

men, and Lee (Tuno) Thomas, switchman, visited St. Louis recently, making the trip by automobile.

Mrs. F. S. Huckins, of Pacific, wife of conductor F. S. Huckins, was in Newburg recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. Van Elting.

Car foreman R. D. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were in St. Louis for a short while during the early part of the month.

Brakeman J. W. Hume, who was injured some time ago and who spent several weeks in the Frisco hospital at St. Louis, is back on the job once more.

Wm. Sweetin, passenger conductor on the Eastern division, died in the Frisco hospital in St. Louis on January 6. Conductor Sweetin has served the Frisco in train service for many years and prior to his becoming ill was employed in suburban service. Funeral services were held at Cuba, Mo., Mr. Sweetin's home.

OFFICE OF AUDITOR—DISBURSEMENTS, ST. LOUIS, MO.

DOLYNE SCOTT, Reporter

Most of the Christmas happenings were reported last month, but there are two more of importance. Juanita Prather and Lottie Allburn came to work December 26, each wearing a diamond ring and a happy smile.

Alberta Huelskoetter is a new employee in the machine bureau.

Adelaide Blake has been away several days account of illness.

Frederick Mahn, office boy, resigned January 15 to accept a position with Swift Printing Company. Harry Beeman has been employed in his place.

Earl Elise was elected to represent the eleventh floor in the Frisco Men's Club.

We have another item concerning Mr. Elise. He shouldered his "rusty rifle" and made two hunting trips recently, but returned without any game. It is reported Earl made a mistake and took a bulldog along instead of a hunting dog, and that the only rabbit he saw was the one that jumped in his face while he was on his hands and knees looking for footprints.

Frank Schnorrenborg, recently of the engineering department at Ft. Smith, has been transferred to the valuation accounts department.

Bob Sullivan has been transferred to the valuation accounts department from the Eastern division.

Tim Murray, Ed Koch, Bill Walker, Harold Pangborn, Mac McAuliffe and Clarence Brown, erstwhile pitch players, exhibited their wares at an informal party at the home of Lee Brown the evening of January 16.

Maurice Williams made a trip to Springfield, Enid, and Birmingham during the Christmas holidays.

J. Wooster passed the cigars and candy Monday in celebration of a daughter, born Sunday, January 12.

Walter S. Walker and Vernon Copp recently returned from a trip over the north end of the Central division incident to 588 work.

We understand Shirley Booth recently became familiar with the U. S. postal laws governing the mailing of Christmas cards. It all came about when he had dropped a postal card into the mail chute on the ninth floor, which was too large to slide down. In his efforts to remove or release the card a large crowd hurriedly assembled, among which were two postal inspectors, who took charge of the situation.

SPRINGFIELD FREIGHT DEPOT

M. M. A. LARKINS, Reporter

Santa Claus' visit to members of the office force are reflected in the commanding officer's new desk set and the impudent monkey that swings from the light cord; in the ferocious bull dog guarding cashier Donica's papers; in Morris Cox's handsome fountain pen.

On our return January 2, found the office had changed from its colorful holiday raiment and festive appearance of December to a more practical attire and businesslike atmosphere for 1930.

Certain that demurrage clerk "Bob" McDonald made one resolution—to remember that October 12 is Chris Columbus' birthday and exempt of demurrage charges.

Miss Mae Lundstrum, expense bill clerk, welcomed in the New Year with friends in Tulsa.

Miss Blanche Handley visited family of the late Arthur Bowles January 5. Mr. Bowles, former inspector for the Western Weighing Bureau in Springfield, recently located at Deepwater, Mo., died latter part of December after a very brief illness. Services and interment were at Springfield. Many friends will receive with regret the news of this seeming untimely death.

Recent changes on office desks include Miss Besse Jones' return to the billing department the 9th of January and Mrs. Bessie Dickerson's assuming duties of comptometer operator.

Miss Jessie Rose, displaced by Mrs. Dickerson, joins Miss Helen Devine on the extra board. Miss Devine is developing into quite a globe-trotter in her leisure, returning not long since from San Antonio and now planning a visit in Cherryvale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hay will leave soon for Los Angeles to visit their daughter. Mr. Hay is chief delivery clerk.

Mr. Louis Sweetin, platform, and Mrs. Sweetin left January 6 to attend funeral of the former's brother held at Cuba, Mo.

