



The four hundred men above attended the first meeting of the Frisco Men's Club of Springfield, Mo., held at the Chamber of Commerce, the evening of January 12.

surer in their operation. Mr. Gibson also outlined the manner in which Frisco motive power and rolling stock is maintained and handled, stating that 7,500 workmen are required for this purpose.

Amory, Mississippi

The personnel of the traffic committee of the Frisco Employes' Club of Amory, which was organized December 9, is as follows: E. L. Duren, chairman; Keith Allen, secretary, and P. N. Davis, switchman; S. D. Stegall, brakeman; T. N. Trotter, conductor; A. A. Dean, engineer of switcher; D. L. Guyton, conductor; Rufus Smith, engineer; W. V. Stanley, engineer, all of Amory, and T. J. Tims, conductor, Memphis. The officers of the club proper were announced in the January number of *The Frisco Employes' Magazine*.

The social committee: Violet Goldsmith, chairman; Roberta McKinney, sister of Brakeman R. L. McKinney; Mrs. J. C. Gravlee wife of Conductor Gravlee; Z. G. Simmons, brakeman; P. N. Davis, switchman; Herbert Dollahite, son of Caller H. G. Dollahite.

Hugo, Oklahoma

The Frisco Employes' Club of Hugo, Okla., was organized January 12 with approximately forty-five charter members.

C. M. Sasser, chief clerk to the local agent, was elected president; M. K. Roberts, conductor, vice-president; F. T. Shannahan, roadmaster's clerk, secretary, and W. M. McBee, engineer, treasurer.

Local chairman of the various de-

partments were named as follows: John King, mechanical department; C. W. Streetman, car department; H. L. Akridge, store department; J. E. O'Neil, engineer; H. H. Baird, fireman; G. C. Campbell, switchman; Max Wright, brakeman, J. W. Cook, conductors; A. Shumate, maintenance-of-way department; L. T. Horn, freight office; L. P. Dodson, yard office; Amos Vickery, ticket office; E. P. Olson, telegraph department.

A general chairman for the Frisco Employes' Club is to be elected at the next called meeting.

Muskogee, Oklahoma

The Frisco Employes' Club of Muskogee, Okla., was organized recently with the following officers: W. Estes, chief clerk to the general agent, president; Lee Hays, conductor, vice-president; W. W. Harvel, car clerk, secretary; and Steve Hays, brakeman, treasurer.

Following are the officers of the greater traffic committee of this club: H. P. Dutton, engineer, general chairman; C. H. Huff and F. H. Davis, chairmen for the engineers; W. H. Lowery and H. W. Looney, chairmen for the yard men; R. B. Hughes and S. B. Webb, chairmen for the mechanical department, and Otto Orman and F. J. Conway, chairmen for the clerks.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Frisco Employes' Club of Oklahoma City held a business session January 12 and numerous speakers reported success in winning friends for the Frisco.

The meeting was called to order by

D. L. Estes, president. Among those who spoke were: H. C. Conley, assistant general freight agent; H. A. Rooney, conductor; J. F. Moore check clerk, who told of diverting business to the Frisco; William Spratley, lineman, who recently was confined for several months to the Frisco Hospital, St. Louis; J. B. Irby, brakeman.

The regular meeting nights of this club are the second and fourth Thursdays. Mr. Estes expressed his appreciation for the attendance and said there was an exceptionally good attendance from the maintenance-of-way department. The next meeting will be February 9.

Wichita, Kansas

The Frisco Employes' Club of Wichita, which was reorganized December 8, held its first meeting of 1928, January 10, and the meeting was declared by those attending as the most successful and enthusiastic held by Frisco employes at Wichita for some time.

Merle Calvert, president, started the ball rolling by giving a talk on solicitation of traffic. S. P. Haas, general agent, in talking on solicitation, said that courteous treatment of Frisco customers was of great value in holding traffic.

Other speakers were: E. E. Carter, assistant superintendent; H. E. Morris, assistant general freight and passenger agent; R. A. Mahaney, agent at Augusta, Kans.; S. B. Ramsey, car foreman; I. R. Davis, section foreman at Augusta. The following attended from Augusta; R. A. Mahaney, Floyd Matlock, W. L. Guinn and I. R. Davis.

The next meeting will be held February 7.

