



# The FRISCO MECHANIC

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## Perseverance Builds Beautiful Home



**M**R. AND MRS. DAN P. RAINEY of Springfield, have recently demonstrated that persevering effort toward one's goal will bring success. The goal was ownership of a beautiful home, and today that home stands at 901 State Street, Springfield, Mo., a monument to the diligent efforts of these two.

Mr. Rainey is a Frisco employe, and serves as special agent at Springfield. Prior to his coming with Frisco Lines he was employed as a druggist at a salary of \$45.00 a month.

The acquisition of a beautiful home started in 1921 when Mr. and Mrs. Rainey purchased a modest little place on Lombard and Broadway in Springfield. The home was not paid for in cash, but it was paid for in twenty-three months.

After living in this home for several years, they purchased a lot at 841 State Street, just east of their present home, and built a neat little cottage there. In 1916 they traded it for what is known as the Minor place at 848 State Street and gave \$1,750.00 and their former home, going in debt for the balance, and during the next

few years spent \$1,500.00 for improvements. Later they moved the large house to the east side of the lot and built a pretty bungalow, renting the large house. Rent received amounted to \$3,100.00 and without the loss of a cent of rent money.

By modest living and strict application to business they were able in 1924 to purchase the lot where their new home now stands, paying \$1,500 cash for it. The two places across the street from the new home were sold and in November of the past year the new, modern home at 901 State Street was ready for occupancy.

This new home is up to the minute in design and construction and cannot be fully appreciated through a description. The interior, finished in gum with oak floors, and the color scheme is a work of art.

Truly one would have to see this house complete, to appreciate its coziness and beauty. And the Rainey's feel that this is finally the dream house and that the various houses which they owned prior to this one, have been but stepping stones to it, and they are justly proud of their efforts.

## LOCAL No. 1 MEETS

Three hundred members of Local No. 1 of the Metal Crafts and Car Department Employes in Springfield and its Ladies' Auxilliary, ushered in the new year with the first social get-together meeting and banquet Friday evening, February 5, following a brief business session. It was unique in that the men had charge of the banquet and royally entertained the ladies and supervised the preparation of the banquet, cooking, etc., to the minutest detail.

The local organization's banquet committee, in charge of arrangements and entertainment, was composed of Jewell Divan, Chairman; Louis Taylor, A. W. Skelton, George Gippert, J. E. Kellogg, T. W. Brown and Clarence Adams.

The local's president, Burl Hough, called the meeting to order and made a short introductory address, after which the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Earl Thompson, president of the Ladies' Auxilliary, who announced a musical program which was given while the men were making ready in the large, spacious dining hall to serve the large crowd in attendance.

Entertainment was provided by Fred Thies, blacksmith at the south reclamation shops, who played several selections upon the accordion, followed by Misses Iva Lucille and Marjorie Pence, daughters of division chairman, I. L. Pence, Local No. 1, Springfield, who played several piano selections, during which Miss Iva Lucille sang three popular musical selections. There were many other novelty numbers featured during the course of the very enjoyable evening which was concluded with a dance, including old fashioned square dancing, to music furnished by L. J. Gibbs' orchestra. The local is planning monthly meetings of this kind and it should prove very beneficial in bringing about a closer bond of friendship among the members of the association.

He had run out of gas on the outskirts of a New Hampshire town; saw a young boy coming along the road carrying a big tin can.

"Say, boy," he yelled, "I hope that's gasoline you have in that can."

"Well, I hope it ain't," returned the boy with some heat. "It would taste terrible on Ma's pancakes."

**THINK THIS OVER**

A young fellow just starting out on a business career sometimes hesitates to take a job with a big corporation. He is apt to fear that the great opportunity he is seeking may be lost to him if his individuality is merged with those of hundreds of other employes—if, in short, he becomes "merely a cog in a big machine."

"What chance has a fellow got in a big corporation, anyway? He's only a cog in a machine."

"Cogs? Dull, greasy lumps of toothed metal that grind incessantly in the hidden depths of a soulless machine, droning out the ceaseless monotony of production, cast into the scrap heap when their usefulness is over. Inanimate things.

"Or vital, driving units in a mighty, pulsating giant of power, instruments in the great symphony of production. Each little spurred wheel a part to be oiled and cared for, the least important holding within itself the power of wrecking the whole machine. Every one, large and small, interlocked in a single, tremendous purpose.

"Which?

"It depends on the viewpoint. On the individual. On the machine.

"Look around at the men who are executives today. Where were they ten years ago? That's something to think of. With the inevitable shifts and realignments that are the growing pains of any vast enterprise, where is there greater or more frequent opportunities for an employe to better himself than in a big corporation?

