



### More Views of the Vets

Left: The Kansas City contingent, the largest number of veterans and wives from any one point.

Below, left to right: The Conley Brothers, H. C., 46 years, 3 months service; O. M., 44 years, 9 months service and M. J., forty years, 9 months service.

Center photo: a group of champion horseshoe pitchers, J. B. Hilton, G. F. Linster, Geo. Forrester, H. W. Johnson (prize winner) and Geo. Taffce.

Extreme right: "Uncle Charley Baltzell has a heart to heart talk with "Bumps" Scritchfield.



Above, left to right: President Kurn, talking over the reunion with two seasoned veterans, B. B. McCrum and John Weckerly.

Center: Burch's Orchestra, which furnished music for the dancing.

Extreme right: The busiest man on the grounds, J. L. McCormack, secretary of the reunion.

At right: Winners of the dancing prizes: Oldest couple, R. S. Dickey and wife; Best looking couple, H. W. Hudgen and wife; Fattest couple, H. V. Kengle and wife; Charleston winners, Harold Johnson, Kathryn Elliott; Best boy and girl dancer, Martha Lou Nay and Betty Jane Clark; Black Bottom, Kathryn Elliott; Waltz, Dent Howard and wife; Fox Trot, S. B. Musgrave and wife, and Jig, J. H. Livingston.



# Sidelights on the Veterans' Reunion

By MISS MARIE ARNOLD

**T**WELVE O'CLOCK! And down the long tables they filed, those hungry veterans and their families, to receive the well-filled plates and cups handed out by the men under the direction of Charles E. Gray of the Central Boarding and Supply Company. Such barbecued meat, such great crisp leaves of lettuce, large slices of bread and butter, pickles, ice cream in all flavors and SUCH COFFEE! Never before such eats (excepting of course the five previous reunions)!

Section Foremen, Engineers, Supervisors, Brakemen, Officials, Firemen, Attorneys, etc., hundreds of them! Everyone with service anywhere from 20 to 53 years!

First glance at the service records of some of the conductors in the line might easily be taken for the temperature at the park that day, which also ran high: M. D. Welch, Sunnyland, 41 years; E. Sebastian, trains 875-6, 42 years; O. E. Risser, KC-Florida Special, 34 years; J. E. Miller of Ft. Scott, 38 years; Robt. Keller, Sunnyland, 36 years; J. H. Stephens, trains 5-6, 38 years; W. L. Heath, trains 5-6, with 28 years on the Frisco and 22 years and 5 months on the "Burlington", making total of practically 51 years' continuous railroad service. Mr. Heath holds the longest known record of membership in the Order of Railway Conductors, having been a member 45 years.

B. F. Coleman was the oldest engineer in active service in the line, his run being Fayetteville to St. Paul. In the morning he was found reminiscing near the mouth of the cave, explaining that back in '73 he and his boyhood friends had spent many a day there, the cave at that time being used by McMaster and Fox, produce merchants, as cold storage for eggs and butter!

Tom Lyons of Springfield, with 48 years service, and Jim Lyons of Hugo, with 43 years service, chummed together in the line. Jim helped lay the rail for the line between Ft. Smith and Paris and fired for big brother Tom on the first passenger train between those points.

John Clark, pensioned conductor and his wife, "Mother" Clark, were among the first to appear at the picnic grounds. Mr. Clark celebrated

two events, the veteran's picnic and his eighty-sixth birthday on June 18. "Mother" Clark claims she is eighty-four.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dwyer, engineer and wife, of Springfield, greeted acquaintances. Mr. Dwyer has had 36 years service with the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stockmyer smilingly awaited their turn in the lunch line. Mr. Stockmyer is a yard engineer, St. Louis Terminals, and has a service record of 26 years. He proudly stated that he was also a War veteran, having served in the Spanish American War.

Mr. J. A. Woodson, supervisor of shops at North Springfield, was another veteran with 43 years service to his credit. "I have never missed a pay day in 38 years," Mr. Woodson proudly announced.

Judge E. P. Mann, the Frisco's district attorney at Springfield, enjoyed the barbecued meal. "I've been to all these reunions", he said, "and I wouldn't miss a one."

