which proves both beneficial for himself and the company, and where the highest point of efficiency can be obtained.

With so little effort most everyone connected with the handling of freight can avoid numerous claims, however small, which will eventually amount to a great saving in a very short time.

A great number of the employes seem to be under the impression that while they are not on one of the committees, that they should not be required to take an active part in this work, but to make this year a success and reduce Freight Claim payments to the $8.50 mark, it will require the co-operation of all concerned, and if every one will prevent the claims that come to his own personal notice it can be easily accomplished, and no doubt will make the Freight Claim Department realize that each employe should receive the commendation that he is entitled to.

From my view-point (possibly because I am in the station service), only a small percent of the freight damages are chargeable to the present handling of station, warehouse and platform employes on the Frisco, and they are coming very near to noting the exact exceptions, if any, on ladings and waybills, against shipments from shippers or connecting lines, but how often shipments check from cars in damaged condition, and we start with the originating agent, tracing for responsibility for the damage. His record shows no exceptions, and he answers with the time worn phrase, "Shipment carefully handled and properly stowed and with proper yard and train handling should have gone to destination or transfer point without damage." The file is then sent to the yardmaster and conductor and they also reply with the usual stereotyped phrase, "No rough handling while in my charge." As a matter of fact, I believe we use these phrases or similar ones too often, with too little thought as to how and where the shipment damaged, the cause for same, and how a repetition can be avoided. The replies to damage queries as above do not in many cases, place the responsibility on any certain employe, and less certainly do they pay the claims on the damaged freight.

Many times I have seen and heard cars of merchandise as they were being switched from their original loading dock, banged together with such force as to hear the freight shipments therein shift and rumble with the impacts, and we all know this was making freight claims.

Let's get together on handling freight correctly at stations and in yard and train service. What's the matter with you conductors, brakemen, engineers and firemen, when you are at your terminals and have some time on your hands, lining up a few of your brothers and making visits to the freight platforms and see how the freight is handled and loaded. Possibly you can make helpful suggestions or can get some pointers yourselves, and it will cause the platform men to be more careful.

Encourage every one to render Freight Claim Preventive Cards. Bring up the subject of Freight Claim Prevention at our trade union meetings, or where there is a chance meeting of several of our tradesmen, and give them the benefit of any information we may obtain by attending these meetings. Get them enthused and believing in the movement.

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a man's years until he has nothing else to count."

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**Tulsa, Okla.** —*Adv.*

# "Among Ourselves"

*News items, or items of interest pertaining to Frisco people, are solicited for these pages. Every Frisco employe is welcome to contribute. See to it that no news of interest about Frisco people at your place goes by unmentioned in the Frisco-Man.*

## Look!

The Frisco-Man wants a correspondent in each of the following towns to gather news items for it each month: Springfield, Monett, Cape Girardeau, St. Louis, Chaffee, Kansas City, Joplin, Tulsa, Memphis, Muskogee, Sapulpa, Enid, Fort Smith, Newberg, Clinton, Oklahoma City, Lawton, Neodesha, Ft. Scott, Thayer, Amory, and as many other points as possible. Our correspondents at Birmingham and Wichita are sending some nice items—why can't other points do equally as well? All are welcome. Who will volunteer?

### BIRMINGHAM LOCALS.

Mr. Chas. T. Lehman, traveling auditor, was at Birmingham November 10, checking up the station accounts. He reports the accounts in good shape.

What is considered one of the largest shipments of flour arriving in one car, arrived at this station over the Frisco November 12. The car was one of the new Union Pacific type and contained approximately 540 barrels.

Mr. W. G. Broughton, assistant coal car agent, was in Birmingham November 20, looking after the release of coal cars.

Mr. C. J. Snook, local freight agent, was taken ill the afternoon of November 21. It developed that it was a case of mild ptomaine poisoning, and after a day in bed he was able to be out again.

Birmingham was honored by a visit of the President of the Frisco and several other high officials, who arrived on a special October 23. After being delightfully entertained by representatives of the various business interests they left for Memphis next day.

Miss Ida Lee Spinks, stenographer to Mr. George Morris, chief clerk roundhouse, was married to Mr. Paul F. Spangler, traveling car clerk of Springfield, Wednesday November 22, 1916. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of Rev. J. A. Bryan, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, and was witnessed by the friends and relatives of the couple.

