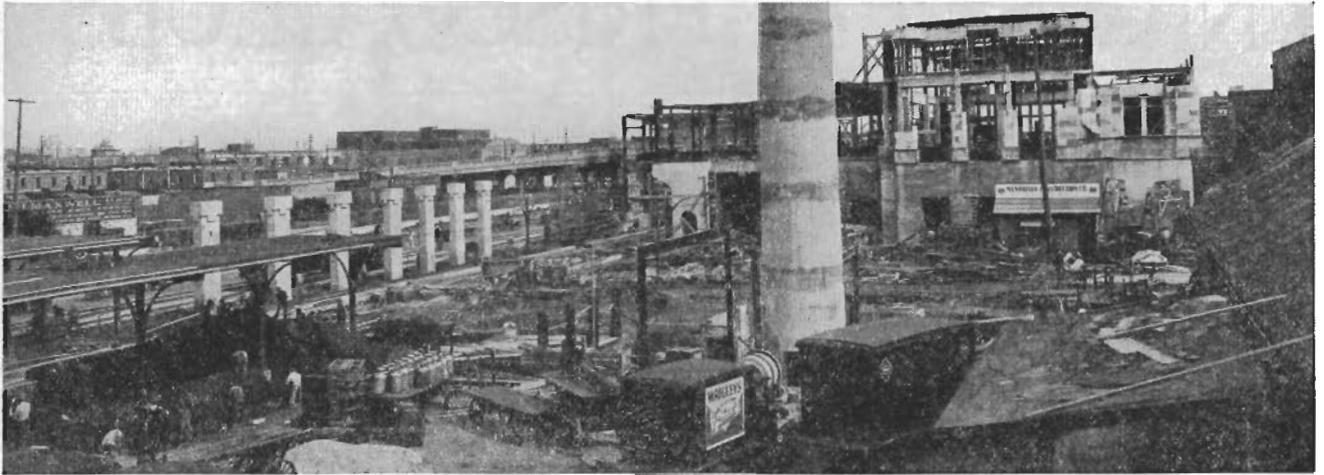


## Tulsa's New Union Station Progresses Rapidly



**C**ONSTRUCTION of the Tulsa Union Depot is progressing at a rapid rate, as the picture above attests. A photograph of the construction work, taken on August 12, was published in the September issue of the Magazine, and the picture above was taken on October 12. A comparison of the two photographs

will show the rapid progress in 60 days. In the picture above may be seen the station proper, with much of the steel and concrete work completed, and the concrete piers for the Main street viaduct are visible at the left center. The train sheds, of the butterfly type, have been completed

and a portion of them are visible at the extreme left. The Boston street viaduct, just this side of the station proper, is beginning to take form, and don't fail to notice the new smoke stack, which has been erected since the last picture of this project was published here.

### OLD-TIMERS MEET

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title when retired and his years of service. Mr. Shackelford was deeply impressed with his audience and he began his address with a toast to the veterans who had grown up with a great railroad system.

"The Frisco Railroad has moved forward with the times. Today it is among the foremost of the country," he said. "And who has helped to make it so? It is the veterans of Frisco Lines who have met the advancing needs of modern life and pushed a great railroad system forward, with credit to a great organization.

"You are here as 'Old Timers', and you are here, not living off the bounty of a great railroad system, but you are here because a great railroad system has recognized your contribution to the railroad and to the betterment and advancement of your country.

"We are often reminded that a great corporation has no heart. There is an opinion in the land that directors of great corporations have no souls. But the presence of you veterans here today shows that a big railroad system has a heart, and makes a contribution to the declining years of those who have rendered long and faithful service."

President J. M. Kurn had planned

### WHAT THE RAILWAYS DO IN A SINGLE HOUR

(Prepared by the Bureau of Railway Economics, from statistics of 1929 operations. Figures represent averages.)

**I**N an hour, the railways earn \$716,840 from their transportation operations.

In an hour, the railways spend \$514,386 in operating expenses.

In an hour, the railways pay \$330,612 in wages. Much of this total is included in operating expenses.)

In an hour, the railways pay \$45,288 in taxes to national, state and local governments.

In an hour, 6,026 cars are loaded with revenue freight on the railways' lines.

In an hour, 88,932 passengers board the railway trains.

on being present at the meeting, but unfortunately had been called away, and L. E. Martin, his assistant, presented the president's welcome and best wishes to the veterans.