The beautiful city of Santa Ana, California, was represented in the personage of Mr. F. D. Plavan, former Frisco engineer on the Central division.

Mrs. Mollie Hogan Roth, Telegrapher, with 39 years service, enjoyed the day at the park with her niece, Miss Hogan, as her guest. Miss S. S. Fish, Secretary of the Ladies' Auxilliary, with 38 years to her credit, was also found in the bread line. These two ladies have the longest service records of any other lady employes, with exception of Miss Robinson of the General Offices of St. Louis, whose service was 39 years in January of this year.

J. H. Livingston, Milk Traffic Agent of St. Louis, made good preparation in the bread line, for winning the Jig contest in the afternoon. Forty-four years of service have put springs in his feet, demonstrated by his very elaborate steps which won for him the sofa pillow prize.

Two blacksmiths with long service records waited their turn in line—Wm. F. Reichman of the West Shops, Springfield, with 41 years, and H. I. Ostergard of Springfield, with 49 years.

M. T. Fullington gladly gave the names of some of his veteran telegraphers registered for the reunion—C. B. Chump, 34 years; F. C. Schmidt, 33 years; A. E. Gustafson, 37 years; C. D. Whitney, 27 years; G. E. Wise, 37 years; O. S. Hull, 34 years; Geo. W. Greener, 37 years—all of Springfield, and L. H. Henson, 37 years, of Dixon; also Mrs. Roth of Belt Junction, 39 years.

"In Union there is Strength" seems to be the watchword of the Claim division of the Law Department, seen at the park in full force. 341 years of service represented by these members of the department, all present at the reunion except Mr. Westbay: H. W. Hudgen, F. B. Holland, W. D. Steele, E. M. Carr, Z. B. Claypool, J. W. Morrill, C. C. Mills, G. G. Beckley, Harry Harrison, W. F. Baker, Lucy Good, H. H. Westbay.

General Agents off line were well represented at the Reunion by J. B. Morrow of Atlanta, O. M. Conley of Pittsburgh, C. S. Hall of Cincinnati and W. L. Evans of Denver.

B. R. Davidson, retired attorney for the Frisco at Fayetteville, was on the grounds Monday, exchanging tales of the early days of the road, with fellow veterans.

R. P. Hawkins, engineer of the Central division, with 27 years service, and M. T. Smith, engineer in through freight service St. Louis to Newburg, with 26 years service, standing near each other in the bread line, confessed to be mere youngsters in the service, compared with most of the vets.