Girls' Club of Chaffee, Missouri

The first luncheon of the Frisco Girls' Club of Chaffee, Mo., was held in the basement of the Baptist Church Monday noon, January 16, with approximately forty Frisco girls, their mothers and sisters in attendance.

The dinner was opened with an invocation by Mrs. H. V. Cheatham, followed by a community song. After the luncheon, Miss Martha Moore, St. Louis, of the publicity department addressed the girls and discussed the various programs which they might undertake during the coming year.

C. K. Sims, Chaffee, assistant superintendent of the River division, responded to an introduction and stressed that the club members could be of much assistance in securing additional business for Frisco Lines. "With river competition on one side of us and rail competition on the other, it behooves each of us to put forth our best efforts in behalf of our railroad," he said.

The Misses Leona Patterson and Mary Lankford sang a duet, which was well received.

C. H. McBroom, Chaffee, chief clerk to the superintendent of the River division, and T. J. Sweeney, division accountant, were guests. Both responded with a short talk, and pledged their co-operation to make the club a success.

The Frisco girls from the offices at Sikeston, Hayti and Cape Girardeau, Mo., also were present.

E. E. Nixon, master mechanic and J. A. Moran, superintendent of the River division, sent their sincere regrets to the members, but due to urgent business were unable to attend the first meeting. Plans for a St. Valentine party were discussed. A business meeting of the members of the club was held the night of January 19 in the station at Chaffee.

Girls' Club of St. Louis

The Choral Club of the St. Louis Frisco Girls' Club participated in a Christmas program given at the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce at a sales managers' holiday party, December 23.

They presented the same selections of Christmas carols which they gave before the club December 21, assisted by Professor and Mrs. L. M. Molino. The numbers were highly appreciated and Professor Molino complimented the girls on their performance. Acts from the Orpheum theatre and Loew's State theatre were on the program.

Following the performance Scott R. DeKins, secretary of the sales manager's bureau, addressed the following letter to Harrison Will, St. Louis division passenger agent, through whom

the Chamber of Commerce secured the choral club.

"Your Frisco Girls' choral club is A-No. 1.

"The girls did an awfully good job at our Christmas party today and I just want you to know that officials of the sales managers' bureau and the Chamber of Commerce are most grateful to you, to the young ladies and to the Frisco Railroad for helping to make our party a success."

Two five dollar gold pieces were presented to Professor Molino and his



J. J. Charles, newly elected president of the Frisco Employes' Club of Monett, serves the Frisco as a conductor, and entered the service as a news agent in 1880. He rose to passenger brakeman and baggageman in 1884-1886, was freight brakeman on the Kansas and Oklahoma division, and was promoted to conductor in December 1890. He left the Frisco in 1892, but returned in 1900, and has served continuously in that capacity since. His fellow employes say of him that he is an "A-1" conductor, a strong Frisco booster, and one of the most courteous employes on the Frisco, popular both with his co-workers and with the traveling public.

wife as a Christmas gift from members of the choral club.

The first Christmas party of the St. Louis Frisco Girls' Club, held at the American Annex, December 21, was a decided success. Two hundred and fifty girls enjoyed the luncheon and

enthusiastically greeted the honor guest of the day, President J. M. Kurn.

Tables were decorated in smilax and poinsettias, and the speakers' table was decorated with holly wreaths, lighted candles and smilax and poinsettia wreaths.

Christmas carols were sung by the choral club, accompanied by Professor L. M. Molino at the piano and Mrs. Molino at the chimes. The choral club appeared on the program three times with short carols, beautifully presented.

Miss Lydia Peterson, chairman of the dramatic club gave a reading and encore, the first, a cutting from the book, "Ben Hur," entitled "The Angel and the Shepherds." Both were well received.

President Kurn was introduced and spoke of his delight in being able to attend, and of his great interest in the success of the club. He said the officers of the company stand back of the club and are ready and willing at any time to do anything in their power to further its success. His greeting to the girls for a most joyous Christmas and New Year was most cordially given and received.

Vice-presidents J. E. Hutchison and F. H. Hamilton were other guests of honor and speakers on the program. Mr. Hamilton, guest of the club for the second time, spoke of his delight in being able personally to convey to the girls greetings of the season.

Mr. Hutchison who attended for the first time, spoke of his astonishment at the many things accomplished by the girls club and he said if it would not so seriously incapacitate the work of Frisco Lines, he would wish a happy marriage for each girl employe during 1928.