"That's where the human cog differs from his mechanical brother. He can enlarge himself, increase the size of his intellectual teeth, be ready to slip onto a more important shaft when the bigger fellows move up or step out.

"Cogs in a machine? Sure. We all are. But we make it go!"

—Nuggets.

**FRISCO MECHANIC  
FAMILY NEWS**

**LOCAL 11—CHAFFEE, MO.**

**MRS. FRED DOHRMAN, Reporter**

Shirley Greenmore has joined the ranks of the married, having married Miss Rosa White, February 1.

Mrs. Frank Yount had as her guests Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Angel of Granite City, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnston just returned from an extended visit in Los Angeles, Cal.

Nathan Carle, yard clerk, has been transferred to Hayti, Mo., where he will move his family in the near future.

Mrs. W. H. Pryor shopped in Cape Girardeau recently.

S. F. Musgrave of water service department is spending all of his evenings at home; his reason, just had a new radio installed.

Miss Erline Ponder is recovering after a recent illness.

We all extend deep sympathy to G. A. Proffer and family in the loss of their mother, Grandma Proffer.

G. A. Reeves, section laborer, is in Frisco hospital for medical treatment.

Mrs. C. R. Simpkins visited her father, J. E. Pryor, Tallapoosa, Mo., recently.

At this writing Mrs. Rube Norris is seriously ill. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Will Nichols of Crystal City, Mo., has moved his family back home. We all welcome them back to Chaffee.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE—  
WEST SHOPS, SPRINGFIELD**

**JOE GOODRICK, Reporter**

Clarence Bonham, stock clerk in the store department, is at this writing in the Springfield Frisco hospital recuperating from an attack of influenza.

T. E. Boal, timekeeper, who was off duty account illness during the month of January, is back on the job.

L. E. Richardson, boiler foreman, and C. I. Richardson, forge shop foreman, were called to Indianapolis, Ind., the first of February account the death of a relative.

C. C. Case, clerk to the general foreman, is looking very prosperous in a new suit of clothes.

Edgar W. Surles, machinist apprentice, has been transferred to West Shop from the North Side.

C. E. Grundburg, material supervisor, believes he heads the list as recipient of comic valentines, thus proving his popularity.

We have four new apprentices enrolled during the month of February. They are H. E. Ackerman, R. D. Gurley and O. L. Huff, machinists' apprentices, and W. P. May, boilermaker apprentice.

M. L. Ryan, west shop safety inspector, was recently accorded the honor of being appointed on the committee for troop organization and supervision of the Springfield Boy Scouts.

**NORTH SIDE SIDELIGHTS**

**EMERY HAGUEWOOD, Reporter**

The recent cold weather, accompanied by much ice and snow, proved the superiority of railway transportation over any other method, which should be considered when one is planning on traveling or shipping. With buses and trucks at a standstill or stored away in garages, and airplanes being kept in hangars, the railroads kept trains moving right along. Of course, some delays occurred—man cannot completely conquer the elements. But it shows what a trained force of railway employes can do under adverse conditions and that the railroads can always be depended upon.

The banquet given by Local No. 1 January 24, of which the Ladies' Auxiliary were honor guests, proved a very enjoyable affair, everyone present having the booster spirit, as shown by the many good talks given.

Charles Dodson, machinist, is the owner of a new Studebaker sedan, but is not getting to drive it just now as he is confined to the Employes' hospital on account of tonsil removal, made necessary by a recent severe attack of tonsillitis.

Carl Watson, boilermaker, is off, suffering with a broken arm, sustained on a recent cold morning when his car resisted his effort to crank it.

Cecil Grove, cellar packer, is a late purchaser of one of Henry's creations, having chosen a Tudor sedan.

Clifford Keiser, night roundhouse foreman, is the owner of a brand new DeSoto

straight eight, and is busy most of his spare time breaking it in.

Dempsey Gildewell has finished serving his machinist apprenticeship and is now working extra first class machinist work in the roundhouse.

Ben Stover, machinist on air work, is mourning the loss of his father, whose death occurred at the family home in Willow Springs, January 31. Ben's many friends in the roundhouse extend sympathy.

Neal (Sunnyland) Thompson, extra man, proved himself a real leather pusher when he won the junior lightweight cup given at the amateur boxing tournament.

Lewis Huffman, extra man, is in Houston, Texas, where he was called on account of the serious illness of his father.

Thomas Clark, laborer, has returned from Miller, Mo., where he was called on account of the illness of a daughter. He reports her improving nicely at this time.

**LOCAL No. 32—NEWBURG, MO.**

**E. F. FULLER, Reporter**

Harvey A. Hughes, car inspector, is confined to the Frisco hospital with a case of rheumatism.

Miss Thelma Vinson of Springfield visited her sister, Mrs. E. F. Fuller, recently.

