco Girls' Club, held at the Hotel Jefferson on November 17, was attended by two hundred and three girls. A holiday spirit seemed to prevail and the program was most enthusiastically received.

Messrs. L. O. Williams, assistant treasurer and C. H. Morrill, assistant to J. R. Koontz, traffic vice-president were the honor guests. Both addressed the girls on traffic problems and the great good which the Girls' Club had accomplished and would accomplish in future months.

Mrs. Fred Hebler, a former Frisco girl, and an accomplished "Blues" singer, presented several numbers, accompanied by her sister Mrs. Shannon, Herb Mahler and Al Neff, of the purchasing department, and well known in radio circles, delighted the girls with ukulele selections. Miss Mary Graddy, an employee of the pur-

chasing department presented a monologue in a most charming manner, and her encore was most appropriate.

Feeling that it is better to give than to receive, the Frisco Girls' Club of St. Louis announced at its monthly meeting on November 17 that they would undertake a Christmas Charity Program. Each girl gave ten cents or more toward the purchase of baskets for the poor of the city, and a number of donations were received. A committee was formed and the baskets were packed and delivered, and spread a great deal of cheer for they were given to very needy families.

The October luncheon of the St. Louis Frisco Girls' Club was held on October 27, too late to have the program included in the November *Magazine*. More than two hundred members of the Club were present. The luncheon was held at the Town Club.

Messrs. E. T. Miller, vice-president and general solicitor; J. N. Cornatzar, passenger traffic manager and Chester Kratky, of the president's office, were guests of honor. Mr. S. S. Butler, who was also present, made a short address.

The choral club opened the meeting with numbers which were well given. Bert Baumgartner, of the advertising department, entertained with piano selections, and Miss Elvira Ziegenfuss presented a piano solo. Grace Webber, of the accounting department and her partner gave a specialty dance, which was well received. The meeting adjourned promptly at 1:30 p. m.

The Dramatic Club, formed on October 13 is well under way and weekly meetings are well attended. Mrs. Catherine Snodgrass of the Morse School of Expression is conducting the classes and Miss Lydia Peterson, of the traffic department is acting as chairman of the club. Weekly meetings are held at Baldwin's Recital Hall, 1111 Olive St., promptly at 5:30 p. m. each Friday. The club will welcome any new members who may be interested.

Professor L. M. Molino, director of

the choral club, at the request of the members of the ukulele club, has consented to instruct the members of that club also. The members meet each Thursday evening in room 823, Frisco building, and the attendance is good. Ukulele quartettes and trios are being planned, and the club anticipates some splendid entertainment in the near future from this group. Margaret Byrne of the traffic department is chairman of the club.

The various divisions in the bowling club are fighting hard for supremacy. The teams, named after Frisco trains are running on schedule and true to form with the Southwest Limited in the lead, members of that team having won 21 games. Wichita Falls Special stand second place with a score of 20 games won; Sunnyland, 19; Meteor, 18 and the Kansas Limited has won 17.

The chairman of the men's bowling club has asked Bertha Hahn, chairman of the Frisco Girls' Club if the plan of having a joint meeting with the men's club once a month would meet with the approval of the girls. The plan is to take forty of the best bowlers from the men's club and forty of the best bowlers from the girls' club, in a competitive match. The idea has met with the approval of the girls, and a date is now being considered for the first tournament.

Odelia Bosche made an enviable high individual score of 224 for one game bowled on the night of November 14. Her average for the three games bowled that night was 172. Other members of the Girls' Club have exceptionally fine averages and the meet of the men's club and the girls of the bowling club, promises to be an interesting affair.

More than 1,400 tickets have been distributed to the girls of the St. Louis Frisco Girls' Club and it is expected that more than this number will be sold and that a record crowd will attend the benefit dance, given by this club at the Alhambra Grotto on the night of December 3.