Chief bill clerk and Mrs. Anderson were called to Waterloo, Iowa, December 24, by serious illness of their little grandson. Howard A. Dale who is becoming a most versatile clerk took care of the outbound billings, and was relieved on the position of yard clerk by Clarence E. Pearce who also is fast becoming proficient on various desks. "Pee Wee" in these instances is relieved by Barney Parker as messenger.

Messrs. Otis Briggs and Lon Prophet of the platform force were visitors in Fayetteville, Ark., early in January.

This item really deserves to appear beneath a photo of the two but being camera shy Mrs. Bessie Dickerson and Miss Myrtle Pearson agree only to your reading of their achievement. Check of error statements disclosed that they made the only perfect record in billing by stations in group one during 1929. They billed in November, 7,696 dray tickets without an error! And they made a noticeable record in December of but one error with 5,874 tickets. This

exemplary work is worthy of commendation and they're getting it.

SPRINGFIELD REVISING BUREAU

E. E. McGRATH, Reporter

Regardless of the fact transportation has been slowed up considerably by the recent cold wave that did so much damage in and around Springfield the bureau is still upholding its record of being 100 per cent on time.

Bob Brockelmeyer recently brought his sister and two younger brothers to live with him here. This has an air of permanency about it and shows what Bob thinks of the Queen City of the Ozarks.

Donald Bucklin, the successful bidder on a local revising position, is settling down to his new duties with the air of an artisan. The only complaint we have heard him make is that there is too much grain moving around this part of the country.

Bill Blerer is handling his new work like a veteran rate man but tells us confidentially he never knew what combinations really meant until he started revising Springfield's inbound waybills. If they would cancel Item 3 of SWL tariff No. 151 they would remove the biggest part of Bill's worries.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

V. C. WILLIAMS, Reporter

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that, since our last report, Grace Jochum has been checking up on the stock market (or stuck market), at least we understand she made a trip to New York during the holidays.

Grover Danley is either lucky or uses good judgment; he saved one day of his vacation to rest up next day after Christmas.

We observe that Fred Peterson, chief clerk Eastern division, also purchased a diamond ring as a Christmas gift.

On or about December 19, near Hotel Colonial, Springfield, Ann McClernon fell pretty hard for some good looking fellow, at least he assisted her in getting up and said "hard luck," Ann thought "hard sidewalk." We understand Ann tried the same thing the next day, but still more "hard luck."

Chief the inspector Drake paid us a visit since our last report. It goes without saying, this very pleasant visitor is always welcome.

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On January 5, V. C. Williams, while visiting his daughter Velma who is progressing nicely in a hospital at St. Louis, also visited our chief file clerk, Orville Coble, who has been in the Frisco Employees' hospital there for some time. Orville is improving slowly, and is encouraged to believe that before many moons he will be practically 100 per cent again.

Ann McClernon, along with Anna Helbig, made a pleasure trip to Tulsa over New Years.

We are glad to note the promotion of our old friend J. A. Jones, formerly assistant water service foreman on the Eastern division to division water service foreman Southwestern division. Congratulations Jim.

C. C. Kratky, assistant to vice president and A. F. Free, auditor disbursements, made us a business visit since our last report.

We extend hearty and sincere congratulations to W. O. Moore, recently appointed chief clerk to the president.

MONETT YARDS

FRANK L. KYLER, Reporter

Switchman Howard White was injured January 16, and upon being taken to St. John's hospital, Springfield, it was found he had a bone broken in the right foot. A plaster cast was placed on the foot and we expect Howard home in a few days.

Switchman L. A. Taylor has been laying off due to an injury sustained when he slipped and fell during the recent slick spell.

Speaking of being "covered up" Peter Stolle, section foreman at this point, can tell you how it feels to be covered up in the snow and sleet. All of the men available were called upon to assist in clearing off the station platform which seemed to cover faster than the men could work.

Barney Conley, foreman of the 3:10 p. m. crew, was off duty for six days recently, attending the funeral of an aunt. Switchman C. Russell Gillette has gone to Enid, Okla., to work.

Switchman Fred Balden went to Valley Park, Mo., recently to work for a few days.

The severity of the recent winter weather has brought forth several statements from old timers, to the effect that it is the worst in many moons. We are not among those listed as old timers but we state that the weather is pretty rough on common folks. Then, too, the thought is quite painfully recalled that January 16 marked the tenth year of the demise of one "John Barleycorn," who was quite a stimulant for winter weather. Alas poor John!

**MONETT LOCOMOTIVE DEPT.
MONETT, MO.**

MARGUERITE FROSSARD, Reporter

Rain, snow, hail, sleet and ice—what a wintry combination! And we've had them all heaped up on the ground at one time these past two weeks. The only tried and successful aids to travel over this slippery and treacherous surface, are ice skates and toboggans and trains which equipment is greatly in demand right now.