During the program, Miss Loretto Connor, club president, was the recipient of a beautiful potted plant, a gift from members of the club, as a slight token of the high esteem in which she is held by members of the club.

Clinton, Missouri

A fitting close for the first year of the Frisco Employes' Club of Clinton, and the Ladies' Auxiliary, was the banquet given at Elks' Hall the night of January 14. Attended by more than 250 Frisco employes, their wives and families. The ladies auxiliary had charge of the banquet arrangements. The hall was decorated attractively and the Frisco insignia in red and white was on display. At one corner of the room a table had been set for the younger generation of railroaders, and they enthusiastically stored away plates of turkey and "fixin's."

Community singing, led by Mrs. Frank Wilson, wife of a Frisco em-

gineer, opened the program. The meal was served by daughters of Frisco employes, and each plate was heaped high. A. T. ("Uncle Tom") Laney, well known Frisco conductor and president of the club called for a talk from Mrs. C. E. Hunter, president of the ladies' auxiliary. She said the auxiliary will co-operate in any program the club requests.

During the meal, the Clinton Colored Jazz Orchestra played popular airs. Following the meal, Mr. Laney called the meeting to order and introduced the guests of honor, namely: T. B. Coppage, superintendent of the Clinton and Oscola subs., and wife; J. L. Harvey, master mechanic, and wife; J. H. Weed, roadmaster, eastern division, and wife; D. L. Forsythe, general road foreman of equipment; E. L. Magers, superintendent Eastern division; George Dillard, road foreman of equipment; and L. S. Thompson, chairman for Frisco Lines of the Order of Railway Conductors, all of Springfield, Mo.

The above men responded to introductions from the toastmaster, and each praised the Clinton organization. Mr. Magers brought the regrets of F. H. Shaffer, general manager and M. M. Sisson, assistant general manager, both of Springfield.

Mrs. Frank Wilson favored the audience with a solo and responded with an encore which was a parody, sung to the tune of "My Wild Irish Rose." Both numbers were enthusiastically received.

Mr. Laney read a letter written to members of the club by Mr. J. W. Geary, a pensioned passenger conductor, now residing in California, in which he expressed his wishes that the banquet would be a great success and gave his best wishes to the club.

The club ends its first year on the first of February and Mr. Laney advised that at the next meeting, February 19, new officers would be elected. The tables and chairs were then removed and a dance followed.

Fort Worth, Texas

The Frisco Employes' Club of Fort Worth held its second meeting the night of December 16 at the South Side Masonic Hall. Approximately 400 persons, consisting of employes and members of their families, participated in the program which consisted of a short business session, addresses, refreshments and dancing.

After the short business session E. F. Tuck, president of the club, called upon G. L. Oliver, traffic manager, Texas Lines, for a talk. Mr. Oliver outlined ways to obtain traffic and explained that the freight and passenger business of the Texas Lines is

highly competitive. He asked that each employe and member of his or her family insist that their merchants ship "Via Frisco Lines," and that the employes and members of their families give the traffic department any traffic tips they might obtain.

Doctor C. H. Harris, of the Harris Hospital, Fort Worth, which is the Frisco Hospital for Texas Lines, spoke briefly of activities of the hospital and pledged the support of the hospital officials in the work of the club.

Elmer H. Jordan, chairman of the entertainment committee, then took charge of the program. Cards and domino games were provided for those who did not care to dance and during the evening several specialties were staged including a piano solo by Miss Allalie Hancock, of the Martha Washington Candy Company; a song by Miss Hazel Alford; a clog dance by the Palmer sisters, and a song by Miss Lillian McReynolds. The hall was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. Candy was served by Miss Hancock, who was dressed as Martha Washington.

Those present were highly elated at the success of the second meeting and expressed appreciation for the co-operation given the club by all Texas Lines officials.

Fort Smith, Arkansas

The Fort Smith Employes' Club held a business session January 10, at the general agent's office and methods of solicitation of business were presented by several speakers.

Plans were made for an entertainment the night of January 27 at Grotto Hall.

C. H. Davenport, vice-president of the club, was elected chairman of the freight house committee, succeeding Leo Waters, resigned.

The next business meeting is scheduled for February 14.