Mrs. H. W. Fuller was installed Worthy Matron of Newburg Chapter No. 249, OES.

Mr. Grover Helms, cinder pit man, is now off duty on sick list.

Harvey Green, grease cup man, made a business trip to Neodesha, Kans., recently.

"Puss" Hill of the mighty beaver is back to work after several days of sickness.

Mrs. D. B. Edge and son Bobbie visited home folks near Marionville.

Mrs. Frank Short and daughter Helen visited St. Louis recently.

John Wolfe, firebuilder, is suffering with a nice bunch of boils.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Boudnot are the proud parents of a baby girl born January 23.

Joe Goodrick and Orville Fite of Springfield were Newburg visitors recently.

John Potter, caller, visited his brother in Dallas, Texas, recently.

Mr. C. D. Ward, assistant night roundhouse foreman, had the misfortune to mash his foot.

Harry Fuller, locomotive inspector, is off duty on account of having a sprained leg.

After such a siege of bad weather all of the boys are thinking about spring, and—a long fishing pole, with a big fish grabbing at the bait, but wait until then, there will be the bait, but no fish.

The roundhouse boys are a little envious of the boys at the station with all of the buildings newly painted.

**KANSAS CITY MECHANICAL  
DEPARTMENT**

**DORAL L. DENISON, Reporter**

Nick Vidovich, supplyman, spent a number of days in the hospital, where he underwent a minor operation for the removal of a small cancer.

Fred Chaffin, locomotive inspector, is spending a number of weeks in the hospital, where he underwent an operation for double rupture, but is expected to be back to work by the middle of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strobe are the proud parents of a big baby girl, born January 11, whom they have given the name Mary Ann. Congratulations!

Arthur Thompson is the proud owner of a new home south of Swope Park, which he purchased recently.

Curtis Kuhn, tank truckman, is the proud owner of a new Chevrolet sedan.

Harry Lockridge, machinist, lost a number of days due to illness.

Harry Ford, hostler helper, was off a number of days with an attack of stomach trouble.

Mrs. Frank Bertina spent a number of days in the hospital last month undergoing treatment and examination.

Burley Farmer, machinist, is off on the sick list with an attack of rheumatism.

Earl Hick is off on the injured list with a fractured jawbone and is not able to be back at work at this writing account of an infection that has set in, but is reported to be getting along fine at this writing.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of John W. Stiefer, who passed away January 20 at 7:30 p. m. John was employed as a locomotive inspector.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nachbar are the proud parents of an 8-pound baby boy, born December 11, and he has been given the name of William Walter, and we all extend to them our congratulations.

A number of the men and their families gave a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Clarence Smallwood, the evening being given over to dancing and card playing.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carcairo, who are the proud parents of a big baby girl, born February 1.

William Bullard, the old reliable, is the proud owner of a new Ford which he purchased recently.

Walter Upton, electrician helper, is also the proud owner of a run-like-new Overland sedan.

### SOUTH TRAIN YARDS SPRINGFIELD, MO.

JESSIE L. BRANDON, Reporter

R. H. (Bud) Yelvington, coach repair man, is sporting a new 1930 Oldsmobile.

David Payne, engine hurder, got a forty-five days' leave of absence and is visiting his sister at Houston, Texas.

Sam Hays, inspector, was off on February 2, on account of an injury to his 5-months-old baby girl. She is recovering nicely.

Guy Gallogher, check clerk, is now working as chief delivery clerk at the freight house, while chief delivery clerk, W. G. Hay, is making a visit with relatives in Long Beach, Cal.

Mr. E. F. Henderson, cooper at freight house, has been off several days on the account of Mrs. Henderson being injured by falling on the ice. He reports that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bockman are the proud parents of a baby girl named Loretta Starr Bockman, who took up her abode with them January 20.

A. P. (Mack) Wells, check clerk, is back at work again after being off 42 days on the account of bronchial pneumonia.

The little Miss Bettie Lee arrived on January 19 to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. James Foster.

Mrs. Allen Norman, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Bockman, made a trip to Tulsa, Okla., to visit with her son.

### RECLAMATION PLANT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

T. O. CHAPMAN, Reporter

Louis Woods, one of our old friends who used to be one of us, but now at Lindenwood shops, paid us a short visit recently.

We were all sorry to learn of the death of Charles Madison, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Preston. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Chester Parsons, yard oxweld cutter, was all smiles when he announced that a 7-pound girl, whose name is Dorothy Marie, had arrived at his home.

The reclamation plant employees extend their sympathy to Sam Robison, machinist helper, in the recent loss of his father, George Robison.

"Uncle" Joe Clements, who works in

James Pence's gang is confined to the St. John's hospital in the Frisco ward. Uncle Joe is very cheerful and improving and expects to be out before long.