The club has secured Ray Devinney's orchestra, a well known special-

## Hundred Members in Attendance at Luncheon Meeting, October Nineteen



ity orchestra of St. Louis, and increased interest has been manifest when, at the luncheon held on November 17 it was announced that there would be a prize dance presented. The entire proceeds from the dance will be placed in the treasury to defray expenses of affairs for the girls.

Members of the choral club, under the chairmanship of Alice Mary Cooke made their first public appearance (other than at Frisco affairs) at the Hotel Statler, Saturday evening, November 19, when Professor L. M. Molino led them in presenting selections from the opera Faust at the second annual concert-dance of the St. Louis Grand Opera School.

The affair was one of great interest to all music lovers and a splendid crowd attended, and among the officers of the Frisco there were: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cornatzar and E. H. Bunnell and daughter. Delightful refreshments were served during the dance intermission.

Oklahoma City Local No. 4 Frisco Club staged an elaborate program the night of October 19 at Bohemian Hall. Features included the "Wedding of Miss Pensacola to Mr. Frisco"—significant of the acquisition by the Frisco of the Muscle Shoals, Birmingham & Pensacola railroad—vocal and instrumental music, and dancing. The meeting was called to order by D. L. Estes, president, and without any preliminaries the program was on.

The symbolical wedding was performed by "Friscoettes," a group of Frisco children, all in proper costumes. Mrs. Jesse Moore was complimented for writing and directing the play.

Other program numbers were: Vocal solo, "Where Dreams Are Made," Miss Hazel McMains; reading, "Making an Orator," Mrs. D. L. Estes; vocal duet, "A Lane in Spain," Mrs. R. E. Stewart and Mrs. M. H. Shaw; instrumental trio, "Sorter Miss You," M. G. Buffington, violin; Miss Velma Burch, flute, and Miss Mabel Van Ness, piano. All these numbers were enthusiastically received. Local and

visiting officials were then introduced. Music for the dancing was furnished by M. C. Akens' Southern Serenaders. The attendance was the largest in the history of the club.

Plans are being made for an elaborate party of this club in honor of Mr. Kurn's next visit to the Southwestern division shortly.

The Frisco Club of Birmingham, Ala., held a barbecue entertainment and dance on November 23.

The barbecue was furnished through the courtesy of Boyd's Cafe, and after the barbecue, the crowd attended the entertainment and dance at the Highland Park Country Club. The affair was one of the most unusual yet furnished by the Birmingham Club, and the en-

tertainment and dance was highly enjoyable.

A few of the numbers on the program included; Mrs. W. A. Drago at the piano; Mrs. L. S. Tucker as a country girl; C. B. Adkins in snappy songs, and the three collegians, Elliott Ellis of Howard Glee Club; Walter Passmore of the Birmingham Southern Glee Club, and Chas. McGowen of the Woodland High Glee Club. The committee on arrangements consisted of J. E. Rucks, general chairman; E. L. Deadman, chairman entertainment; W. W. Lane, chairman arrangements; F. M. Packard, chairman formulating; J. L. Godsey, treasurer; H. Brown, vice-general chairman, and A. P. Carden, secretary. This same club also held an entertainment at Cascade Plunge, near Birmingham, the night of September 19. On the program were an address, a vaudeville act, dancing, a specialty dance and refreshments.

C. J. Thompson, assistant superintendent of terminals, chairman of the program committee, presided. The address was by J. W. "Uncle Billy" Morrill, accident prevention agent, St. Louis. The vaudeville act, "The Substitute Minister," was presented by L. G. Scarboro, general agent for the A. B. & C. Railroad, Birmingham.

Due to coolness of the night, the proposed bathing beauty contest was omitted. Miss Ada Swansey won the black bottom contest. The specialty dance was by three children. W. L. DeLong, special agent, and his wife won the prize waltz contest.

The chairmen of the various committees for the entertainment were: J. E. Rucks, general; C. J. Thompson, program; W. W. Lane, arrangements; E. L. Deadman, entertainment; Mrs. Nellie McGowan, contest, and A. P. Carden, secretary.