J. J. Moran, pensioned engineer of Springfield, was an enthusiastic vet, and has attended all sessions.

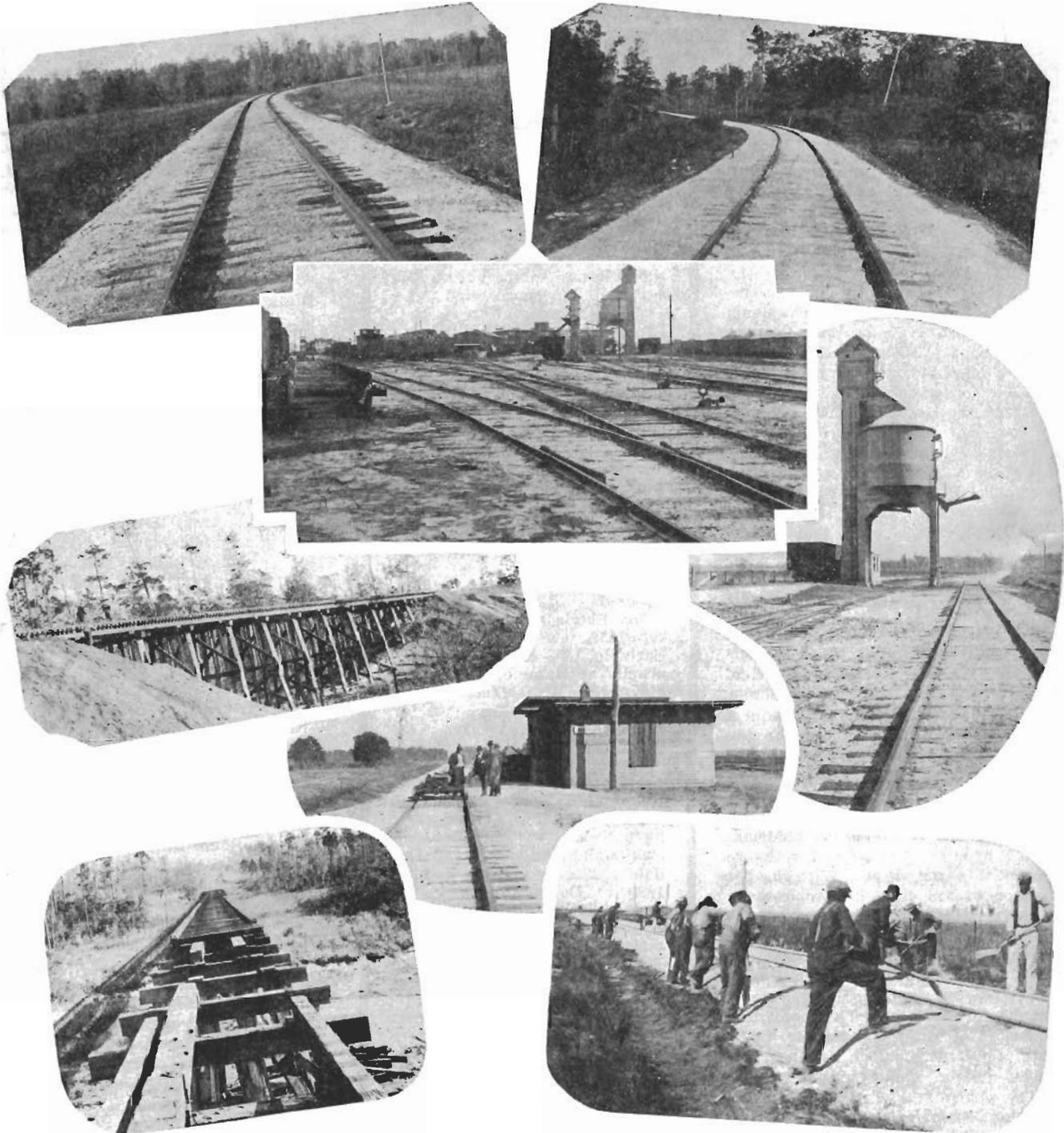
J. B. Hilton, Industrial Commissioner, of St. Louis, with his wife, enjoyed the two days of reunion and remained in Springfield for another day.

Richard Downing, Clerk of St. Louis, with 43 years service, was in attendance again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Dickey of Springfield walked through the Grand March in the pavilion for the prize for the oldest couple—\$5.00 presented by the Union National Bank. 80 years and

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### Views of Construction Work on the M. S. B. & P.



The above photographs of construction work along the Muscle Shoals, Birmingham & Pensacola Railroad were taken by Mr. W. S. Lacher, engineering editor of the Railway Age during the latter days of the work on that property. The Frisco Magazine is indebted to the Railway Age for the privilege of reproducing these photographs.

Upper left corner shows the ballasted track near M. P. 44, and upper right-hand corner shows the track on Mexia Hill, M. P. 92.

The scene directly below is of the mechanical facilities at Pensacola and to the right, a view of the coal chute at Local, Ala. The bridge is on the Boggy Line Change and was built on the new part of the line that replaced the line abandoned, as shown in the photograph directly below.

The station picture was taken at Hadley, Ala., with the roadmaster, lineman, division accountant and division engineer standing by the motor car.

At the extreme right, the construction gang is shown dressing ballast between M. P. 35 and 40.

# NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

## Kansas City, Mo.

THE Sunnyland Club of Kansas City, was re-organized at a dinner at the Bales Baptist church the night of May 22 when by-laws were adopted and officers elected for the ensuing year. Two hundred and twenty-five attended the dinner.

These officers are: J. Burch, assistant yardmaster, re-elected president; J. R. Needham, of the zone bureau, vice-president; Miss M. Earp, secretary; E. C. Lindeman, treasurer, and J. Salsman, sergeant-at-arms.