Engineer W. C. Bray, and Mrs. Bray, enjoyed a holiday visit from their son, George Blackwell, who is a student at Clark University, Worcester, Mass. Quite an extensive journey for a few days with the home folks, but well worth the trip, I imagine.

Mrs. J. E. Harvey, wife of engineer, has returned from a pleasant trip to Memphis, Tenn., where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Paul Peck and Mr. Peck.

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J. C. Harrison started the New Year all wrong by succumbing to an attack of pneumonia on the very first day of 1930. He staged a stiff battle with the offending germ for a couple of weeks, but finally caused it to beat a retreat and is now able to be back at the round-house coping with his duties as machinist.

Loren Carmack, of the night coach department, is at present confined in the Employees' hospital at St. Louis.

No longer is he just engineer F. L. Higgins, for he has attained a more worthy and honorable title—that of grandfather! Brought about by the arrival at the home of his daughter in Lawrenceville, Ill., on January 15, little John William Montgomery.

J. F. McCubbin and family have returned from Ft. Smith, Ark., where they visited relatives for a few days.

We thrilled and marveled recently over the eerie, uncanny performance of the American arch trick magician, Bill Salisbury, when he spent a day in Monett. Articles of every description miraculously disappeared from view, only to show up again in the most unexpected places, leaving us mystified and awe-stricken.

AGENT'S OFFICE, MONETT, MO.

PEARL E. LEWIS, Reporter

Henry Pennell, eastern division passenger flagman, is again on duty after a month's lay off.

Ethel Livesay, second trick telephone operator, is back at work after a forced vacation on account of illness.

Peter Stolle, yard foreman, and his men were very busy during our severe cold spell; they removed 32 cars of ice and sleet from the passenger platform, working day and night. The claim department was quite generous in loaning "working tools" during the snow storm and were able to furnish most any size and kind of shovel to suit the particular need, we learned however, these were the implements used in the beautiful flower beds the past season.

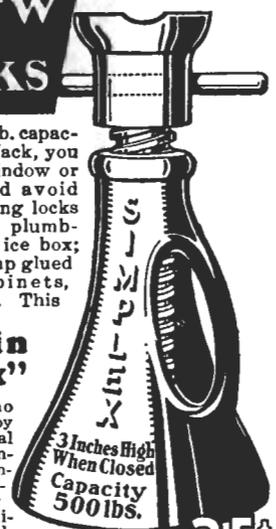
C. E. Wright, operator, NY office was off duty several weeks on account of an infected foot, but has sufficiently recovered to resume work.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Pitts celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary December 25, entertaining their twelve

children and forty-six relatives. Mr. Pitts has been a switchman in the Monett yards twenty-three years.

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Felix Carter, a former employe of the freight department, was visiting old friends here this month. Mr. Carter is now located at Pueblo, Colo., and is employed by the D&RG railroad.

A. M. Trimble, cashier at the freight office, was off duty several days the first of the year on account of illness, which has been a very unusual occurrence in Mr. Trimble's thirty-five years of railroadng.

Conductor A. E. Beebe who is now located in Amory, Miss., was here recently visiting his many old friends.

J. F. Shirlie, a former general yardmaster at Monett, has just been appointed assistant superintendent for the St. Louis and Southwestern railway, with supervision over the Dallas and Fort Worth division.

W. W. Campbell, who was called to Fort Scott account of the illness of his mother, who is 86 years, has resumed work as passenger conductor on the Northern division. He reports his mother as much improved.

At this writing the thermometer registers 8 below zero, 5:30 p. m., January 17. Let's hope by the time these items are read we will be enjoying warmer weather.

OFFICE SUPT. TRANSPORTATION SPRINGFIELD, MO.

EULA STRATTON, Reporter

What with the weather 15 degrees and sleet and snow till I almost freeze, I just almost didn't get any "dope" for this month's column.

I did drift into Kline's bowling alley one night to watch the Frisco Girls' team pile up the scores, and what do you think? One of the photographers of the "Big Local Paper" was there taking pictures of some of the stars and believe it or not two of those stars belong to this office, and the following Sunday Helen Mary Dryden and Frankie Rhodes were smiling out at us from the sport page. Others from this office that go in for bowling are Anna Sheehan, Della Stevenson and Edith Widmeyer and boy! they're really good!