An enthusiastic meeting of the greater traffic committee of the Frisco Club of Ft. Scott was held at 2:30 p. m., November 14, in a coach parked near the car department. Forty-four employes and visitors were present. A number of interesting items were discussed, and J. O. Armstrong,



Miss Virginia Estes, as "Miss Pensacola", and Miss Mildred Howe, as Mr. Frisco, were principals in the playlet staged by the "Friscoettes" of the Frisco Club of Oklahoma City recently.

president of the Frisco Club read the recent letter from President Kurn regarding traffic solicitation. C. O. McCain, general agent made a short address. Among the official visitors were: W. H. Bevans and L. B. Clary, Ft. Scott; H. W. Hudgen, W. L. Huggins, Jr., and W. L. Heath, St. Louis; E. G. Baker and W. B. Berry, Kansas City.

In the evening, C. J. Stephenson and J. L. McCormack of the Springfield general office who arrived on the Sunnyland, together with Messrs. Heath, McCain, Baker, and Huggins attended a dinner given by members of the Chamber of Commerce at Ft. Scott.

At 9:00 p. m. the Frisco men who attended the dinner at the Chamber of Commerce, left for Eagle's Hall where members of the Frisco Club of Ft. Scott, their families and friends were dancing to music furnished by the Frisco Broadcasters. More than 125 people were present.

The dance proved a real get-together affair, and the spirit of fellowship and service prevailed. The visitors were given a warm welcome and promised to return for the next meeting of the Ft. Scott organization, December 12 in Memorial Hall at that city. This will be the first anniversary meeting of the club and an elaborate entertainment is planned.

Three new Frisco Employees' Clubs are being organized on the Texas Lines, one at Sherman, one at Ft. Worth and one at Brownwood. The employes located between Denison and Irving are eligible to join the Sherman Club; employes located Ft. Worth to Stephenville including Stephenville, become members of the Ft. Worth Club and all employes between Dublin and Menard become members of the Brownwood Club.

A second meeting will be held within a few days, when committees will be appointed to get out all necessary instructions and secure a hall for the first meeting place. The first meeting of these three Texas Lines Clubs will be held at Ft. Worth and plans are now under way to present an interesting program. This meeting will be followed by one at Brownwood and then Stephenville. These Clubs will take the place of the Greater Traffic Committees, organized some time ago at Ft. Worth, Sherman, and other Texas Line points.

The Frisco Employees' Club of Ft. Smith presented a radio program over station WLBN, from the Goldman Hotel, Friday evening, November 18, from 9:00 p. m. until 11:00 p. m., and many Frisco employes over the entire system tuned in on the very splendid program presented entirely by members of the Frisco family.

This station was reached at 1,470 kilocycles and at 204 meters wave length and reports are that it was received clearly by many.

The program consisted of the following numbers.

Piano solo, Mrs. O. R. Little, wife of trainmaster's clerk; vocal solo, T.



These Frisco sons and daughters participated in the wedding of "Miss Pensacola" to "Mr. Frisco" at Oklahoma City. Mrs. Jesse Moore, who directed the playlet, also appears in the picture.

M. Holcomb, lumber yard foreman; violin solo, Gladys Krone, sister of T. Krone, clerk; quartette by Messrs. Holcomb, Cordell, Bellor and Caviness; flute and piano duet, Misses Hazel and Jean Presson, daughters of trainmaster, G. L. Presson; vocal solo, Kemp Johnson, maintenance of way timekeeper; piano solo, Ruthe Coomer, daughter of brakeman J. C. Coomer; vocal solo, Miss Fern Heyburn, daughter of master mechanic, J. D. Heyburn; old time fiddler, J. F. Summey, bridge foreman; Orchestra, Piano, Mrs. O. R. Little; Banjo, Carl Wilson station helper; Guitar, Walter Brock, bridge carpenter; Fiddle, J. F. Summey, bridge foreman. Vocal solo, Mrs. C. B. Batson, daughter of deceased engineer, G. W. Eddy.

Officers of this Club are, E. E. Carlock, president; Chas. Davenport, vice-president; Ernest Stringer, secretary and J. R. White, treasurer.