After the dinner the business session was called to order by Mr. Needham, who introduced the principal speaker, F. H. Shaffer, general manager. He stressed the necessity for all present to assist in obtaining more business for the Frisco, and that courtesy by employes toward the public was of great value to the railway. His address was applauded enthusiastically.

Next was a vocal solo by Miss Irene Barbee, of the freight office, accompanied by Miss Geraldine O'Brien, daughter of Tom O'Brien, switchman. The acting chairman next introduced C. J. Stephenson, assistant to the general manager, Springfield, who outlined some of the activities of other clubs he had visited.

Mr. Burch, president of the club, called on Mr. Needham, as chairman of the by-laws committee, for the report of this committee. With the permission of the club the proposed by-laws were read, section by section, and each section was adopted in its order, after which, on motion from the floor, duly seconded, the committee on by-laws was given a rising vote of thanks for its work. This committee consisted of Mr. Needham, Mr. Lindeman, and J. R. Coulter, assistant executive general agent.

The chairman called E. G. Baker, assistant general passenger agent, who entertained the assemblage with appropriate stories and asked all present to assist his department by furnishing tips on the movement of all passenger traffic that this company may be in a position to handle. His appeal was answered and some information in respect to prospective traffic was given him by J. J. Fitzgerald, claim clerk.

Balloting for the election of officers of the club followed. Next was a violin solo by G. W. Gabauer followed by

## In Memoriam

His last official duty, the conducting of a meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Jonesboro, Ark., of which he was president since its formation, Reno John Slagle, 51, agent at Jonesboro, died June 4 at his home, after serving Frisco Lines faithfully for nearly thirty years.

The funeral service was held June 6. He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Louise, 21, and a son, R. J. Slagle, Jr., 11. Mr. Slagle had been in ill health for his last two years.

The last meeting of the Jonesboro club which Mr. Slagle conducted was the night of May 26. He was taken seriously ill the following morning and was removed to a hospital at Jonesboro, where he died.

Mr. Slagle was born March 20, 1877, at Bucyrus, Ohio. Early in 1898 he learned telegraphy at Hammond, Kan., of his sister, Miss Maude Slagle, who was agent-telegrapher for the old Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad.

He entered the service of the Frisco as operator-clerk at Columbus, Kan., August 8, 1898, under L. O. Scoville, agent. He worked this job awhile and then went to Clarksdale, Ark., as agent, and in 1899 to Deckerville, Ark., as agent. In 1900 he went to Grandin, Mo., as agent and remained there seven years. While working at Grandin he met Miss Hattie Elkins and was married to her May 10, 1905. In 1908 he went from Grandin to Hardy, Ark., where he remained seven months. He then went to Hoxie, Ark., as agent, where he remained three years. He was transferred to Jonesboro as agent in July 1913.

Mr. Slagle was among the first to subscribe to the group life insurance plan tendered by the management to employes in certain classes of the service. He carried \$7,000 of this insurance.

a piano solo by Miss O'Brien. With these two as a nucleus the club hopes that it soon will have a complete orchestra.

The president called for expressions from members as to the form of entertainment desired for the next meeting, and the concensus of opinion was for a dinner dance. The committee on entertainment will be instructed accordingly.

## Sapulpa, Okla.

Quinn Baker assistant division engineer, was elected president of the Frisco Employes' Club of Sapulpa, Okla., at the regular election held June 7.

The other officers elected at this meeting were: J. A. MacMillan, roadmaster's clerk, first vice-president; W. B. Holland, wire chief, second vice-president; Frederick Morgan, timekeeper, third vice-president; L. A. Wright, completion report clerk, fourth vice-president; H. A. Reed, agent, American Railway Express Co., fifth vice-president; G. A. Duke, chief clerk to agent, sixth vice-president; Miss Jennie Aitchison, steno-clerk, secretary-treasurer.

C. T. Mason, superintendent of the Southwestern division, Sapulpa, expressed his interest in the Sapulpa club and said he wished the new officers a big success. He stated that the social functions of the club had been 100 per cent but he said that he did not think there was enough push behind the traffic solicitation activities of the club. He suggested that all members of the club become more interested in getting business for the Frisco, explain to merchants the amount of the Frisco payroll at Sapulpa, the number of employes residing there and that the Frisco was going to continue to furnish transportation for the men to go to Tulsa to work and return so that employes residing at Sapulpa but working at Tulsa could continue to reside at Sapulpa. The attendance was 22.

