

FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SIGN PETITIONS

WITHIN the last month Frisco employes have succeeded in answering a momentous question in transportation circles—and that answer was an emphatic, positive "Yes."

The question was: "Do patrons of our railroad really desire federal regulation of buses and trucks so that they shall operate safely and sanely, pay their share of the taxes, maintain a fixed schedule and in other ways compete with the railways on a fair and just basis?"

From the smallest hamlet on Frisco Lines to its largest city, 30,000 patrons and friends of our company answered "Yes," and further backed up their answer by affixing their signatures to a petition which requested Congress to pass such regulatory legislation as would place railway and automotive traffic on a competitive basis of equality.

Late in October the petitions were mailed to 65 presidents of Frisco Employee Clubs, and to every agent on Frisco Lines. The club presidents secured signatures of their employe-members. The agents secured signatures of responsible business and professional men who thought the petition fair and equitable.

The results, to use the words of President Kurn, constituted a "splendid response on the part of both our friends and employes."

The petitions were called into St. Louis offices on Nov. 15, and for two days a force in the accounting offices compiled the number of signatures and totaled them by cities and states.

When the final count was announced, the number of employes to sign petitions reached slightly over 12,000, and the number of friends and patrons exceeded 30,000 signatures.

Among the employe petitions, Missouri led the list with 6,215 signatures, 2,830 of these signatures coming from Springfield. Oklahoma was second with 2,126 signatures, and then followed in the order named: Kansas, 1,138 signatures; Arkansas, 486; Texas, 396; Tennessee, 320; and scattered other signatures from Alabama,

Friends, Patrons and Employes Request "Fair and Just" Bus and Truck Regulation by Congress

and Mississippi. Petitions from Alabama's Birmingham were lost enroute to St. Louis headquarters, and an estimate was made by local officers of the number of signatures.

Friends and patrons of Frisco Lines from 21 states signed the petition. Missouri again heading the list with



The signatures of 30,000 friends and patrons of Frisco Lines and 12,000 of its employes, are attached to the piles of petitions on the desk of President Kurn. As the photographer snapped this picture, Mr. Kurn was examining the "recap" sheets on the signature totals.

13,860 signatures. Oklahoma held its second place in this petition also, with 7,349 signatures. The others follow: Arkansas, 4,101; Kansas, 2,816; Alabama, 944; Mississippi, 1,051; Texas, 441; Florida, 203; Tennessee, 189, and from 1 to 100 signatures each from the States of California, Colorado, New York, Louisiana, Michigan, Georgia, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois.

"The results of this petition have been excellent indeed," President Kurn said, when the tabulation sheet of signature totals was handed him. "This is surely a satisfying testimonial from business interests that they are in sympathy with our efforts to secure federal regulation to place competition between railroads and

buses on a fair basis. By affixing their signatures to this petition, these 30,000 friends and patrons of our railroad inform Congress that they want a law which provides regulation of the buses and trucks, with proper protection against financial irresponsibility, regular and dependable schedules,

proper tariff, careful inspection of vehicles, physical examination of drivers, adequate taxation, restrictions on size, width, weight and speed of vehicles, and other regulatory measures. The railroads today have all these regulations enforced upon them by the Interstate Commerce Commission. And we believe that our competitors should be placed on an equal basis."

"That our belief in this regard is shared by the people who use our railroad is a matter of great satisfaction to the officers and employes of this company."

A story in the November Magazine told of the first petition on the railroad, that circulated by dispatcher Wm. Marsh of Memphis, Tenn.

Shortly after the opening of Congress the petitions will be forwarded to Washington, D. C., by Vice-President J. E. Hutchison. There they will be placed before the men to whom each petition was addressed: "Our Senators and Representatives

in Congress."

ELECTION BULLETINS

Passengers on all Frisco trains the night of November 6 were able to follow the election returns by means of bulletins flashed along the wires from the Frisco's telegraph headquarters at Springfield, Mo., and handed to conductors at stations. The conductors passed the bulletins around to passengers.

