OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT TERMINALS KANSAS CITY, MO.

TOM KEHOE, Reporter

Rich O'Connor, car record clerk, has unique methods of reciprocation for kindnesses received. On Sunday, August 16, on his way to work, he was picked up by a man in a car who had started from home with a very substantial lunch tied up in a neat package. On leaving the car, Rich, by mistake, or we hope it was by mistake, picked up the wrong lunch. The error was discovered, much to Rich's embarrassment and the other man's discomfort, just at lunch time. Although, Rich managed to survive without catastrophe, it was learned later that the man who tried to stave off starvation with Rich's lunch, almost fainted before his day's work was over.

We all regret the tragedy of the death of Mrs. C. C. Phillips, wife of yard clerk, on August 22, 1931. She died following the birth of a baby girl on August 18. Mr. Phillips has the sincere sympathy of the office of the superintendent of terminals.

Mrs. L. W. Poncik, wife of chief yard clerk, was confined in the Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas., where she underwent a serious operation on August 24. Mrs. Poncik is doing nicely, and we hope her condition continues to improve.

The Sunnyland Club held a picnic at Winnwood Lake, August 27. A good crowd attended and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mike Abiatti, B&B foreman, was called to Lockwood, Mo., August 21, account of the serious illness of his wife. When he returned on September 1st, he reported Mrs. Abiatti was much better.

Mrs. T. C. Kehoe, wife of secretary to superintendent terminals, and small son, Jack, spent the early part of September visiting relatives in New York.

During the convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which was held in Kansas City from September 1 to 5, yard clerk R. F. Blanke and switchman J. A. Foster, who are enthusiastic members of the organization, laid off in order to take part in the activities.

Mike Cleary, water service foreman, was on the sick list from August 17 to September 2. He has returned to work and is feeling much better now. During his absence he was relieved by Water Service Man J. E. Beck.

W. F. Kane, assistant yardmaster, and wife, returned September 9 from a short vacation spent visiting relatives in the old home town, Wilkesbarre, Pa. They also made a run down to New York City where they saw the "Giants" in a big league game.

Nick Fracul, who is the "Bobby Jones" of the Kansas City terminal division, came down to the office on September 9 and issued a company-wide challenge to play any or all golfers on the Frisco, the loser pay, or for side bets. He made a special challenge to Elmo Stevens and Mel Anderson of the traffic department. We're for you Nick, where there is such a will, there must be a way out.

M. L. Sollers, switchman, on September 2, 1931, celebrated his 32 years of wedded bliss, and up to the present date, September 15, is still celebrating.

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC KANSAS CITY, MO.

LEOTA FRIEND and MARY DAILEY, Reporters

Mrs. R. E. Breedlove and children visited with relatives in Wichita the last two weeks in August. REB kept the home fires burning.

John Moffett at the present time is on leave of absence account illness. Waller Heck of Ft. Scott is filling the position as roundhouse clerk.

Paul Hendricks, formerly of Springfield, has been assigned ARA clerk, this office.

Ila Cook, of the accounting department, Springfield, visited the writer recently. Miss Cook seems to be favorably impressed with Green County, having been recently transferred there from Memphis.

Mrs. John Dailey of Pierce City visited her daughters, the Misses Daileys, the last week in August.

Miss Agnes Lynch and her mother were Chicago visitors over Labor Day. Miss Lynch assures us the thermometer registered a million in Chicago September 7. It wasn't so cool where we were either.

A recent change in claim agents sent W. S. Pollard to Ft. Smith, Ark., and W. G. Cook, formerly of Ft. Smith, to Kansas City.

A number of the Frisco employes attended the dance sponsored by the Frisco at Winwood Lakes recently—but from observation it would seem that Nick Fracul, president of the club, got more real enjoyment out of the rides on the dipper, since he was seldom seen on the dance floor.

Bill Edwards is experiencing the feeling "why fathers get gray." Bill tells us his second son entered school this year and that is what it takes to make a fellow feel his age.

Bowling season starts early this year. We have several bowlers in our department. Agnes Lynch bowls with the Perry Motor Company club in Kansas City, Kan.; Bill Edwards and Lee Taylor also bowl with a Kansas club. Lee Taylor says he didn't think so much of being captain of the team until he learned there was a silk shirt involved, he and Bill Edwards are now vieing for the honor, and needless to say the silk shirt.

Since the position of assistant master mechanic, Northern division, has been abolished Mr. Berry makes only flying visits to Kansas City.

Folks in this office were glad to have Lucille Witter with us a day recently.