## Sherman and Fort Worth, Tex.

Although the temperature hung between 102 and 103 in the shade, it was a perfect day for the joint picnic of the 500 Ft. Worth and Sherman Frisco employes when they met on the grounds just opposite the shops at Sherman, Texas, on the morning of May 30, Decoration Day.

The Sherman folks had made all preparations, and when the train carrying the Ft. Worth employes pulled in at 10:00 a. m., near the picnic grounds, with more than 300 aboard,



Members of the Choral Club of the St. Louis Girls' Club appear above. On the front row, reading from left to right are the 1928 officers: Mrs. L. M. Molino, wife of Professor Molino, director of the Choral Club; Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, president; Miss Arlie Hart, treasurer; Miss Margaret Byrne, vice-president; Miss Lilly Kulage, secretary, and Miss Elsie Simpson, assistant treasurer.

the colored band of Sherman played a fast march, and everybody from Sherman shouted, "Hello Ft. Worth".

The march to the picnic grounds, led by the band, ended at the checking station, in front of which was a sign which read, "Check your baskets, babies and baggage here".

The first event was a parade. The Sherman folk had borrowed old clothes and burlesqued the more prominent personages in the shops and offices of Ft. Worth. A burro led by a son of one of the colored employes of the Sherman Shops followed last in the parade and bore a sign on his back which read, "Burro of Information".

Before the noon hour a short program was held in the auditorium which consisted of a number by the Two Black Crows, Hayden Head and Harry Kolb; a dance by the Misses Jack and Dorothy Frost and readings by E. V. Maxfield, assistant claim agent, Ft. Worth.

At 12:00 noon the baskets were opened, and many of the families put their food together. One hour later the races and athletic events started.

The races and events staged on the grounds were won by the following; bean race, Miss Pauline McMehan, Ft. Worth; fat men's race, Andrew Clark, Dorchester, Texas; lean men's race,

Grady Russell, Sherman; ladies tug-of-war, won by the Sherman ladies; boys' sack race, Glenn Winebrenner, Sherman; boys three-legged race, Leonard and O. C. Way, Sherman; men and women's needle threading contest. Miss Mildred Brentlinger and George Grace, Ft. Worth; egg race by Mrs. T. M. Tolbert, Sherman.

The greased pig was caught by B. F. Elliott of Sherman, Texas who received \$5.00 for its capture, and the ball game was won by the Sherman employes with a score of 15 to 4. The prize for the tug-of-war, won by the Sherman ladies was a loving cup, made by the shop employes of Sherman to be used as a permanent trophy and exchanged each year at the picnic.

Following the afternoon activities, the baskets were again opened and supper served. The ice water, lemonade and coffee were served free.

More than 300 people assembled in the auditorium following the supper where they danced until a late hour.

The committee on entertainment consisted of Mr. Joe Bryan, chairman, Messrs. P. L. Stenger, J. Honaker, Si Stephens, Ed. Brooks, A. H. McKinney, Bill Chase, G. Sistrunk, Eddie Green, Claude Cole, Bill Dodd, T. M. Tolbert and A. E. McLaughlin. Mr.

Jack Way acted as chairman of the grounds committee; L. McMillan, chairman of the refreshment committee; C. C. Jordan, chairman publicity committee; Gene Inglehart, chairman checking room committee; L. C. Montgomery, chairman music and dance committee and L. C. Fuller, chairman finance committee.

The colored folk, who had part of the picnic ground reserved for the day, turned out in large numbers, and more than 50 of them came on the special train.

The special left the grounds at a late hour, bearing a happy but tired group of picnickers to Ft. Worth.

### St. Louis Men's Club

Hon. Victor J. Miller, mayor of St. Louis, was the guest of honor and the principal speaker at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Frisco Men's Club of St. Louis, held May 25 at the American Hotel Annex. The subject of all the addresses was "Personal Contact." The attendance was 276.

The mayor said that such organizations as the Frisco Men's Club of St. Louis can increase the revenues of railroads and that business needs team work by its employes. He closed his speech by referring to the operation of various departments of the city.