After the ceremony a dinner party was given in their honor at the Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. Spangler leaving later for Springfield, Mo., where they will be at home.

Mr. J. W. Shill, chief clerk to the local agent, was on the sick list a few days in the latter part of the month.

Mr. H. F. Stender, check clerk in the local freight office, was promoted to bill clerk effective December 1, G. W. Raney succeeded Mr. Stender as check clerk.

Mr. C. J. Thompson, chief clerk to general agent Mr. Doughty, was in Memphis November 23 and 24, looking after the interests of his department and incidentally "looking 'em over."

Miss Alice C. Sanford was married to Mr. Roland L. Jones, storekeeper at noon December 7. The ceremony was solemnized at the parsonage of the Eleventh Avenue Methodist church, Rev. Parsons officiating. The happy couple left for St. Louis where they will spend their honeymoon.

### SPRINGFIELD LOCALS.

Charles Donnell, Frisco machinist, will depart soon for Kansas City.

John J. Champieux, Frisco tinner, will spend a vacation in St. Louis.

Fred Drumright, a Frisco tinner apprentice, will visit in Tulsa, Okla., during this month.

Lewis Clerk, a Frisco machinist helper, will visit at Huntington, Ark., for several weeks.

Carl Mayh, son of a Frisco shop watchman, will depart soon for Kansas City on a visit.

Joe Jones, Frisco blacksmith, will spend several weeks with friends at Springdale, Ark.

G. W. Chapman and wife are planning a month's visit in Louisville, Ky., Evansville, Ind., and St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dancey are planning a visit in Kansas City. Mr. Dancey is a Frisco machinist.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers will visit in Birmingham and New Orleans during this month. Mr. Myers is a Frisco machinist.

Claude L. Norris and wife will visit in Monroe, La., and Memphis, Tenn., this month. Mr. Norris is a machinist.

L. Clifton, Frisco car carpenter, and his wife expect to spend the remainder of this year in Hoxie, Ark., and Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. W. A. McKnolly and two sons, Herschel and Lloyd, will spend the holidays at Dixon, Mo. Mr. McKnolly is a Frisco employe.

Jesse A. Morelock, Frisco steam shovel craneman, and his wife are planning a visit at Oklahoma City, Sapulpa and Howe, Okla.

A. G. Harper, wife and daughters, Misses Marie and Helen, wil spend the Holidays at Fort Scott, Kans. Mr. Harper is a Frisco machinist.

Hallett Ricketts, aged 24 years, a Frisco brakeman, whose home was in Thayer, died at a local hospital November 27, following a short illness from appendicitis. The decedent was brought to Springfield last Friday for treatment. He is survived by his parents, who reside in Thayer.

Announcement was made December 2 of the secret marriage of Miss Celia Carmody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carmody, to J. B. Tefft, Thursday, November 30. The ceremony was performed in the Sacred Heart church at an early hour and came as a surprise to their many friends. The groom is an employe of the Frisco in the mechanical department. The couple will make their home at 1015 West Walnut Street, this city.

Ed F. Yentsch, M. C. B. clerk, expects to spend several weeks in St. Louis and Chicago.

Charles B. Hopkins, assistant supervisor of material for the Frisco, will depart soon for a visit in St. Louis.

F. A. Freeman, Frisco machinist apprentice, is planning a visit in St. Louis for the Holidays.

The condition of N. V. Allebach, Frisco fireman, who was operated upon at the Frisco Employes' hospital some time ago, is reported to be improving. The operation was necessitated by a carbuncle on the back of his neck.

Howard Edwards, until last September a timekeeper in the office of P. T. Dunlop, superintendent

of motive power for the Frisco, has accepted a position as assistant traffic manager of the Oil Marketing Company at Tulsa, Okla.

George Hollman, Frisco painter, expects to spend the Holidays in St. Louis.

W. W. Barclay, Frisco oxwelder, will spend this month in Oklahoma City.

E. J. Espelin, Frisco machinist, and his wife will spend the holidays in Kansas City and Topeka, Kans.

Stanley G. West, a Frisco machinist, will visit in Detroit and Battle Creek, Mich., until after Christmas.