Johnny O'Brien, who has been employed as office boy in Mr. Leysaht's office, has been promoted to machinist helper. We are glad to have Johnny associated with us more closely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garland have returned from their trip to the sunny south. They report they had an enjoyable time and viewed some interesting scenery while gone.

Miss Fern Comstock, daughter of Albert Weaver, blacksmith, had the misfortune to be painfully scalded about the lower limbs and feet. She is reported to be improving splendidly under the care of Dr. A. W. Thomas.

Sadie Cordz, wife of Louis F. Cordz, machinist helper, has been called by death since our last report. Mr. Cordz and family wish to express their sincere thanks for the floral offering and sympathy shown by the plant employees in their bereavement.

Charles Mikeswell and William Osmon, two of our trusty blacksmiths, were seen dabbling in the waters of Jordan River, which runs by our shop, on the evening of February 8. Some thought they were in bathing, but it has been generally conceded that they were only wading.

Thomas Reynolds informs us he has disposed of his garage and has accepted a job of special work with the M. Jess. Old Line Auto Company. Tommy was given some special factory training before entering on his new duties. He was formerly employed at the reclamation plant in charge of gas engine motor repair work.

V. J. Rutherford, sheet metal worker helper, is recovering nicely from an operation which he underwent at the St. John's hospital. Mr. Rutherford says he is having a good rest and gets along splendidly with the nurses. Please hurry and get back to the shops with us, "Jimmy," for we miss those periodical anecdotes for which you are so notorious.

Fred Thies, blacksmith, has returned to work after an absence of ten months due to sickness. Fred was heartily welcomed back by the boys in the blacksmith shop. He wishes to thank all of his fellow employees for the many flowers and visits that were given him during his illness, and expresses praise for the Frisco local hospital and the courteous treatment extended him at the St. Louis hospital.

At the recent "feed" put on by the Association in honor of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Metal Crafts and Car Department employees, George Gippert was chief chef, while Wm. Mattox was first cook. Others who served from our plant as waiters were Theodore Brown, John E. Kellogg and Clarence Sissel. It was a splendid supper and an enjoyable affair. We wish we could have secured a picture of George with his golden crown chef's cap on, and his staff of worthy assistants.

### LOCAL No. 11—CHAFFEE, MO.

BERNICE BIENERT, Reporter

Mr. G. H. Bienert, head hostler of the Frisco yards of Chaffee, was in the hospital Saturday, January 25. He returned home Sunday morning and concluded that it was all "imagination."

The Chaffee Frisco Employees' Club had a steak supper at the Blue Lantern Cafe, January 23. Among those present were: J. S. Meldroth, road foreman of equipment, M. H. Stubblefield, train dispatcher, and Ben Fowler, general car foreman, who gave talks on various phases of progressive work.

Musical entertainment was furnished by Misses Bernice and Neona Bienert. The business meeting of the club was given over to the election of a board of governors, and to a discussion of the various activities for future meetings.

Miss Leota Friend, stenographer in master mechanic's office of Frisco here, received treatment at the Frisco Hospital in St. Louis, Wednesday, January 22.

Mrs. John Sheeley was on the sick list this month. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. George Smiley received a very painful injury while closing a window in the cupola of a caboose. The window fell on his hand, mashing his thumb and splitting it open.

Friday night, January 31, the Frisco Club entertained with a pianotrope dance. For those who did not care to dance, tables were arranged for bridge, or other card games. Many were present and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday, January 29, the Association of the Metal Craft & Car Department held a meeting in the Odd Fellow's Hall, here. The association was honored with the presence of Mr. Frank Junkins, general chairman of this association. They are greatly benefited by his visits, and greatly encouraged by his splendid talks, and plan to do more and better work. We want you to come again, Mr. Junkins!

### AURORA-GREENFIELD, MO. BRANCH

B. P. RAMEY, Reporter

Wm. R. Scott, clerk at Monett relieved ye scribe a few days account of old man "Flu" knocking us out for the count.

Mr. George Thrall and son Jack, wife and son of Geo. Thrall, conductor Northern division, have both been confined to their home, account of an attack of the Flu.

Mr. Thrall was relieved by Brake-man E. T. Walker, and Mr. Walker was relieved by H. C. Chartrand, brakeman Northern division, from Ft. Scott, Kans.

Very sorry to report that Conductor E. B. Miller, Northern division, who some time back suffered a paralytic stroke, is recovering very slowly. Will be some time before he will be able to resume his run on the Greenfield branch.

Dr. R. D. Cowan, this city, has accepted position as the Frisco's local surgeon. Welcome to the Frisco family, doctor! Dr. F. S. Stevenson, formerly local surgeon, was forced to resign the position, account of ill health.