After the program, the dishes were cleared away, cigars and pipes were drawn from pockets and memories of the years of railroading drifted around the room easily as the smoke wafted to the ceiling.

These men spoke each other's language. They had railroaded in the old link and pin days, and in the days when six little wooden cars made up a good-sized train, and the cars were lighted with kerosene lamps. They had railroaded when the headlight which served as the beacon for the engineer, was a candlelight affair, and the old coal stove warmed one end of the car and those who got chilly, moved up once in a while to hover around the ruddy glow from the fire.

They had lived and railroaded in the days before and after the modern, all-steel, electrically-lighted, steam-heated trains. They had lived and worked before the automatic block signals had been perfected and the booster was unknown.

And there in that room at the Lennox Hotel they pieced it all together. They were, themselves, the joining link between the railroad of long ago and the railroad of today. They stopped their reminiscences long enough to make a motion that the next meeting be held in Ft. Smith, Ark., in April, 1931. And then they continued talking until 6:00 p. m. They had anticipated viewing the Veiled Prophet's Parade, but a downpour of rain caused its postponement.

# NEWS of the FRISCO CLUBS

## *Fort Scott, Neodesha, Joplin, Kansas City*

A crowd of approximately 400 Frisco employes, their families and friends, and representing the Frisco Employes' Clubs of Fort Scott, Neodesha, Joplin, Kansas City and other neighboring cities, assembled in Lincoln Park at Pittsburg, Kan., on September 21, for a happy day of picnicking. This picnic, one of the largest held on the system recently, was sponsored by the Fort Scott club and the employes from the other cities were invited to join them in Pittsburg for the occasion.

Most of the crowd reached the park between noon and 1 p. m., the employes from Neodesha and towns near there, making the trip by special train, and the Kansas City and Fort Scott clubs coming in extra cars on trains 107-127 and 128-108. The employes from Joplin and the other towns near Pittsburg went by automobile. All families took basket lunches and the dinner was featured by an abundance of fried chicken, salads and the other delicacies that go to make a delightful picnic dinner. The Pittsburg park committee furnished coffee and ice water.

Immediately following the meal, a large part of the crowd attended a baseball game between Kansas City and Fort Scott teams, which Kansas City won by a score of 9 to 1. Golf and tennis were available for those who preferred them. The Neodesha club contributed to the success of the day by bringing its orchestra which is composed of sons and daughters of employes there and which entertained with some very enjoyable numbers.

## *Madill, Okla.*

One of the most enjoyable and successful recent club affairs was the picnic of the Madill Frisco Employes' Club, held on September 19, at the plant of the Randolph Silica Products Company, Randolph, Okla. Approximately 130 employes with their families and friends attended this affair, going from Madill to Randolph on a special train arranged for by C. T. Mason, superintendent of the Southwestern division.

The special left Madill at 5:30 p. m. and upon arriving at Randolph, those desiring to swim were given an opportunity to do so while the tables were being arranged. Following the

meal, C. K. Baxter, president of the club, called the meeting to order and the Rev. G. A. Dale, pastor of the Madill First Baptist Church, made a very interesting talk. He was followed by Ruel Little, Frisco attorney of Madill, and H. F. DeLozier, traveling freight and passenger agent. Subsequently various employes and guests made impromptu talks in the course of which it was brought out that Frisco Lines and the other corporations of Marshal County pay about seventy per cent of the taxes and that the Frisco's contribution to the community entitles it to the support of the citizens and the business firms there. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Mason for furnishing the special train and to the crew of the train for donating their services. An expression of appreciation was also made to the Silica Products Company for allowing the club to use their grounds. The return trip was made at 9 p. m.

The following guests attended: Joe Williamson, of the Chickasaw Lumber Company; Mrs. Joe Williamson, of Houghton Dry Goods Company; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Coates, of the Madill Grocery; Mrs. J. J. Jones, of the Scott Leeper and Company; Roy Newsom, of the Randolph Silica Products Company; W. R. Maddock, claim agent, Hugo, and C. Byrd, roadmaster, Ada, Okla. A number of employes from Ravia, Kingston, Woodville and other neighboring points also attended.

## *Wichita, Kan.*

Freight and passenger service and solicitation were the topics that came in for the greater part of the discussion that featured the meeting of the Frisco Employes' Air Capital Club of Wichita, Kan., held October 13.