Jesse Yates is planning a visit in Birmingham and New Orleans. He is a Frisco machinist.

Asa Ellis and family will spend the holidays at Wasburn, Barry County. Mr. Ellis is a repair man for the Frisco.

Roy Reeves, Frisco fireman of Springfield, sustained a fracture of his right leg Monday, December 4, in a rather unusual manner. Reeves was seated at the dinner table, and arose suddenly to leave the room. He stumbled and fell, breaking the bones of his right leg just above the ankle. He was removed to the Frisco hospital.

### PITTSBURG, KANS., NEWS.

Brakemen W. H. Bill, R. M. Collins and J. L. Kearns were off recently on account of sickness.

The new tracks to the Pittsburg Boiler Works will be completed soon. It leaves the main line at a point between Third and Second streets and extends to the rear end of the boiler shops.

On account of the increased business in the south district, a switching crew has been installed to do work out of Pittsburg and Columbus as far south as Baxter Springs.

Brakeman H. J. Herron, returned recently from Terre Haute, Ind., where he had been on account of the serious illness of his mother. She is suffering from tuberculosis and he left her but little improved, he says.

R. D. Hunt was hired as a fireman by the Frisco, and is on the extra board at this point.

Fred Mason, storekeeper, has been transferred from the store department to position of clerk in the roadmaster's office to succeed Will Dennis, who goes into the yardmaster's office as clerk in the place of C. V. High, who will return to his former position as operator at the Terminal station. Mason is succeeded by F. M. Riley, recently of the store department of the Kansas City Southern. C. L. Price, division storekeeper in Kansas City, was here Wednesday Nov. 22, checking up the books and making the transfer.

Eugene Moore, foreman of the car department, has been promoted to general foreman of the north yards in Kansas City and he and his wife left for that place November 21. A. L. Kamping, of Kansas City, succeeds Mr. Moore at this place. Mr. Kamping has spent a number of years in the Frisco car department at Kansas City, beginning at the bottom as a car repairer and working his way up to his present position.

J. L. Pender, assistant yardmaster, will take charge of the Columbus yards in addition to his other work in the south field, and all train and enginemen will receive their orders from him inside that territory.

Engineer H. S. Mitchell, who has been ill for some time, has gone to the Frisco Hospital in St. Louis for treatment.

On account of the increased business, eight brakemen were hired at this terminal during the early part of the month. They are: W. A. May, G. W. Merritt, T. J. Gray, A. J. Morgan, H. B. Griffin, "Bud" Cox, C. L. Webb, and J. H. Carr. They came here from Birmingham, Ala., where they were in the employ of the Frisco. Two engineers and two firemen were also added to the extra board. They are engineers A. J. McDaniels and M. Norwood; firemen B. C. Noblett and R. D. Hunt.

Thanksgiving Day was observed by the different departments. The entire force of the car department laid off, with the exception of two men who were asked to remain for emergency work, and they were not on all day. The force of the blacksmith shop laid off, but every one of the roundhouse force worked the usual shift. The train and engine department employes were working as far as they were needed, but most of the crews, were not used because of the fact the mines were practically all idle. The freight office men were all off, and no freight was accepted for shipment.

Engineer J. J. Bishop and family attended the Shrine ceremonial at Coffeyville, November 28.

### STEELVILLE LOCALS.

T. O. Eaton, who has filled the position of section foreman for the Frisco at Keysville for some time, left November 18 with his family for Illinois where he will locate.

J. F. Pickett of Bourbon, who was transferred by the Frisco to a section at this place, arrived November 18 and took charge of his new position. Ed Key who has held down the section here for fourteen years was transferred to Cook station.

### CAPE GIRARDEAU NEWS.

Harry Hines, a former Frisco employe, passed through here recently on his way to Oak Ridge to spend several days with his family, who are now living there. Hines' health broke down several months ago and he went to the state sanitarium at Mount Vernon for treatment. He is now improving rapidly and will be released soon. He is away on a short leave of absence.

Dave Whittaker, Frisco employe of Chaffee, spent a few hours here recently on business.

### ADA, OKLA., NEWS.

Jack Banks, car clerk at Henryetta, has been home since Thanksgiving very ill of typhoid fever. At this writing he is reported as being some better.