Speaking of this exploit, J. H. Brennan, Springfield, superintendent of telegraph, said:

"We received fine co-operation from the telegraphers and conductors, and there was considerable favorable comment."

FRISCO DOCTORS MEET IN PENSACOLA

MEETING for their twenty-seventh annual convention, two hundred doctor-members of the Frisco System Medical Association, gathered at the Frisco's newest city, Pensacola, Florida, on October 22 and 23. Headed by Dr. R. A. Woolsey, of St. Louis, chief surgeon of Frisco Lines, and Dr. Robt. A. Vinyard, many time secretary-treasurer of the organization, the men who correct medical and surgical troubles of 30,000 Frisco workers gathered at Memphis, Tenn., the evening of October 20. There they boarded the "Sunnyland" at 9:40 p. m., for Pensacola, seven special Pullman cars having been ordered to care for them, and arrived in Pensacola at 12:15 the next afternoon.

Greeted with the now famous hospitality of Pensacola, the doctors were met at the train with dozens of automobiles and driven to the San Carlos hotel, scene of the convention activities. During the afternoon following their arrival Pensacolians "showed the town" to their Frisco visitors. Visits were made to the historic forts, the beaches, the naval and army air stations, and the scenic drives in and around Pensacola gave many doctors from Kansas and Missouri their first glimpse of the Frisco's seaport.

But the doctors were not in Pensacola to see the sights only. Promptly at 8:30 the next morning, Pres. C. S. Huffman, of Columbus, Kansas, called the meeting to order and read his annual report. Then the doctors launched into technical discussions of diseases and their proper treatments which would have brought a puzzled

Medical Association Holds 27th Annual Convention Oct. 22-23—Dr. W. A. Cook of Tulsa Is New President



DR. W. ALBERT COOK

expression to the face of any layman had one been listening.

During the morning sessions Dr. W. C. Cheek, of Springfield, presented a

Photographer "Pat" McIntyre, caught this picture of the Frisco doctors in front of the San Carlos hotel following their morning meeting, Oct. 22.

paper on eye injuries and their treatment; Dr. J. A. Crisler, of Memphis, spoke on "Some Diagnostic Points in the Differentiation of Lesions Producing Epigastric Pain," and Dr. Thos. G. Orr, of Kansas City, read a paper on intestinal obstructions.

Dr. S. A. Woodward, of Fort Worth, a past president of the association, opened the afternoon session and was followed in discussions on various phases of medicine and surgery by such well-known Frisco doctors as Wm. S. Horn, of Fort Worth; L. S. Luton, of St. Louis, and R. A. Smith, of Monroeville, Ala.

Classification and therapy of goiter came in for extensive discussion following papers by Dr. W. H. Breuer, of St. James, Mo., and Dr. E. S. Edgerton, of Wichita, Kan., while other topics were presented by Drs. Russell Hennessey, Memphis; Ellis Fischel, St. Louis, and J. E. Jennings, of St. Louis.

The election of officers, last act of the program, resulted in a unanimous vote for Dr. W. Albert Cook, of Tulsa, prominent in medical circles of the great southwest and an aviation enthusiast. Vice-presidents, one for each state, were chosen as follows: Missouri, Dr. R. M. James, Joplin; Oklahoma, Dr. J. O. Lowe, Okmulgee; Mississippi, Dr. A. J. Stacey, Tupelo; Tennessee, Dr. Russell Hennessey, Memphis; Texas, Dr. W. S. Horn, Ft. Worth; Kansas, Dr. E. S. Edgerton, Wichita; Arkansas, Dr. W. A. Mack, Prairie Grove; Alabama, Dr. S. R. Parker, Aliceville. Dr. Robert Vinyard, St. Louis, was re-elected secre-

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NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

Springfield Men's Club

AN exhibit of commodities that are handled by many industries in the nine-state territory served by Frisco Lines was on display in the assembly room in the Frisco building at Springfield, Mo., October 30 to November 3, under the auspices of the Frisco Men's Club of Springfield, Mo. The exhibit was viewed by Frisco employes and many other citizens of Springfield.