The bob-sledding, cold weather or something brought on a deluge of January sickness. Those that suffered worse and were off from work were Edith Widmeyer, Florence Kline, Freda Fielden, Nell Breckenridge and E. C. Hunt.

We are sorry we forgot to announce in last month's issue about Harlan Boehm being the new secretary for the Frisco Men's Club, this city, which has a membership of something like nine hundred. We take this means of "telling the world" about it and congratulate the club on having chosen Mr. Boehm and wish for him success in that particular line of work.

OFFICE DIVISION AND STORES ACCOUNTANT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

R. G. LANGSTON, Reporter

A. S. Owens reported December 23 from Chaffee store department. Mr. Owens bid in position of general clerk.

H. A. Likens of Memphis was a visitor December 23.

E. E. Carlock was away during Christmas week on vacation.

Tom Gibson, formerly with the Frisco, was a visitor in Springfield for Christmas.

Ray Lodge received a very agreeable Christmas present. He was notified to return January 2 to resume his former duties in the claim department. Sorry to lose him from the gang but glad to see him receive a promotion.

H. H. McGarvey and wife of Chaffee spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Springfield.

J. K. Pranter takes the position of shop order clerk vacated by J. R. Lodge.

OFFICE OF CAR ACCOUNTANT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

MARIE ARNOLD, Reporter

If all offices are as low on news as this, Ye Editor will walk the floor and send out an S. O. S. for copy for the February magazine.

Ida M. Blood of the typing department has answered the vacation urge al-

ready and will leave in a few days for Boston where she will visit her brother prior to sailing for Russia on special assignment for the construction company by which she is employed. She will also visit in Chicago on her return trip.

Lillian Yates and her sister, Helen, of the office of supervisor car repair bills gave a lovely miscellaneous shower for Mabel Dwyer of that department on the 16th. Mabel resigned on the 15th and was married on the 18th. Her position was filled by Opal Melton, who worked in this office as an assorter, several months during the previous year.

Since our last report, Mary Burrow has appeared with a diamond ring on her left, third finger, carrying the usual meaning.

The weather man did his share to make the spread recently held by the typing department more interesting by furnishing dripping clouds and sloppy walks outside while they sat in the warmth and enjoyed a sumptuous meal.

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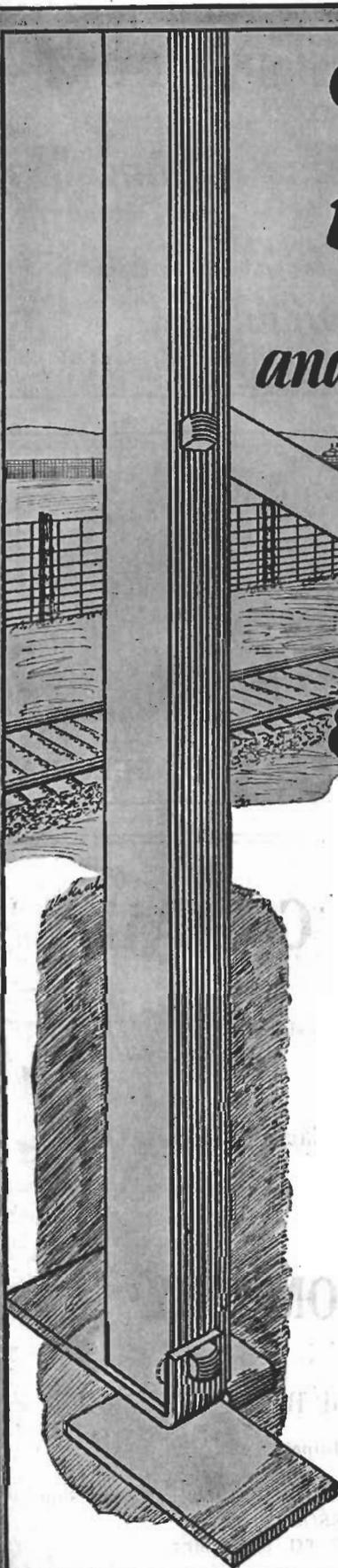
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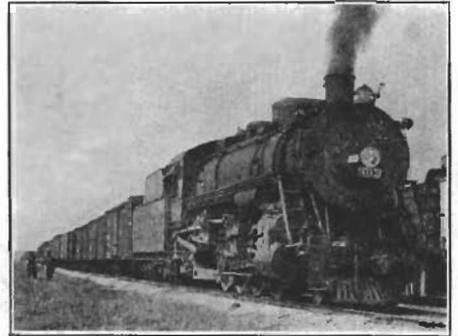
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