All members present took an enthusiastic part in the meeting and a number of pertinent suggestions for the improvement of local service were made. H. A. Baker, Jr., city solicitor at Wichita, announced that the week beginning October 13 had been designated by the traffic department as "Greater LCL Business Week," and urged all members to do their utmost in soliciting LCL shipments. James Ansbro and H. B. Sigler had each obtained considerable new business since the last meeting of the club, it was announced.

It was decided that the club would have a Halloween party the latter part of the month to which all members and their families should come appropriately costumed and compete for prizes for the best or tackiest costumes. Pie eating contests and other amusing events would feature the program of entertainment, it was announced. An entertainment committee, comprised of the following, was appointed: W. F. Kelly, J. W. Gray, Geo. Patterson and W. Hadler. S. B. Ramsey was selected to make arrangements for refreshments.

The meeting of the Wichita Frisco Employes' Air Capital Club, held September 26, was featured by an interesting musical program. Approximately 125 were in attendance at this party.

The program consisted of piano numbers and songs by wives of employes. In addition to this, several individual dance numbers were presented. The remainder of the evening was spent at dancing and playing cards with refreshments served at the end of the evening's entertainment. A number of employes from Valley Center, Wichita Heights, Bentley and other nearby points were visitors at this affair.

## *St. Louis Terminals*

Adam Erlinger, inbound platform foreman at the Frisco's Seventh Street Station, St. Louis, was the honor guest at the Terminal Club meeting, held at Sangerbund Hall, on October 7. The members of the Frisco Seventh Street Station and other friends of Mr. Erlinger had purchased a beautiful watch and chain to present to him on the completion, on October 9, of forty years' service with Frisco Lines.

Prior to the presentation of the gift to him, O. A. Sandill furnished several numbers on the accordion, and a three-piece orchestra furnished peppy selections. The Misses Irene Nufer and Leona Jones from the Seventh Street Station gave two dance numbers.

P. W. Conley, superintendent of terminals, was asked to make the presentation speech. He called Mr. Erlinger to the platform, and, in an informal way talked of their early railroad days together. Mr. Erlinger came to St. Louis in 1887, and took



employment with the Frisco on October 9, 1890, as an order clerk. He was later made routing clerk, assistant foreman and inbound platform foreman.

"The boys want to express to you their appreciation of your long and faithful service," Mr. Conley said, as he handed him the watch, "and they want you to accept this little token of their friendship."

Mr. Erlinger made a few brief but sincere remarks in appreciation of the gift, and praised the Frisco Railroad, its officers and employes and expressed the desire that his health permit him to continue until his pension time should arrive.

Following the presentation, the guests were served with a light lunch and departed for their home at about 10:30 p. m.

#### Fort Smith, Ark.

The meeting of the Frisco Employes' Club of Fort Smith, Ark., held September 18, was devoted to a discussion of solicitation and the election of club officers.

The following members have been especially active in securing business, it was reported: C. U. Patrick of the mechanical department; L. W. Blakeley of the freight office; J. D. Heyburn and Mr. Rudy of the mechanical department; Miss Frances Wortham of the yard office, and H. B. Stierwalt of the division engineer's office. In the election held subsequent to the traffic discussion, L. W. Caviness of the mechanical department, a past president of the club, was again chosen as the organization's executive officer, succeeding Earnest Carstensen. Caviness was first elected president of the club August 25, 1928, and served that year. He has been very active in club activities, both as an officer and as a member, and his recent election is assurance that the Fort Smith Club will be one of the

#### MADILL, OKLA.

One glance at the happy crowd in the above photograph is convincing proof that the picnic which the Madill Frisco Employes' Club held at Randolph, Okla., September 19, was a huge success. The group, which was comprised of approximately 130 employes with their families and friends, posed for the picture immediately after detraining from the special provided for the occasion. The following members of the special's crew appear at the right in the back row: J. Y. McAlister, engineer, second from right; Mr. Blunk, conductor, third, and A. E. Laws, fireman, fourth from right. H. B. Faulkner, brakeman, appears on the back of the tender.