Ernest Riddle, formerly station helper this station, has bid back in as station helper this station. Mr. Birch, who previously held same, bid back as helper in his home town of Deepwater, Missouri.

Miss Irene Beale, daughter of R. O. Beale, agent, is confined to her home account of an attack of the flu.

F. A. Strobach, extra helper of Rolla, protected helpers position this station while same was up for bid.

A sure sign of spring. Everyone talking about fishing!

### 40th AND 43rd TRACK DIVISION SAPULPA, OKLA.

J. A. MacMILLAN, Reporter

A section foremen's meeting was held in Tulsa, February 9, with a record attendance of 74 from two track divisions. An impressive address was made by Mr. C. C. Mills, accident prevention agent, on the subject of safety. Among other speakers were Mr. H. F. Busch and Mr. H. W. Hale. The usual luncheon was served to the men at Vinita en route to the meeting.

Mr. J. A. Jones has been appointed water service foreman on the South-western division.

Work of widening street at Peoria avenue, Tulsa, underpass and placing of sidewalks on each side, is now in progress. The B&B department took care of all the false work in connection with same.

Requisitions have been submitted for 28.3 miles of new 110-lb rail to be laid west from Pierce City, during the present year.

Track forces were greatly handicapped last month due to the heavy snowfalls and sub-zero weather, however, considering the severe weather trains operated very well indeed, on time.

Walter Stookey has been assigned foreman on the Fairland section.

A. J. Redmond has been assigned to the Vinita section.

Cleve Martin, B&B carpenter, is back on the job after spending a week in the St. Louis hospital.

Lee Lantz, B&B foreman, has returned from the hospital, but is not yet able to return to work.

Jake Garrison, has been assigned relief foreman on the 40th track.

A new 233-foot spur track is being constructed to serve the agitator plant of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation at West Tulsa.

### SHERMAN STORE AND MECHANICAL DEPARTMENTS

IVA SEWELL and JOE BRYAN, Reporters

Sam Sims, colored laborer, asked me to say that he and his family gratefully acknowledge and thank all the Sherman shop employes and Frisco engineers for the beautiful floral offerings and kind expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of his wife who passed away January 9.

Ernest Johnson, brother of Mrs. Loyal McMillan, wife of chief clerk to storekeeper, died January 18. This department extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. A. A. Graham, wife of the late A. A. Graham, master mechanic, is a patient at the Wilson N. Jones hospital.

Pete Steffensky, care foreman, will reach the age of retirement February 28.

L. McMillan, chief clerk, had his tonsils removed recently, but has returned to work now and thinks he will soon be able to sing.

The Sherman shop employes are making every effort to reduce accidents on the Texas Lines by holding meetings among the men every Monday morning. Luther Lawrence, painter, has been employed since October 7, 1904, has worked 9,250 days, and lost only one day account of accident during that time.

Miss Etta McDuffie, daughter of H. L. McDuffie, stationary engineer is a patient at the Wilson N. Jones hospital, following an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. E. M. Hatfield, wife of car repairer, is seriously ill of pneumonia at the family home on South Vaden street. We wish her a speedy recovery.

C. B. White, lead coppersmith, has taken a sixty-day leave of absence account of ill health. He and Mrs. White have gone to Amarillo, Texas, to visit his mother.

Leo Miller is working as lead coppersmith now.

Mr. Harry Harrison, traveling safety first man, visited our monthly morning safety first meeting and exhibited some very interesting charts.

Pat Murphy, blacksmith, reports an enjoyable week-end trip in Dallas, Texas.

We are sorry to report that machinist Winebrenner is not able to report for work at this writing, but hope he is able to be with us soon.

The Frisco Employes' Club is planning another big dance and entertainment for February 21.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. J. F. Miller, wife of engine inspector, in the loss of her father.

Mrs. Guy Scott, wife of roundhouse foreman, received a painful injury in one of her feet during our icy weather.

L. C. Fuller, general foreman, is back

on the job after being a victim of a bad cold.

W. G. Hall, master mechanic, was almost down first part of this month, but managed to stay in and pitch.

### GENERAL AGENT KANSAS CITY

DAVID H. TODD, Reporter

During our recent bad weather it seemed that the hardest part of our job was getting to and from work on time.

F. Benson, A. Lankford and F. Westerman are inventing a device to stop falling hair. Elmer Lindeman informs them that it is "going-going" to be too late for "Herpicide" if they don't quit using that second-hand cylinder oil.

The office extends its sympathy to A. J. Anderson who lost his wife January 21.

Fenton Benson has been seen quite often purring on the premises of the bill desk recently.