We are to have a wedding and a wedding celebration! The bridegroom to be Dan McCarty, pensioned car inspector, Kansas City, who tells us with no small amount of pride, that on September 21 he will be married (remarried) to Mrs. Catherine McCarty. In case you have not heard—September 21 marks the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. McCarty and their many friends intend to help them celebrate the occasion in a very fitting manner. As we are among the invited, will be able to furnish you the details in our following report.

Of much interest was the item in September magazine announcing marriage of Miss Louise Laes, formerly car accountant's office, Springfield, and through this same news medium, want to send best wishes to Louise.

OFFICE OF GENERAL AGENT KANSAS CITY, MO.

MARK CASSIDY, Reporter

We are extremely sorry to report the death of Champ Phillip's wife, who died on August 16. Mrs. Phillips was buried in Chillicothe, Mo. The entire force at Kansas City extend Mr. Phillips their sincere sympathy.

Ed Kelley had gone a long time in his Ford without an accident, but bad luck finally overtook him on Sunday, August 23. He was rammed by a truck and the Ford almost demolished. Ed got out of the scrape with a skinned and bruised leg and a badly cut lip. The lip healed and the wreckers fixed Ed's Ford, so everything is again dandy.

John Leonard has been on the sick list for some time. After working with him for so long, the office misses him and hopes that he soon recovers.

Many of the office force will remember John Heisler, formerly clerk in this office. Mr. Heisler died in Osawatomie, Kan., on August 31. Burial was in Kansas City, Kan.

Cecil King finally got off on his long planned motor trip. He left Friday, September 4, for a drive to St. Louis and Illinois points, and returned in time for work Tuesday, the 8th. Cecil was highly pleased with St. Louis, and seems to have enjoyed the trip immensely.

C. C. Lacy was off a couple of days, for a fishing trip to Osceola, Mo. I do not know how come, but he never tells us the size of the catch, any more. However, ducks will soon be flying again, and he never fails to bag several, so he can make up for lost time there.

Taking advantage of the Labor Day holidays, Mark Cassidy and family visited Tulsa, Okla. It seemed to be hotter there than in Kansas City, but the trip was very enjoyable.

Stuart Yockey also visited Tulsa over Labor Day. From there he motored to Sperry and to Dewey to take in the rodeo. Stuart says that for once he had his fill of fried chicken, while visiting friends in Oklahoma.

The Frisco held its annual picnic at Winnwood Beach, Thursday, August 27. Quite a good crowd was there (in

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fact, all except the bill clerks), and to use the old standby, "a good time was had by all." Ray Ruisinger laid off to go to the dance, and says that he saved money by doing so.

Oliver Winchell announced that his wife had given birth to a brand new daughter on September 10. They have christened the child Lois Jean, a pretty name for a pretty child. Mother and daughter are doing quite nicely, thank you.

Mr. Gleason, general agent, was off a few days account death of his sister-in-law.

We were glad to see Bonnie Malcolm, who visited the office a couple of times before going to work in the general office, St. Louis.

You folks in St. Louis certainly are lucky to have another World's Series. The fans in Kansas City are now planning to visit St. Louis around the first of October. I rather think Ed Kelley will be among those present.

I wonder if Cecil King still has the collie dog that he and Mr. Fenner both wanted. Cecil took the dog home, but has never said whether or not the dog is still a guest at his place.

WICHITA, KANS.

LOTA L. WILLIAMS, Reporter

The traffic department here is buzzing with activity. Regular conferences of the force under the able direction of H. E. Morris make for thoroughness of solicitation, resulting in personal contact with all Wichita shippers and business men. C. S. Underwood, our new general agent, is grasping business like a veteran of old. Of course, this was expected of "Cliff," his ready smile and pleasing personality have won him many friends who are confident of his suc-

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cess. "Bill" Turner says they are not even thinking of the depression, just results and more results.

The Yellow Cab and Transfer Company, successful bidders for handling of all carriers in Wichita, the job of pick-up and delivery service effective October 1, unless tariffs are postponed, are making arrangements to take care of all business offered and to handle without delay between all points in the city limits of Wichita.

Mrs. Ada B. Lynch, bill clerk, vacationed early in September, visiting her parents at Hancock, Mo.

Edward H. Pumphrey, formerly general clerk at Wichita, relieved Mrs. Lynch as extra clerk. He is now assigned to position of yard clerk at Fort Scott, effective September 11.

A. P. Haberthler, delivery clerk, is now visiting friends at Sparta, Ill., being relieved by Straud Brandenburg.

Mrs. James Ansbro, wife of truckman Ansbro, is visiting relatives at Clyde, Kans. Jimmie declares that just as soon as the last dish is dirty, he is going to have a dishwashing bee, "batching" becoming somewhat irksome to him.