The items on display were assembled by the club with the co-operation of big via-Frisco shippers. Although it was impossible to have the display representative of every commodity originating on Frisco Lines, the articles which were on exhibit gave a fairly comprehensive idea of the multiplicity of products handled regularly by Frisco Lines freight and express.

Objects on display included: Saddles, grain products, toys, brooms, fertilizer, tie plugs, cotton and cotton seed products, cotton goods, nursery products, furniture, wearing apparel, books, stationery, wall paper, heaters, stoves, sash, doors, wooden shingles, marble, paper boxes, automobiles, truck bodies, soft drinks, composition shingles, charcoal and charcoal products, scissors, boots, shoes, drugs and toilet specialties, produce, frozen eggs, spaghetti, noodles, crackers, cakes, linens, coffee, packing house products, cooperage products, Mexican foods, glassware, gypsum, batteries, motor oils, salt, pottery, chocolates, glass chimneys, greases, leather specialties, paints, oil well supplies, zinc and lead products, castings, iron ore, cigars and cigarettes, snuff, clay products, manufactured steel products, concrete products, canned fruit, glass jars, corn products, vegetable oils, egg cases and fillers, groceries, cereals, soaps and bluing, creamery supplies, fencing, rope, fresh vegetables and fruits, chat, coal, coke, cord wood, lumber, hardware Florida fruits.

One section of the display that attracted considerable attention was a piece of fifty-six-pound rail used in 1880, placed beside a piece of 110-pound rail now in use on many miles of Frisco track.

The display was opened officially by the club the night of October 30. Club members and several Frisco visitors inspected the exhibit and then the club held a short business meeting. President J. W. Seabough intro-

duced C. H. Baltzell, St. Louis, special representative of the general manager of the Frisco, who spoke of solicitation of passenger business by various railroads in St. Louis. Mr. Baltzell then introduced B. B. Hickman, general superintendent of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis. Mr. Hickman talked on the operation of his railroad. W. L. Huggins, Jr., St. Louis, director of publicity of Frisco Lines and chairman of the central committee on the sixty-four Frisco Employe Clubs, spoke on club activities along the Frisco.

F. L. DeGroat, a captain of one of the four teams in which Frisco employes at Springfield are grouped for monthly competition in traffic solicitation, read a paper on traffic problems. Short talks were made by J. H. Doggrell, superintendent of transportation; O. W. Bruton, superintendent of terminals, and G. M. Forrester, general agent, all of Springfield.

Other visitors were: Rev. William H. Mansfield, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, South; E. R. Eustice, manager of the Woolworth store, and George Sams, of the Kelley Coal & Material Company, all of Springfield.

A total of 626 traffic tips was turned in during October by members of the four teams in which Frisco employes of Springfield, Mo., are grouped for competition in traffic solicitation. Tips during that month resulted in obtaining 200 car loads and 144 less-than-car-loads of freight and one permanent shipping order.

The standing of the four teams during October, by percentage follows: Captain A. B. Sherwood's team, 2.322 per cent; Captain W. W. Shackelford's team, .574 per cent; Captain F. L. DeGroat's team, .232 per cent, and Captain K. T. Walter's team, .204 per cent.

Those whose tips during October resulted in the obtaining for the Frisco of car load shipments, and the number of such shipments thus obtained were: Mr. Sherwood, 46; F. W. Bayless, 70; I. G. Lamb, 15; F. M. Barry, 3; L. J. Leysaht, 7; J. W. Burns, 12; W. W. Shackelford, 2; F. H. Masters, 9; Mary Howell, 10; Ellis Dulin, 6; F. L. DeGroat, 1; R. D. Gilbert, 4; C. W. Gardner, 3; L. B. Hagerman, 3; O. W. Bruton, 2; O. W. Wise, 2; J. K. Stagner, 2; B. W. Elliott, 1; M. L. Ryan, 1; T. E. Wooldridge, 1.