George Wilson, the "Jimmie Walker" of the freight house, purchased spats and four new shirts with ties to match. We were very much worried after he had worn the third new shirt due to the fact that he was off five days with the "flu." A gleam of hope entered our minds, however, when we happened to remember that he had one more clean shirt.

Ray Ruisinger, one of our crack bill clerks, has joined the ranks of our "Be your own Mechanic Club." He took the engine apart to grind the valves and then called a mechanic to put it back together again. We believe he would have made the grade if he had not purchased and used a \$3.50 valve lifter.

Fenton Benson is the proud owner of a new "Chevy sedan." Aside from not being able to get to work on time for fear of overheating the engine, and not being able to locate the horn, everything is O. K. now.

Anna Myers is leaving the 15th to visit sunny Havana, Cuba. We presume she will be back pay day.

Eddie Kelley reminds us of "Smitty" in trying to carry too many bill of lading books to and from his desk. Look out or it will get you down too.

Walter Tarcy is sporting his first pair of spectacles. The Claim Department is boasting on having the most dignified looking boss.

The office in general took great pleasure in sending their friends comic Valentines this year, pointing out their various peculiarities, idiosyncrasies, etc. We hope for a great improvement in the morale of the entire office after each person finds out just what is the matter with himself.

### WEST SHOP LOCOMOTIVE DEPT. SPRINGFIELD, MO.

A. E. GODFREY, Reporter

Local No. 2 gave an entertainment February 5, with about 250 in attendance. The entertainers were as follows:

Andrew Zay sang Pagan Love Song, accompanied by Miss Sophie Zay on piano; Junior Osborne, trumpet solo, "The Commodore," accompanied by Dorthey Davey; Mrs. Chas. Low, reading, "Feast of the Locust;" Paul and H. M. Taylor, saxophone-clarinete duet, "Same Old Moon in the Same Old June," accompanied by Miss Dorthey Davey; Rosco Brown, magician; L. J. Gibbs' orchestra played for the dancing after the entertainment. Committee in charge of the program were: F. Brake, W. Davis and M. L. Ryan.

Local No. 2 is planning a tacky party March 4.

We are holding safety first meetings often now, which we think is helping keep down accidents. The men all seem to take interest in unsafe work, also tools.

I notice an item in our last magazine where the North Side Shop boys

were out for the Safety Trophy. (Don't worry) their superintendent may not need his fern stand. The North Shop Boys will have to hustle for we West Shop Boys are 'bout to win.

Bob Davis, boilermaker, made a flying trip to St. Louis, February 1.

Speedy Payne, Bm. and Joe Brandon, and S. M. Worker, made a week-end business trip to Dixon, Mo.

We are very sorry to announce the death of Roy Plank, which occurred January 22. The Plank family have the sympathy of the West Shop boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrison announce the birth of a baby girl, January 24, named Betty Jean.

Otto Davis, electric welder, spent the week-end at Lebanon, Mo., with home folks.

Geo. Tipton spent the week-end at Dixon, Mo., with his family.

Horace Gilmore, tank truckman, is all smiles over his new car he is driving.

Edw. Merritt and Raymond Jones made a week-end trip to Tulsa, Okla. Ed came back with a black eye and Casey was very much excited. The boys have all been wondering what happened.

Steve Bolln, Homer Thomas and Wm. Fabro, are all sitting up late at night listening to their new radios.

Locals No. 1 and No. 2 are to make arrangements for entertaining members of the crafts who attend the conferences in Springfield in the future.

About ten ladies of Local No. 2 auxiliary entertained their husbands with eats and coffee after the regular meeting on February 7. Hope there will be more of these feeds.

### MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT THAYER, OKLA.

F. M. PEEBLES, Reporter

James R. Fenick platform man who was in the Springfield hospital for a few days, has again reported for duty.

Paul C. Poyner, operator, is off for a few days visiting Memphis.

Bob Tribble, lineman, has been up the line assisting in placing the telephone poles which were blown down by weather conditions.

Ben C. Stanley, yardmaster is off account sickness.

Howard D. Holmes, engineer, is in Springfield visiting friends.

Homer Crass, fireman, has a new boy at his house.

Robert Burkhead, platform man, is off on the sick list.

H. W. Miller, cashier, and wife, visited in Kansas City.

P. A. F. Ingle, agent, was off on account sickness, L. F. Conley relieving him.

Mrs. Joe Gibbons, wife of switchman is visiting her daughter in Springfield, Missouri.

Harry F. Kneedler, track laborer, is in the Springfield hospital.

I. W. Hill, car inspector, was called to New Albany, Miss., on account of his daughter being very sick. At this writing she is improving.

L. F. Conley, operator, had a visit from his brother R. J. Conley from Paris, Tenn., whom he had not seen for the past 15 years.