The Wichita drum corps, Lawton Post No. 9, of the United Spanish War Veterans, joined by Mr. Heath and family of Neodesha, left via Frisco for their annual convention at New Orleans, September 6-10. The Wichita drum corps had the distinction of winning first prize in national contest of drum corps at New Orleans.

Mrs. C. S. Underwood and the twins, Charles and David, recently visited in Springfield, Mo., for a few days.

W. E. Turner recently made a short visit to Joplin, going over on No. 310 and returning on No. 311.

A. L. Franklin is now storekeeper at Wichita. He came here from Joplin with fine recommendations where he has been a persistent worker in the Employes' Club, and we are glad to have his assistance here.

Frank W. Archer is driving a shiny new Ford.

"It's great fun being awa' and awa', for to see and for to admire, for to behold this world so wide." I had a short two days over Labor Day in the Colorado Rockies, mostly just taking a train ride, but it was a glorious two days, seeing a little of a whole lot, "where beauty is it's own excuse for being!" A light touch of frost had added to the richness of coloring in the hills and valleys. A sudden mountain shower resulted in a rainbow of vivid hues and several plunging waterfalls from high rock cliffs. Had a big thrill seeing the Royal Gorge by moonlight.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT KANSAS CITY, MO.

W. A. YOUNG, Reporter

Effective September 21 new fast freight service is to be inaugurated to the southeast and to Oklahoma and Texas points. This train will leave Kansas City at 7 a. m. Heretofore all of our fast freight trains have left Kansas City in the evening, starting at 7:15 p. m., and thereafter at fifteen minute intervals. We have felt keenly the lack of a morning train to handle late billings and tonnage received from connecting lines too late to forward the same day.

The new train will enable us to clean up all tonnage that is left over. This bid for business should appeal strongly to the packers and produce men. We believe the result will be very beneficial to us on solicitation of perishable freight.

Business conditions continue to look favorable. The increase in inbound tonnage is encouraging. There seems to be more activity and interest now than at any time during the past several months. We are lead to believe that "prosperity" may have decided to emerge from "around the corner" where it is said to be hiding.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT NEODESHA, KANS.

MISS GLADYS ROTH, Reporter

Whew—such September weather as we have had—thermometer registering around the hundred mark for days and days and really believe has been as hot as any period during the summer. We like summer in the "Good Old Summer Time," but can't say so much for it when we are supposed to be having beautiful Fall days.

We certainly enjoyed having J. E. Hutchison with us September 3, at which time we had a banquet, sponsored by the Neodesha Chamber of Commerce when the Lions Club, Rotary Club and other civic organizations were well represented with a total attendance of about 125. Mr. Hutchison made a fine address on taxation which was enjoyed by all. Heard many commenting the next day on the address and all made the remark: "It was certainly a fine speech, but was not long enough." Mr. Carter, assistant superintendent, from Joplin and H. E. Morris, general freight and passenger agent, from Wichita were also present and made short talks, as well as some of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Lions Clubs. During the courses we were lead in song by the president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Also had musical numbers and readings and an orchestra from the High School furnished the music during the dinner.

Mrs. C. S. Havens, wife of yardmaster, has returned after a short visit with her sisters in Oklahoma City.

Operator J. A. Miller, Jr., and wife spent a few days visiting Mr. Miller's parents in Webb City during September. Ralph Miller and wife of Rolla, Mo., were also there. This is surely an operator's family. Mr. J. A. Miller, Sr., is agent-operator at Webb City; J. A. Miller, Jr., operator Neodesha, Harry Miller, another son, is operator for the Frisco at Columbus, and Ralph Miller is Western Union operator at Rolla, Mo.

Switch Foreman O. Thompson and wife spent the month of September with their son in Chicago.

Pensioned Operator B. M. Gamble and wife spent the month of September in California.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Oscar Hudson of Fall River, who passed away at the Frisco hospital at St. Louis, September 15. Mr. Hudson has been in the service of the Frisco many years, and for the past few years has been pumper on the Wichita Sub. He will certainly be missed by his relatives and many friends.

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Mr. Irl Williamson, recently appointed night roundhouse foreman here, has moved his family from Monett. We wish to welcome Mr. Williamson and family in the Frisco family at this point.

Mrs. John Matthews, wife of Conductor Matthews, who was injured quite some time ago in an auto accident, is getting along nicely and is now at their home in Neodesha.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JONESBORO TICKET OFFICE

W. A. SANDERS, Reporter

John L. Meehan, traveling freight agent, Michigan Central, visited in Jonesboro July 24 with agent's force.

Ray Milliman, fireman, BSW, was bumped by A. Denton, fireman from West Memphis switcher.

Ray Miller, brakeman, has bid in on BSW branch run (old Blaze).