Those whose tips during October resulted in obtaining LCL shipments, and the number of such shipments thus obtained were: A. B. Sherwood, 3; J. W. Kastler, 60; Miss Bernice Jennings, 40; I. G. Lamb, 6; F. M. Barry, 17; W. A. Warden, 12; H. E. Jordan, 1; J. J. Williams, 2; Miss M. Hoffman, 1; Miss J. Tulk, 1; G. C. Barton, 1.

Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. W. D. Morrow, of Tulsa, Okla., daughter of Mr. E. N. Brown, New York City, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company, was an honored visitor at the dance given by the Frisco Employes' Club of Tulsa and the Auxiliary to that club, the night of October 17, at Elks Hall, Tulsa. Approximately 100 couples were present.

This was the first dance of the season by the club. If the interest manifested by employes in this dance is any criterion, the next one, some time in December, will be a still greater success.

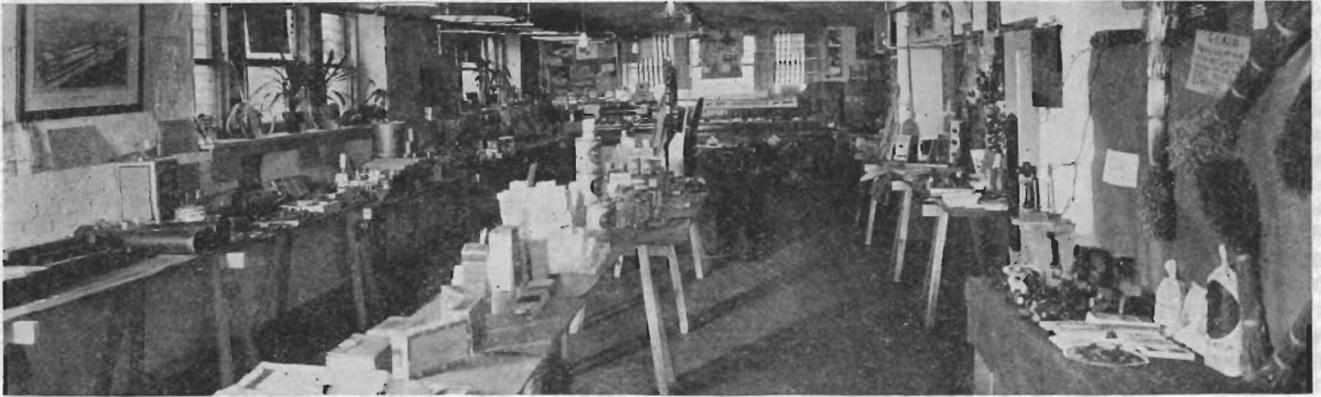
Six employes, each from a different department of the Frisco at Tulsa, were appointed at the meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Tulsa, October 10, to be chairmen of traffic solicitation in their respective departments.

The appointments, made by F. W. Warren, president of the club, were as follows: R. W. Harper, mechanical; G. G. Harrison, clerks, transportation; S. S. Wilder, car; W. D. McCool, passenger; E. H. Goff, yardmen, and W. E. Rust, freight.

Chaffee, Mo.

Regular meeting nights of the Frisco Employes' Club of Chaffee, Mo., were changed, at the club's meeting November 8, from the first and the third Thursdays to the first and third Tuesdays, because the former dates conflicted with meetings of other organizations to which members of the Frisco club belong.

E. W. Smith, chief clerk to superintendent, was appointed chairman of the Greater Traffic Committee, succeeding C. McBroom, transferred to Ft. Smith. G. F. McKenna, chief clerk to the master mechanic, was appointed to succeed R. E. Breedlove as a member of the Greater Traffic Committee. Mr. Breedlove has been transferred to Kansas City.