C. K. Baxter, president of the club, appears in the center of the group with his hand on the bar at the front of the coach. W. R. Maddock, claim agent, is fifth from left; O. F. Nowlin, club secretary, sixth; H. F. DeLozier, traveling freight and passenger agent, is seventh, and Ruel W. Little, local attorney, is ninth from left.

most active on the system during his incumbency. The club's efficient secretary-treasurer, Miss Johanna Ruge, was re-elected to serve her third consecutive term, and R. M. McGlasson, chief clerk, was elected vice-president. All officers were chosen by a unanimous vote. The club plans to have a business meeting October 14 and a Halloween party on October 31.

#### Kansas City, Mo.

Two important meetings of the Frisco Employes' Sunnyland Club of Kansas City, Mo., held in September, were the dance given in Drexel Hall there on September 29 and the business meeting held in the assembly room at the Kansas City union station on September 3.

The dance was the club's first fall social event and was an exceptional success, having an attendance of approximately 300 employes and visitors. The business meeting was attended by about twenty-five members and was devoted principally to solicitation work with all present making interesting talks along the lines of the discussion.

#### North End Beaumont Sub

The meeting of the North End Beaumont Sub, held October 4 at Winfield, Kan., was devoted principally to discussing service and solicitation. Ten members were in attendance. J. E. Jones, agent at Atlanta, turned in an important traffic tip.

#### Birmingham, Ala.

The Birmingham Frisco Employes' Club broke all of its 1930 attendance records with a dance given in the Cascade Pavilion there, on September 18, which brought out a crowd of 400.

Probably an important reason for the success of this party, in addition to the fact that it was well advertised, was the music furnished by the Alabamians, an orchestra of wide local fame, whose dance tunes kept nearly the entire crowd on the floor from the opening number at 9:00 p. m., until the last dance of the evening at 12:00 p. m. This affair marked the beginning of the club's fall social activities.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary, Kansas City, Mo.

Bridge, pinochle and bunco were the chief amusements at the regular monthly party of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Frisco Employes' Sunnyland Club of Kansas City, held October 7 in the W. B. A. club rooms there.

Prizes in pinochle were won by Mrs. Swartz and Mrs. Peterson and the bridge prizes were awarded to Mrs. Radford and Mrs. Frazier. Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Milice won the prizes in

bunco. At the conclusion of the games, refreshments consisting of sandwiches and coffee, were served by the hostesses who, for this meeting, were Mesdames Milton, Burns, Clark, Highfill and Anderson. The meeting of the club was set for November 4.

### Kansas City, Mo.

The benefit smoker which the Frisco Employes' Sunnyland Club of Kansas City, Mo., gave October 7, was featured by a number of exciting boxing and wrestling bouts between employes. The matches were announced by W. A. ("Bill") Bullard with Lee Taylor, chief clerk, serving as referee for the boxers and Frank Haungs, boilermaker inspector, acting in that capacity for the wrestlers.

The first event of the evening was a 15-minute wrestling bout between Veto Cataloni and George ("Flying Mare") Butterfield, the latter winning after several minutes of spirited grappling. A three-round boxing contest between "Boots" Abercrombie and Louis Kalny was the second event on the program. Abercrombie won with a technical knockout after one minute and 50 seconds fighting in the second round. Kalny made a good showing despite the fact he lost the bout. This bout was followed by a 20-minute wrestling match between Doral Denison and Richard J. Eckert, machinist apprentice. Denison won the first fall after two minutes and the second after nine minutes. Denison's experience gave him a decided edge over Eckert throughout the match. Other contests on the evening's card were: Jos. Super vs. Fred Benson, three rounds of boxing, ending in a draw; a three-round bout between Thomas W. Davis and Hollis Fouts, ending in a technical knockout for Fouts; a three-round bout between V. A. Dellinger, third class machinist, and Harry Stetler, third class pipefitter, Stetler winning a decision; a three-round bout, Stanley Hughes, mechanical laborer vs. John Biglow, third class machinist, with Biglow winning a decision, and a thirty-minute wrestling match between John Meert and Mickey O'Haven which went the full thirty minutes and ended in a draw.

### Willow Springs, Mo.

H. B. Koch, secretary of the Willow Springs Chamber of Commerce, was the chief speaker at the meeting of the Willow Springs Frisco Employes' Club, held October 14.

Interesting talks were made also by B. B. Britell, roundhouse foreman, Charley White, engineer, and several other members of the club. The next meeting of the club was set for November 11.