Thomas, Oklahoma

The Frisco Employes' Club of Thomas, Okla., held a business meeting late in December. The meeting was called to order by W. L. Osborn, president, who called on R. C. Canady, Enid, assistant superintendent of the Western division. Mr. Canady delivered a talk on traffic solicitation which interested his audience.

T. F. Jones, Enid, roadmaster, told section foremen they could help in making friends for the Frisco by making friends with farmers along the right-of-way.

A. L. Dobbs, section foreman, told how he made a friend for himself and for the Frisco by helping an old man unload a piano from a box car in the yards.

Mr. Osborn spoke briefly on the rapidity of Frisco service from Oklahoma City to Thomas.

Mr. Canaday was the last speaker and stressed accident prevention, better service and courtesy.

H. Davis, a mail man, of Thomas, was a guest. Mr. Canady said Mr. Davis is a Frisco booster.

Vernon, Texas

Round-table discussion of methods of increasing traffic on the Frisco comprised the business meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Vernon, Tex., held December 15.

Those who participated in the discussion were: R. C. Canady, assistant superintendent of the Western division; T. F. Jones, roadmaster; W. P. Leslie, passenger conductor; I. N. Webber, passenger brakeman; G. E. Decker, fireman, and W. E. Mayes, engineer, all of Enid, Okla.; R. E. Cole, operator; C. F. Staton, agent; A. Driskill, B. & B. foreman; F. F. Cappus, operator-towerman; P. W. White, carpenter, B. & B. gang; T. Kimbrough, B. & B. carpenter; J. P. Donahue, roundhouse foreman; E. D. Lawrence, assistant roundhouse foreman; C. W. Miles, laborer, mechanical department; E. W. Gault, section foreman, and J. A. Pitts, all of Vernon; and W. A. Canahan, B. & B. carpenter, Thomas, Oklahoma.

Springfield Girls' Club

Members of the Springfield Girls' Club held their monthly meeting on January 18, at the Colonial Hotel, Springfield, with Messrs. H. W. Hudgen, and F. B. Holland, of the claims division of the law department; Mr. M. M. Sisson, assistant general manager and J. H. Doggrell, superintendent of transportation as honor guests. Each made an excellent address, and the choral club entertained with three numbers which were well received.

Following several announcements from committee chairmen, Miss Marie Arnold, president of the club announced that Mr. H. L. Worman, superintendent of motive power had promised to give a dance for the members of the club during the month of January.

Due to a change in the claim division offices, the Misses Goode, Lincoln and Allen from Mr. Hudgen's offices, formerly at St. Louis, Miss Loretto Henry of Monett, and Miss Tiera Lester of Ft. Smith, were all welcomed into the Springfield Girls' Club.

The various smaller clubs are progressing nicely, especially the gymnasium classes which are enjoying a full schedule for the winter season.

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GIRLS HELP IN CHRISTMAS CHARITY

A CHRISTMAS story in a February magazine might seem out of place, and yet as long as the reaction from it endures, the story is appropriate. The charity program undertaken by members of the Frisco Girls' Club of St. Louis has shaped itself into the formation of a permanent charity committee, which places the references to Christmas time only as a beginning.

It was during the rush of Christmas and just prior to the December meeting of the St. Louis club that one of the members suggested a charity program. With 265 members of the club, five or ten cents from each would make a sum which might bring considerable cheer to those whose holiday season might be drear.

The response to the program was more than gratifying, and instead of five and ten cents being collected from each girl, in most instances fifty cents and one dollar was given. The sum totaled \$91.40.

Mr. C. H. Morrill, assistant to Mr. J. R. Koontz, vice-president in charge of traffic, was the first man to subscribe to the charity fund, while a guest of the Girls' Club luncheon when plans were announced.

President J. M. Kurn and vice-president J. E. Hutchison, both guests at the December luncheon, asked that they be allowed to swell the fund with a generous donation, and Mr. E. H. Bunnell, comptroller, was another voluntary contributor.

The sum mounted until it totaled \$121.40, which indicated that the baskets would be filled generously.

A charity committee consisting of the following members was appointed: Lucille Kerr, Katherine Martin, Mary Ansbro and Agnes Larkin, with Martha C. Moore as chairman. The committee advised each member of the club to submit the name or names of poor families which might be given baskets. Thirty-nine names were handed in and the committee divided the names as to districts and personally investigated each one. If the

Thirty-six Christmas Baskets Filled by Frisco Girls for Needy Families

family was found worthy they were reported so, and when the names were all returned with the reports, they were cleared through the city's clearing house and if any were to receive help through other organizations, their name was eliminated from the list.