Above—A view of the exhibits at the "Commodity Fair" of the Men's Club of Springfield, Mo. The fair was held in the assembly room of the general office building in Springfield.

Approximately 100 Frisco employees, their relatives and friends attended the Hallowe'en party given October 31 in the recently-acquired club-room of the Frisco Employees' Club of Chaffee. Several games of bridge and pinochle were started at 8 p. m. and at about 8:30 p. m. the masqueraders began to arrive. Dancing started at 9 p. m. to music furnished by a local orchestra sponsored by the club. At about 10:30 p. m. the grand march was begun and judges selected the prize winners, on the basis of costumes. J. S. Meidroth, road foreman of equipment, dressed as a southern negro, won the man's prize and Mrs. W. A. Singleton, dressed as a colonial dame, took the woman's prize.

The club recently rented the second story of the Astor building for a club and meeting room. Two pool tables have been rented and placed in the hall for the benefit of members and their friends, and plans are being made to furnish the club room with chairs, tables, a phonograph and possibly a radio. Thirty-five members of the club have taken out cards signifying that they comprise the hall committee and will pay one dollar each month toward the upkeep of the hall. Each of these committeemen has been furnished with a key to the hall.

Blackwell, Okla.

Giving good service to the industries which the Frisco serves, cultivation by employes of acquaintance-ship with the shipping public, boosting the Frisco, courtesy by Frisco employes toward the public, and the movement by Frisco employes to obtain regulation of busses and trucks were subjects dealt with by speakers before members of the Frisco Employees' Club of Blackwell, Okla., October 25. E. A. Miller, agent and president of the club, presided.

Wichita, Kans.

Plans for a big dinner meeting, at which each employe was to bring as

his guest a friend who was a shipper, were launched by the Frisco Employees' Club of Wichita during its session October 25. The plan was suggested by Yardmaster Grimes.

President M. Calvert called attention to the fact that Conductor Sigler, on the Ellsworth branch, was responsible for the Frisco getting a haul of fifty carloads of scrap iron. Conductor Sigler is active in traffic solicitation. The attendance at this meeting, October 25, was forty. After the business session lunch was served. The club expects to have refreshments at all its meetings this winter.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Discussion of making the Frisco Employees' Club of Cape Girardeau a greater success than heretofore, of the effect of the new bridge across the Mississippi at Cape Girardeau on Frisco traffic, and the setting of November 8, as the date for the next meeting of the club, was the principal business conducted by the club during its session October 26.

John F. Neal, ticket agent, and president of the club, presided. J. S. McMillan, Chaffee, Mo., assistant superintendent of the river division, was a visitor.

Drummond, Okla.

The Frisco Employees' Club of Drummond, Okla., held a business meeting late the afternoon of October 26, in the office of the agent. Minutes of meetings of other clubs were read and discussed. T. T. Cowley, section foreman, and president of the club, presided.

Birmingham, Ala.

The Frisco Employees Club, of Birmingham, held one of the most enjoyable parties of the fall season on the evening of October 30, when approximately 200 couples attended a costume ball, held at the Athletic Club, Birmingham, given to the em-

ployes by the local supervisors.

While no attempt had been made to decorate the huge gymnasium, the various costumes added a riot of color. During intermission Miss Mildred Hughes, daughter of Mr. J. T. Hughes, of the mechanical department, presented two dances. Little Miss Hughes is one of the most accomplished child dancers of Birmingham, and is only eight years of age. Miss Martha Moore, of the Magazine Department, was a guest at the dance and made a short address following Miss Hughes' performance. The orchestra was dismissed at 12:00 o'clock.

St. Louis Girls' Club

One hundred and ninety-one members of the Frisco Girls' Club of St. Louis, attended the October luncheon held at the American Annex, October 29.

The decorations were in keeping with Hallowe'en. Yellow and black streamers of crepe paper were laid crosswise on each table, while a pile of bright red apples made the centerpiece. The speakers table was decorated in oak leaves, yellow candles, pumpkin faces and red apples.