J. Oaks, telegrapher, Kentucky St. Memphis, was pensioned September 1.

We all will miss Mr. Oaks but are glad to know he has served the Frisco well in his years of service.

J. Skaggs, telegrapher, has bumped in at Aliceville, Ala. He was bumped by L. E. Henry, from Rogersville, Mo.

C. M. Watkins, agent, Grubbs, Ark., has been absent from his station for few days, account taking his wife to Birmingham, Ala., for a serious operation. He was relieved by C. D. Rogers, extra telegrapher.

W. M. Ebbert, engineer on BSW, has been laying off early part of September due to illness.

All of Jonesboro's schools opened September 7 and heavy enrollment of students was reported. Also A. & M. College and Jonesboro College has started fall terms with fine attendance.

Large crops of vegetables, fruits and farm products were raised in this vicinity this year. Everyone seems to think that this was best fruit year in over 25 years in this part of Arkansas.

We look forward to cotton and cottonseed movement as big production is expected, so let's get all of this class of business possible.

AGENT'S OFFICE ALICEVILLE, ALA.

L. S. BROPHY, Reporter

Conductor H. R. Milburn, on the Aliceville-Magnolia local, has returned to work after a 60-day absence due to illness.

Operator S. T. Meek remains in the St. Louis hospital at this writing. His condition improving.

Traveling Auditor Harry Johnston checked the accounts at this station last month.

Operator E. G. Walker worked first trick few days during August, relieving Operator M. C. Baker, who worked agency for few days.

L. S. Brophy and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation spent at Kansas City, Mountain Grove and Hardy.

Mrs. M. C. Baker, wife of operator, is enjoying a vacation at Florence, Ala.

Our interchange of loads to and from ATN, Aliceville, is holding up remarkably well, considering the times.

Division Engineer Koontz spent August 21 at Aliceville looking after maintenance matters.

Engineer Burris has bid in Engineer Reynolds' vacancy in through freight. Engineer Kelly is filling vacancy created by Burris.

Operator P. J. Young, first trick Boligee tower, has bid in second trick block 1, Birmingham belt. W. H. Cole working first trick Boligee pending bulletin.

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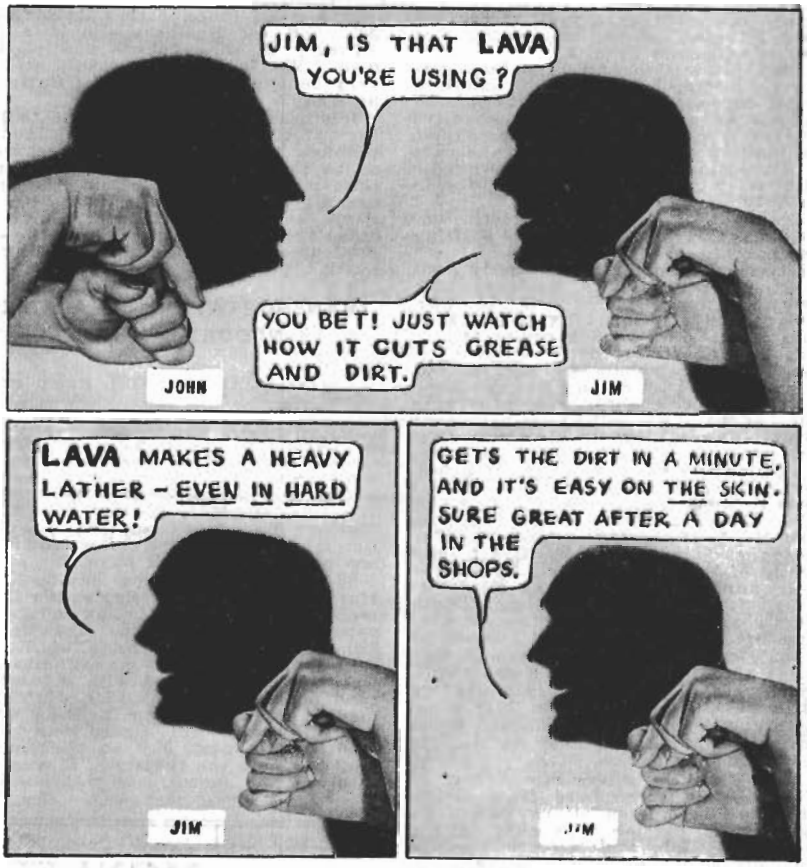

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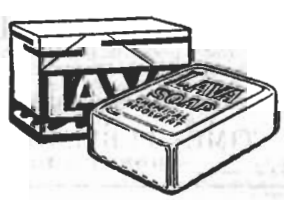

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