Thirty-six worthy families re-



Frisco Girls, with their Christmas baskets, just before delivering them to needy poor in St. Louis, December 24.

mained on the list on December 20. Through the assistance of Mr. C. B. Michelson, farm marketing agent, the committee got in touch with a wholesale grocer, a fruit and vegetable dealer and a produce house, and materials for thirty-six baskets were purchased.

The task of filling the baskets proved simple with many hands eager to do their bit. On Saturday noon thirty-six baskets stood ready for delivery, each containing food, according to the size of the family. The bottom of each was filled with Irish potatoes, while a can of peas, sugar, coffee, cream, jelled cranberries and butter came next. A loaf of bread was wedged in one corner, and a generous supply of oranges, apples and candy helped to round out each big market basket. Mixed nuts were poured over the top, and the baskets topped off with a box of Jello, a three-

and-a-half pound chicken and a bunch of celery. Each basket was labeled twice—once with a Christmas greeting card, and the second label contained the name and address of the recipient, and the number in the family.

The baskets were on display in the publicity department Saturday noon and just before their delivery, many of the officers called to view the splendid array among them Mr. F. H. Hamilton, vice-president, secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. N. Cornazar, passenger traffic manager; Mr. S. S. Butler, freight traffic manager, as well as many members of the Frisco Men's and Girls' Clubs.

Mr. J. L. Kiburz of the Frisco offices offered the services of the Frisco truck in helping to deliver the baskets, but it was not found necessary to call for assistance as the girls reported with cars in sufficient numbers to amply take care of the delivery.

The baskets were transferred to the lobby of the Frisco building, where the accompanying photograph was made, showing members of the club, ready to make deliveries. Fathers, brothers and sweethearts waited at the curb

with cars and following the taking of the picture, deliveries began.

Then came two holidays, after which the girls returned to work. Each was anxious to tell of the conditions which she found on her visit, and to exclaim over the joy of delivering the basket herself.

"The home where I delivered a basket," remarked one of the girls, "was one which touched my heart. The woman lived alone with her little six-year-old girl, and there was just a little fire in the one dark room—not a bite to eat, and not even a bed. I stepped in to make sure that my eyes had not deceived me—and I noticed in one corner of the room several old quilts which were laid on the floor and which served for a bed."

"That was a needy family, and I believe mine was quite as worthy," replied another girl. (Now turn to Page 17, please)

"WE HATE TO LOSE HIM"

Claremore, Okla., People Regret Agent Page's Move to Vinita

THAT a Frisco employe can sell the Frisco to his community better by being a civic worker as well as a Frisco employe than by standing aloof from the civic welfare of his community has been proven quite often. A recent noteworthy instance of this truism is the case of Reavis M. Page, for several years Frisco agent at Claremore, Okla., and recently transferred to a similar position at Vinita.

The following is from the Claremore Progress of January 6:

"It is with considerable regret that word has been received of the transfer of Reavis Page, who is agent of the Frisco railroad company, to a similar but much better position at Vinita. It is the old saying, so common to all that 'our loss is Vinita's gain.'

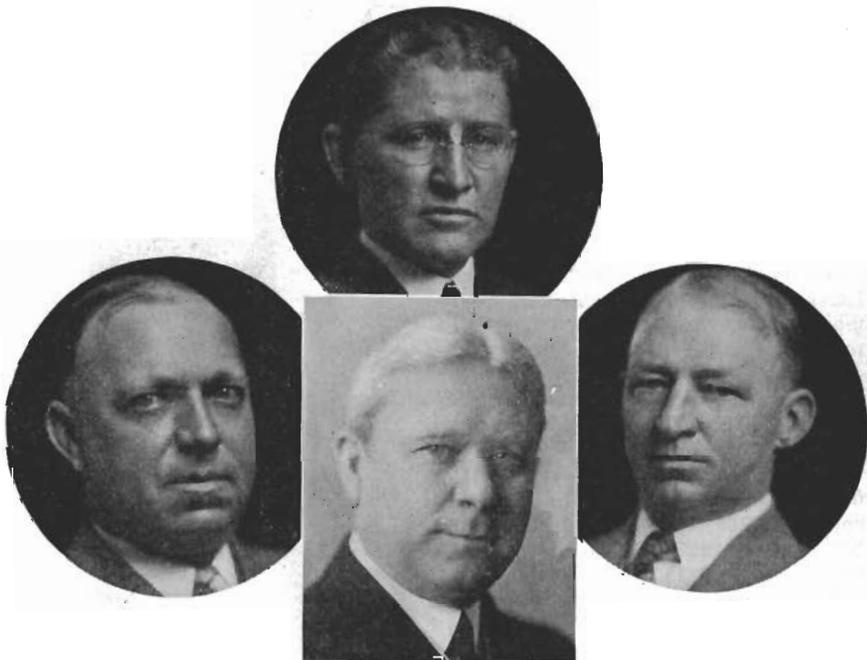
"Reavis Page and his good family have bound themselves into the lives of the Claremore people in the three and one-half years of residence in our city. They are great community builders, taking part in everything that upbuilds society and makes for a better place in which all may live. The entire family are untiring workers in the Sunday School, church, and religious organizations of the city. Mrs. Page being president of the Y. W. C. A. Board of this city.