The program was one of unusual interest. S. S. Butler, general traffic manager, F. H. Hamilton, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, C. H. Baltzell, special representative of general manager, and Professor L. M. Molino, director of the girls choral club, were honor guests.

During the luncheon motion pictures were shown in support of the Community Fund solicitation for the year 1928. Mr. Baltzell, after signaling pianist Bert Baumgartner, to play the wedding march, escorted Mrs. Woodworth, formerly Miss Ethel Wood, to the front of the room. Miss Wood, a former Frisco club member, was married in September.

Mr. Baltzell was called upon for a few remarks concerning the securing

of more business for Frisco Lines. He also refereed an old fashioned apple bobbing contest participated in by four members of the girls bowling league. The Misses Bertha Hahn and Minette Juhlin represented the Sunnyland team, and Genevieve Vilsick and Lillian Barnes the Texas Specials. Miss Hahn was the only one who succeeded in getting an apple from the pan. Each girl received an appropriate prize.

The choral club for the fall season of 1928 appeared before the members for the first time with two numbers, the first a popular air, and the second "Smiles," in which the entire club joined.

Mr. Butler's address was a combination of business with a few of his famous jokes mixed in.

Mr. Hamilton, another welcome guest, greeted the club with a few choice remarks.

On November 15, the bowling club presented last year's president, Bertha Hahn, who left the Frisco to be married this Thanksgiving Eve, with a gold-encrusted tray and an amber cold meat and relish dish combined.

The Frisco girls bowling club gave a very successful bridge and lotto party, clearing eighty-four dollars and twenty cents, at the home of Lillian Ritter on October 23. Eighty-five girls turned out for the affair and after the games twenty members of the club served hot weiner sandwiches and coffee.

Salem, Mo.

Transportation, traffic and damage to freight were discussed, and O. N. Watts, Newburg, Mo., assistant superintendent of the Eastern division, delivered a talk at the business meeting of the Frisco Employees' Club of

Salem, Mo., held October 17. The attendance was twelve. The meeting was presided over by A. S. Abbott, in the absence of the president and the vice-president.

Monett, Mo.

The petition regarding regulation of motor bus and motor truck traffic and operation was signed by all present at the meeting of the Frisco Employees' Club of Monett, held October 20.

Ways of increasing business for the Frisco were discussed. Reports read showed that members of the club are alert in soliciting business. The meeting was presided over by R. G. Kaufman, vice-president, in the absence of J. J. Charles, president. Agreement was reached to hold one business meeting each month during the winter.

Clinton, Mo.

The unanimous passage of a motion to ask the division superintendent to authorize the establishment of a team track east of Greens, Mo., the discussion of circulation of petitions regarding motor bus and motor truck competition, and the discussion of freight rates took place at the meeting of the Frisco Employees' Club of Clinton, Mo., held October 21. Martin Kruse spoke on accident prevention.

Clinton, Okla.

A round-table discussion of traffic was the principal business conducted at the session of the Frisco Employees' Club of Clinton, Okla., held October 28. F. O'Halloran, agent at Cordell, Okla., and president of the club, presided. This club embraces the towns of Clinton, Cordell, Bessie, Arapaho and Custer City.

Thayer, Mo.

Because of a severe storm the meeting of the Frisco Employees' Club of Thayer, Mo., held October 15, was attended by few persons and only a little business was transacted.

Mountain Park, Okla.

Fire prevention, courtesy, and Frisco service were subjects of talks delivered at the meeting of the Frisco Employees' Club of Mountain Park, Okla., October 26. The attendance was sixteen, including several business men.

Talks were made by J. C. Clevenger, section foreman, and president of the club; W. M. Barnes, of the Barnes Mill and Elevator; Neal Ohagin, drayman; B. W. Carley, Frisco agent, and secretary of the club; Ira Hartzog, manager, Farmers' Gin Co.