### GETS 500 CARS OF COAL

*When it comes to "big league" solicitation on the part of an employe, Miss Blanche Bicknell, stenographer in the Northern division superintendent's office at Fort Scott, Kan., ranks as a star of the first order. This enterprising young lady recently turned in a tip on a movement of coal that constitutes a challenge to the best of employe-solicitors, since it gives Frisco Lines the intermediate haul on 500 cars a year for the next five years.*

*Miss Bicknell secured the information on this movement through friends and worked with E. A. Miller, general agent at Fort Scott, who got in touch with the coal company's representative and secured the intermediate haul for the Frisco on the part of the movement he controlled. The traffic manager's office in Kansas City was notified about the remainder, and that office handled it through the agent at that point where the shipper's office is located. The agent there got a routing order on the rest of the movement, giving Frisco Lines an intermediate haul on the entire movement.*

### Neodesha, Kan.

The Neodesha Frisco Employes' Club had an enthusiastic meeting on October 7, in which the members and officials in attendance joined in a lively discussion of prospective business and the various forms of competition. Twenty members and the following officials were present: W. H. Bevans, superintendent; S. E. Melton, general B&B foreman; J. O. Armstrong, division engineer; E. E. Carter, assistant superintendent, and C. R. Welch, traveling auditor.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p. m. by H. M. Cloud, president, who reviewed the club's activities since the last meeting and reported that three tips had been turned in. W. H. Bevans made a brief talk on general business conditions and Frisco service, complimenting the club on its work. J. O. Armstrong followed with a few remarks on the value of employes to the company and the value of a man to himself. President Cloud stated that in his opinion a rise in the general price level would release a great deal of the company's potential business, pointing out that many cattle were being held for a better price, as were hay and wheat shipments. The remainder of the session was devoted to consideration of methods for meeting motor and other competition, with C. R. Welch, E. E. Carter, M. F. O'Harra, president of the firemen's organization, and F. S. Porter, engineer, taking a lead in this discussion. The next meeting was set for the first Tuesday in November.

### Chaffee, Mo.

A dance, following a night football game on October 10, constituted the first October meeting of the Chaffee Frisco Employes' Club. A crowd of about 125 attended this affair, which was conceded by all present to be one of the most enjoyable dances held at Chaffee recently.

Plans for dances to be given following night football games on October 10 and 17, were made in the meeting of the Chaffee Frisco Employes' Club, held September 25. It was also decided in this meeting that the club should give an entertainment, consisting of two one-act plays with specialties in the interim between, and contribute the proceeds to the Provident Association.

A discussion of the radio announcements over Station KFVS at Cape Girardeau, apprising the public of Frisco Lines freight and passenger rates, followed. These announcements will be broadcast each evening during November. A report was made on the participation of Chaffee employes in the Neighbor Day program, held at Benton, Mo., October 2. The Chaffee String Band, which is composed of Frisco employes, played for the occasion and was highly praised.

### Girls' Club, Springfield, Mo.

A delightful dinner, followed by a bridge and "hearts" party, constituted the meeting of the Frisco Girls' Club of Springfield, Mo., held September 30. An important feature of this affair was the introduction of the club officers for 1930-1931. About fifty members and guests attended.

The following recently elected officers were presented after the meal: Miss Beatrice Deming, president; Misses Matilda Hoffman and Mary Burrell, first and second vice-presidents, respectively; Misses Grace Jochum and Marguerite O'Brien, secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, and Miss Helen Yates, treasurer.

Following the introduction of the new officers, Mr. Glen Stambach, organist at the Paramount Theatre of Springfield, gave several piano solos and Mrs. Hazel O. Baker gave a reading. At the conclusion of the evening's games, favors for the high scores in bridge were awarded to Misses Lucy V. Good and Lillian Yates, consolation going to Miss Lillian Brooks. The favor in "hearts" went to Miss Julia Engleking and Miss Mary Newton was presented with the cut favor. This party was arranged by a committee comprised of the following: Miss Marguerite O'Brien, chairman, and Misses Eunice Hagerman and Elizabeth Gibson.

## Thru an Oil Field at Oklahoma City



The above photograph shows the main line of the Frisco just outside Oklahoma City, where our tracks run through the greatest oil field in the southwest. Note the close proximity of the derricks to our tracks. It has been necessary on several occasions to halt passenger trains while the gushers are "blowing." Another well is being drilled on Frisco property at Oklahoma City, near the roundhouse. Photo courtesy the Oklahoma City Times.