The writer recently made a trip to St. Louis, and also visited in West Virginia and Maryland.

Thomas Higgins, coal shute laborer, is now in the Springfield hospital.

A great many of our old employes who have had 20 years' service or over, have made application to the Veteran Employes' Association headquarters at Springfield for membership.

Don Fowler, Frisco florist, has sent out a letter to all who are interested in making the best flower garden, to order their seed, and it is to be hoped that track foreman Walt Davidson will carry the first prize this year.

Riley Frey, third-class machinist, is now on the sick list.

Rubin Holmes, third-class machinist, is on the sick list.

**STEEL BRIDGE DEPARTMENT****LESTER ROGERS, Reporter**

Mr. B. A. Kilburn and gang returned to Springfield, Mo., after completing job at Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. Bert Chandler and family, spent a few days at Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Ralph Steel has been bedfast for the past month. I am sure she would appreciate a word of encouragement.

Mrs. Claud Stone and Mrs. Thomas, spent a few days in Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. F. J. Ketchum and gang are working on the Salem branch.

Mrs. B. A. Kilburn and son spent a few days in Pensacola, Fla.

**LOCAL No. 7—FORT SMITH, ARK.****LEE W. CAVINESS, Reporter**

At the first regular meeting in February, Local No. 7 was honored by having brother Frank Junkins as the guest of the evening. Preceding the business meeting, a bountiful lunch was served. This was the best attended meeting in several months and will, no doubt, be repeated from time to time, our skipper, Brother Sexton, says that the way to a man's stomach is through his heart, meaning that if you get a bunch of fellows together and really make them feel they are a part of things, a feed and smokes generally follow.

Mr. Harry Harrison, accident prevention agent, was a recent visitor to the shops and car department, and gave a very interesting talk at the mill shop. Every employe in the mechanical department attended and obtained much good from his lecture, which was illustrated by charts.

Brothers Luther Burns, Ed. Mahan, John Scherry and Willie McGee have purchased automobiles recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion Smarte returned to Ft. Smith from the western coast recently. Mr. Smarte was formerly employed in the shop as third-class machinist.

With the coming of warm weather, including "spring fever" and other diseases, baseball is getting to be the major subject. Local No. 7 is planning another team this year.

Brother D. E. Garner and family spent several days with relatives in Denison, Texas, during the first part of February. Brother Roy West filled in as relief man on brother Garner's job of inspection.

Ye scribe would appreciate any news items, photographs, etc., from the members of Local No. 7, for publication in The Frisco Employes' Magazine. Regular meetings of our local are the first and third Tuesday nights of each month at the W. O. W. Hall, corner Rogers and South Ninth Streets. All visiting brothers are assured a hearty welcome.

**EASTERN DIVISION PAINT GANGS****GEORGE HOLLMAN, Reporter**

W. I. Foster, B&B paint foreman, recently attended the first quarterly meeting of the Supreme Council, Junior Order Princes of Syracuse, held in Chicago, January 6. "Bill" reports a great time.

Walter Caudle has returned to work after several weeks' absence, owing to reduction in forces.

Mrs. Singer, wife of Arnold Singer, has returned home from Kansas City, where she has been under the care of a specialist for some time. Glad to report her condition is much improved.

Betty Lou, infant daughter of Morgan Gavisk and wife, is recovering from a long off duty several days account of brief spell of illness.

Ye scribe is back on the job, after influenza.

Mrs. Brasher, wife of B&B painter, is recovering from a recent illness.

Dorothy Louise, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trantham, B&B painter,

is recovering from an illness.

"Daddy" Singer, B&B painter, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is now able to be around, but still too sick to go to work.

Mrs. L. J. Leysaht, sister of the writer, is recovering from a broken collar bone, which she sustained in a fall on a slippery pavement the early part of January.

W. I. Foster, paint foreman, and several of the boys are on a motor car trip doing pick-up work between Springfield and Monett.

"Bill" Wadlow is now working in the Frisco general office building, St. Louis, under the direction of Mr. J. L. Kiburz.

**WATER SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
SPRINGFIELD, MO.****CLAUDE HEREFORD, Reporter**

W. E. Phillips was laid up several days recently, due to a fall on the ice, which injured his knee.

J. S. Wood, water service foreman, waged a terrific battle with the ice and cold on the "High Line" recently.

Owing to so much extra work on the "High Line," Austin (Jaw) Wood, was sent there off the east end to assist during the cold spell.

Chauncey Buckmaster and Arthur Buck made repairs on pump stations at Wishart, Ozark and Blairstown during the icy spell.

Louis Swearengin and Chas. Robinson made repairs to water service facilities in Aurora.