So many complimentary letters and telegrams were received that the Frisco employes plan to present another radio program within a short time.

More than 1,250 Frisco employe-members of the Sunnyland Club of Kansas City, attended the Club's entertainment and dance Friday evening, November 18, in the old Ararat Temple, 12th and Prospect Streets, and made merry from 8:00 p. m. until 12:30 a. m.

The program was varied and highly enjoyable and consisted of the following numbers: vocal solo, Miss Irene Barbee, of the cashier's office accompanied by Elizabeth Smith; piano solo, Miss Pearl Keys, daughter of W. E. Keys, warehouse clerk; harmonica solo, Clinton D. Guy, cooper, accompanied by Mrs. F. W. Brown, wife of delivery clerk; dance sketch by Dorris Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Fanchon M. Johnson, comptometer operator, local freight office; song and dance sketch, Miss Rose Reims and Miss Marie Cottetti, accompanied by the Marks Radio Orchestra; sketch entitled "The Murphys", written, directed and acted by employes of the mechanical department offices, Kansas City; reading, Miss Marjorie

Quinn, a friend of the club members.

During the program S. S. Butler, H. W. Hudgens, F. H. Shaffer and J. L. McCormack addressed the gathering. Other out of town visitors were: Messrs. Z. B. Claypool; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johnson; J. K. Gibson; Paul Moffet, secretary to general manager; H. E. Lamkin, traveling accountant; L. B. Clary, assistant superintendent; G. A. Ermatinger, road foreman of engines and W. L. Huggins, Jr., director of publicity.

A group of thirty Frisco employes their wives and families came to Kansas City on train 118 from Ft. Scott to attend the affair. The party was sponsored by Miss Dorothea E. Working.

W. W. Morgan, from Sultan, Wash. was another long-distance visitor.

"Everybody is out for the Frisco to see that we get more business."

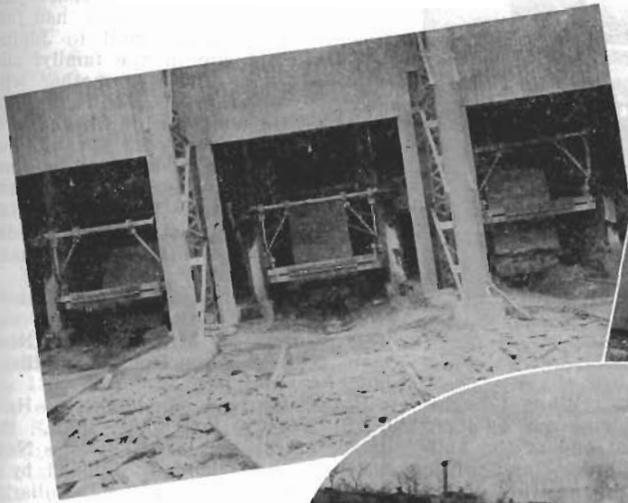
Thus, briefly and with a show of pride, did the Frisco Employees' Club of Clinton, Mo., at its meeting November 20, fire its boost-business broadside.

That this club is studying the Frisco's traffic interests with considerable care is shown by the scope of the subjects discussed at this meeting, for instance: President J. M. Kurn's circular letter of November 8, expressing appreciation of employes' efforts during this year in solicitation of freight and passenger traffic and announcing personnel of the new Central Committee, at St. Louis; the Central Committee's circular letter of November 11 suggesting a comprehensive plan for employe club organizations and asking general agents, all superintendents and all divisional traffic representatives for constructive suggestions regarding this plan; the letter written by C. O. Claiborne, secretary of the Clinton Club, informing the Central Committee that Clinton is in the campaign to set a mark; a creamery and a shoe factory for Clinton; truck "competition" from Kansas City, which was declared negligible as the Frisco Clinton-Kansas City car was