### Oklahoma City, Okla.

Despite competition from the Oklahoma State Fair, which was in full swing at Oklahoma City, the Frisco Employes' Club there had an attendance of 200 at its first meeting of the fall season, held September 26.

W. L. Huggins, Jr., director of publicity, St. Louis, who was a visitor at this session, talked on "Railroad Problems," in which he pointed out how employes could work against the various forms of competition. The report on solicitation was made at this meeting and showed that a total of 54 passengers, 1 LCL shipment and 10 carlots had been secured since the last statement on the subject. The items of traffic which comprised the total in the report had been secured by the following: Chas. B. Hinsey, chief clerk; J. F. Scott; Harrison Hughes, clerk; James Tillman, porter; Chas. J. Smith, switchman; J. R. Trotter, conductor; M. Chesnut, conductor; W. L. Pipkin, clerk; J. C. Echols, clerk; E. W. Gee, car inspector; Mrs. W. A. Mills, wife of conductor; Ruben G. Martin, fireman; D. L. Estes, operator; J. O. Earley, conductor; G. E. Anderson, brakeman, and Mrs. Mills, wife of C. C. Mills.

At 9:00 p. m. the hall in which the meeting was held was cleared of chairs and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, the Sunset Six orchestra furnishing the music. The next meeting of the club was set for October 16.

### Thayer, Mo.

The evening of September 27 was "Baseball Night" in Thayer. On that evening the Frisco Employes' Club there gave a banquet in honor of the players on the team which they had backed during the summer and which had brought the championship of the South Central Association to Thayer. About fifty players and employes attended the banquet, following which there was a dance and the entire evening was one of keen enjoyment to all who participated in the festivities.

The Thayer team finished in first place with a standing of .800 at the end of the last half of a split season, which was followed by a play-off series of three games with the Mountain View team which took first place for the opening half of the season. The Thayer team won the first two games of the play-off, obviating the third and giving them the South Central Association championship. Two of the Thayer stars, T. A. Webber, shortstop, and Fred Mitchell, pitcher, have been offered contracts for 1931 with Western Association teams. Webber is a Frisco brakeman on the Memphis subdivision and lives in Thayer.

The meeting of the Thayer Club, on September 19, was held principally for the purpose of planning the banquet for the ball players. About twenty-five attended and the ladies present took charge of the banquet arrangements.

### Girls' Club, St. Louis, Mo.

J. E. Hutchison, vice-president in charge of operation, was the chief speaker at the luncheon of the Frisco Girls' Club of St. Louis, held September 26 in the Mark Twain Hotel, and he devoted his talk to giving those present some interesting and highly valuable information on the effects of various other means of transportation upon the railroads. About 146 members and guests attended this meeting, which was addressed by R. L. Schoeneberg, former president of the St. Louis Frisco Men's Club, and by W. O. Moore, chief clerk to the president, in addition to Mr. Hutchison.

A resolution of respect was read in memory of Miss Susie Fish, past secretary of the club, who died recently. Miss Lucille Troester gave several vocal selections, accompanied at the piano by Miss Grace Leland, and Miss Ann Ivy Sargent of the Morse School of Expression, St. Louis, gave several entertaining readings. Mrs. Louise Gibson, president of the club, announced that the club was losing two members through marriage, Miss Emma Lofhagen, who left the service September 19, and Miss Juanita Prather, who would leave October 15.

### Joplin, Mo.

The first part of the meeting of the Joplin Frisco Employes' Club, held September 18, was given over to making arrangements for the members to attend the Frisco picnic at Pittsburg, Kan., September 21, in which the Joplin club participated, together with the Frisco Employes Clubs of neighboring cities.

Following the completion of the picnic plans, those in attendance discussed solicitation. The next meeting of the club was set for October 16 and it was voted that the Ladies' Auxiliary would furnish the program for that session.

### Clinton, Mo.

Election of officers was the chief business transacted at the meeting of the Clinton Frisco Employes' Club held October 19. J. B. Brown was elected to the presidency of the club, W. S. Knapp, vice-president, and C. O. Claiborne was re-elected secretary with W. S. Graham chosen as his assistant. Sixteen members were in attendance at this meeting.

C. A. Rutherford made an interesting talk on bus and truck competition with railroads which was followed by a discussion, participated in by all present, as to the best methods of meeting this competition. The meeting closed with a consideration of general railroad topics, including the book of rules and traffic.