Claude Tuck and gang have been doing routine work between here and St. Louis.

W. C. Losey went to Monett recently to assist Chas. Robinson on deep well repairs there.

Earl Getchell has been assigned to the "High Line" with headquarters at Clinton.

Andrew Porter is still on the sick list. Kenneth Adams of Monett visited in Springfield February 9.

The "tinnical" department has completed a large over-head blower line in the blacksmith shop at the R. C. plant.

**BRIDGE AND BUILDING DEPT.  
EASTERN DIVISION****ARTHUR BUNCH, Reporter**

Mrs. Charles Baron recently spent several days visiting relatives at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Clyde Cunningham has been going around with a dust rag in his hand. He has purchased a new Chevrolet sedan.

Leroy Ray is out of the hospital now and working, after several days of sickness.

Burt Hoffman has purchased a new radio recently.

We are going to buy Peck a traveling bag. He is going to St. Louis to take a position as foreman with a construction company. He hasn't told us yet just when he will leave.

Ed. Haskell, pensioned bridge inspector, has been visiting around the shop recently, and I am sure everyone is glad to see Ed. He always has so many stories to tell us.

Charley Wallace and gang have several days' work at Newburg, Mo.

Jim Carter and gang are building bridges at Belton, Mo.

Bill Skyles and gang have been building culverts at Marshfield, Mo.

Mr. Brown and gang are repairing bridges at Weaubleau, Mo.

Eb. Nease and gang have been repairing and rebuilding bridges at Steelville, Missouri.

**LOCAL No. 29  
FORT SCOTT, KANS.****VERNE A. JONES, Reporter**

Harry Koontz, boilermaker helper, and family have returned from a month's visit

with Mr. Koontz' mother and his brothers of Los Angeles, Calif. While there, they motored to San Diego and Tia Juana, Mexico. They also visited different points along the beach, and had a most enjoyable trip.

Johnny Bunn, apprentice helper, says his old Model "T" Ford slowed up too much for him, so he traded for a Model "A". We are wondering what he will need next.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Frank Grabner's stepfather, Mike Schaffer, who was 88 years old, and came to this country from Austria-Hungary 45 years ago.

William Fundenberger, machinist helper, spent Friday night, February 7, in Kansas City, and Saturday the 8th in Topeka, on business.

Several of the boys are planning to attend the Automobile Show in Kansas City during the week of February 8 to 15.

A great deal of difficulty was experienced by some of the boys, cleaning snow and ice off of roofs after the recent snow-storm. Dewey Queen, especially, who shoveled off part of the roof.

The weather man of Fort Scott reported 2 1/2 inches of snow and sleet during the month of January, and everyone agrees that he was about right.

**LOCAL No. 17—TULSA, OKLA.****H. C. PRICE, Reporter**

Mr. B. Crosely is in the St. Louis hospital.

Mr. I. B. Moody, secretary lodge No. 17, is out of account sickness.

Mr. Jack Drake, machinist, and Mr. Gid Gordon are in the St. Louis hospital for treatment.

Mr. Wm. Thompson, machinist, has returned from Albuquerque, N. M. Bill says the climate sure is fine in Albuquerque.

Mr. P. J. DeBrosse, night machinist, has transferred to the back shop, days.

Mrs. Lonnie Davis, wife of Machinist Davis, is spending a few days in Texas, visiting friends.

Mr. Joe Kay, staybolt inspector, is acting boiler foreman, in place of G. I. Alexander, who was called to Knoxville, Tenn., account illness of his mother.

Mr. Ralph Brown, machinist, is off sick at this writing.

Mr. H. J. Ray, machine shop foreman, has been visiting in Springfield.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Gardner and family, account loss of their son and brother, Mr. Gardner is general storekeeper on the Northwestern division at Tulsa.

We wish to welcome Mr. B. R. Bowen, machinist, who has been transferred here from Springfield. Hope he is well satisfied with his new location.

**LOCAL No. 5—ST. LOUIS, MO.****ROBERT W. REED, Reporter**

Again we will let you in on what Local No. 5 is doing to start out the year of 1930. First, we had a very good meeting on January 3. There were eighty-five of the brothers that signed the roll call, and the entertainment committee passed out the cigars to all that cared to smoke. We admitted two new members as per ritual, admitted two brothers by transfer, and there were nine reinstatements, the receipts of the evening were \$78.98. We had two attendance prizes, which were won by brothers Geo. Schmidt and John Dorrell, much interest was displayed by all the members in attendance. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Local have a dance on January 17.

On January 17 Local No. 5 gave the dance for the entertainment of members and their families and especially invited guests. The dance was held in the Moose Hall, corner of Elm and Sutton Avenues, in Maplewood, Mo. The weather turned very cold and on this night the thermom-