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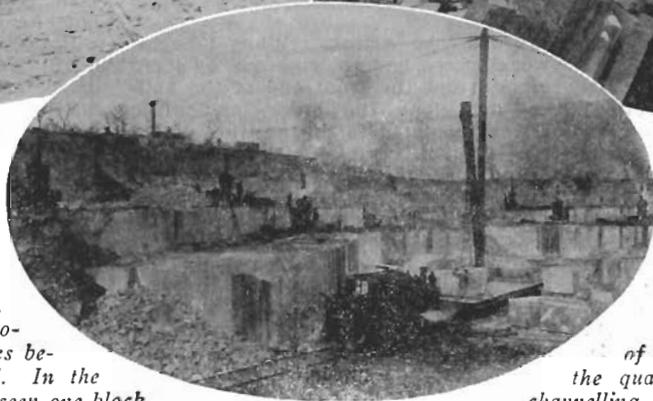
# MARBLE QUARRY AT PHENIX, MO.

*"Napoleon Gray" Marble of Phenix Company Nationally Famous—Fifty Cars a Month via Frisco to All America*



*Upper Right—The yard adjacent to the stone saw mill, showing the marble "in the rough" after having been sawed into various thicknesses.*

*Upper Left—An unusual photograph, showing the huge blocks being sawed into sizes required. In the extreme right hand pit will be seen one block about half way finished. Water from overhead*



*may be seen, dripping over the middle block of rock. This water is mixed with gritty sand. The end of the saws may be seen fastened to the double board directly in front of the stone blocks. In Center—the quarry proper, showing the small channelling machines at work and the huge derricks loading the blocks on flat cars.*

PERHAPS the marble work in the interior of the State Capitol of Missouri at Jefferson City might be more wondrous were it known that the marble slabs, so highly polished and so deftly placed together had come from a quarry on Frisco Lines at Phenix, Mo., which is one of the three largest in the United States, the Phenix Marble Company. A visit to the Bank of America in New York City, with its beautiful interior marble work, might be boasted of with great pride by visiting Missourians, for the fact that the marble was also furnished by the Phenix Marble Company. The same thing is true of the Union Depot at Montreal, Canada, and many other buildings of note scattered over the United States, from coast to coast.

Thirty-five years ago the quarry of the Phenix Marble Company was a big hill, thick with low shrubs and wild vegetation.

Today the payroll of this company distributed in the City of Phenix alone, is over \$11,000 a month and this enormous quarry ships each month forty-five to fifty cars of mar-

ble "in the rough", to all parts of the United States and to foreign countries. It is known as "Napoleon Gray" and has become nationally famous. In 1926, 500,000 cubic feet of rock was taken from this quarry, which weighed, in the rough, around 210 pounds per cubic foot.

This quarry's problem, if it might be called such, does not appear to be one of sales, but rather one of production, for during the last fifteen years new buildings have been added, additional modern equipment has been installed, and the plant is going at full capacity at all times to fill the orders, and one branch of it, the stone saw mill, operates twenty-four hours a day, every day in the year.

Daily a Frisco switch engine from Ash Grove, seven miles away, is sent to Phenix to handle the switching of the heavy cars of rock. The two local trains a day from Ash Grove to Clinton and from Springfield to Clinton, bring in the supplies used by this quarry, such as grinding sand from Pacific, Missouri, and sawing sand from Webb City, and take back car after car of marble consigned to

points all over the United States.

It is, indeed, a Frisco industry, for all the supplies come via Frisco Lines, and all rock and materials are shipped out via Frisco Lines.

The quarry itself had its beginning as a lime kiln. After the top layer of this rock had been taken off, it was found that the rock would take a very high polish. Experiments proved that below the surface of the first few layers of rock, was some of the best marble that the United States could produce. Much of it was polished and was named "Napoleon Gray". It can be carved into art objects, is suitable for interior and exterior work, for floor tile, and many buildings are constructed of the rock which comes from this quarry and which, before it is polished, is called "Phenix stone".

There are seven complete and modern shops to take care of the equipment, including a power house, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, machine shop, stone saw mill, tile shed and compressor room, not to mention the "square roundhouse".

The Marble Company owns one  
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