"Mr. Page is secretary of the Rotary club, and has admirably filled the position. He is also chairman of the committee on agriculture in the Chamber of Commerce, putting forth enthusiasm and outlining constructive work in that organization.

"Mr. Page has done more to sell his business to the people of this community than any other man we have known for years, in a similar position. He is always polite, kind and generous with the public; meets them with a smile, a word of cheer, and does all within his power to please and satisfy those with whom he works. Any great corporation, as the Frisco railroad company, should consider itself fortunate in securing the services of such a conscientious, energetic and reputable gentleman as Reavis Page.

"We are sorry to see these people go, but we are always glad to see merit rewarded, as he goes to an increased salary and a better ranking position. This paper and all the citizens of Claremore extend the hand of congratulation to the Page family, and to those with whom they are to be associated. Claremore will always be pleased to have them return at their convenience."

Claims Division of Law Department Moves to Springfield January 15



Officials of the claims division of the law department, at top, F. B. Holland; at left, W. D. Steele; at right, E. M. Carr, all assistant general claim agents. At bottom, General Claim Agent H. W. Hudgen.

THE removal of the headquarters of the Claims Division of the Law Department from the St. Louis Frisco Building to the Frisco Building at Springfield, Mo., was announced by Mr. E. T. Miller, vice-president and general solicitor on January 7, and was effective January 15. The change will close the district claim offices at Memphis, Cape Girardeau, Monett, Springfield and Ft. Smith.

Mr. H. W. Hudgen's title of chief claim agent was changed to general claim agent, and Messrs. F. B. Holland, assistant chief claim agent; E. M. Carr, district claim agent at Memphis, and W. D. Steele, district claim agent at Monett, are appointed assistant general claim agents with headquarters in the Frisco Building at Springfield.

The office of Mr. W. F. Baker, district claim agent, at Springfield, was abolished, and Mr. Baker's title changed to that of division claim agent with offices in the freight depot, Springfield.

The move to Springfield transferred eight employes from St. Louis to that point, and Messrs. Carr from Memphis and Steele from Monett, were moved to the Springfield offices. The offices of district claim agents Harry Allard at Cape Girardeau and Harry H. Westbay at Ft. Smith, were abolished, but they retained their connection with the claims division.

It is believed that the move in centralizing claim division matters in one headquarters, will result in increased economy and efficiency in the handling of matters coming within its jurisdiction.

General Claim agent Hudgen has been a Frisco employe since 1903, when he began as a fireman at Ft. Scott, Kans. Assistant General Claim Agent Holland spent twelve years with the Santa Fe Railway claim department before joining the Frisco ten years ago at Ft. Worth, Texas. He was made assistant chief claim agent at St. Louis in 1920.

The promotion of W. D. Steele from district to assistant general claim agent honors a native of Barry County, Mo. Steele was born in Cassville, and has lived in Barry County since. He entered Frisco employ as a claim department clerk in 1909, and has come steadily through the ranks to his present position.

E. M. Carr of Memphis, has had thirty years' service with the Frisco and his promotion to assistant general claim agent crowns a career which began with that railroad as a brakeman and fireman. He became a claim agent in 1910, and has been with the claim department since, being made district claim agent at Monett in 1917, and going to his present position at Memphis in 1924.