### ST. CLAIR, MO., LOCALS.

Miss Mary, daughter of Agent Rathenheber of this place, is the recipient of a new piano which she won in a voting contest at St. James.

### SHEFFIELD, MO., NEWS.

Mrs. Will Hall, wife of Engineer Hall, was found dead in the kitchen of her home here on the morning of November 28, by neighbors. Heart trouble is said to have caused her death. Mr. Hall was on his run between Springfield and Kansas at the time, and as soon as he was notified he returned home.

### CORDELL LOCALS.

J. G. Brooks, assistant superintendent of Enid, was in Cordell on business December 4 and 5.

John L. Morgan, freight accountant, was promoted to agency at Hopeton, effective December 16.

### JOPLIN LOCALS.

Sunday, November 26, Mr. Jesse Traylor of this city, who works in the Frisco offices here, and Miss Hallie Sharp were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, McCune, Kansas, by Rev. H. I. Dolson. Mr. and Mrs. Traylor left on the evening train for Kansas City where they spent a week visiting with relatives of the bride before returning to Joplin where they will make

their home. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

### NEODESHA ITEMS.

Married, Saturday, December 1, at 8 P. M., Miss Fern Jefferson and Mr. John M. Martin, both of this city. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. M. B. Homberg, by Rev. I. B. Pulliam.

Mrs. Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jefferson. Mr. Martin has been here about a year and is employed by the Frisco as a switchman. For the present the young couple will reside at the home of the bride's sister.

### LOWRY CITY LOCALS.

John Nelson, section foreman, has received a new car for use on the section. It is one of the new style 8-horse power cars and John says it sure can ramble.

### NEWBERG NEWS.

A. C. Lawson, bill clerk, has been transferred back to Phillipsburg.

J. F. Simms, general superintendent, and Frank Taylor, chief engineer, were in Newberg on business recently.

### LIBERAL, MO., LOCALS.

Russell Todd, who is connected with the Frisco at Blue Springs, Miss., returned to this city recently. He thinks he will likely be transferred to some point in Oklahoma.

### CHAFFEE NOTES.

Engineer Ed Belk moved to Cape Girardeau the latter part of November. Mr. Belk will act in the capacity of extra engineer for the Cape board.

Harvey Crump, Frisco Fireman, died at the Employes Hospital at St. Louis, with typhoid fever, November 21. He was operated on several weeks ago and typhoid developed later. He leaves a wife and three children, who reside here.

### CLAREMORE NEWS.

The news stand at the depot here is stocked up ready for business. They will move in as soon as the platform is ready.

### MONETT LOCALS.

Mark Tierman, flagman at the west Frisco crossing, has returned from a visit in Sapulpa, Okla., and Kansas City. He is at work again.

Brakeman Hamlin has returned to work on the Central Division.

Harry Fleming, yard master, is able to be out, after several weeks illness.

Wilson Gates, train caller, returned recently from Saginaw, Mich., where he had been visiting relatives.

### WICHITA ITEMS.

Master Mechanic John Forster made a business call here recently.

H. Wornea, traveling roundhouse foreman, was in Wichita recently.

The paint department is painting everything red in Wichita.

We are having the finest weather in the country. If you can't go to Florida for an outing come to Wichita.

Car Foreman Ramsey has been laid up with the grip for several days, but is better at this writing.

The bad order cars are very few these days, which always tickles the car foreman.

**Some of the Members of the Springfield Safety League:**
**Mrs. J. Beckerleg, Mrs. G. M. Bear, Miss Edna Veller, Mrs. Chas. Daily, Mrs. Veller, Mrs. Eicholtz.**

# Woman's Department

MRS. E. G. NEWLAND, Augusta, Kansas, Editor

## FT. SMITH LEAGUE REORGANIZED.

The Frisco Women's Safety League held its meeting at Ft. Smith, December 5 and reorganized the league in this city.

Mrs. H. Gunn presided and the following officers were elected: Mrs. C. H. Baltzell, president; Mrs. Ashley Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. J. T. Wilkerson, secretary; Mrs. A. Scherrey, treasurer, and Mrs. H. Gunn, reporter.

Superintendent Baltzell made a talk on Safety First in regard to carrying on the work in a sincere and earnest manner. He gave some figures reflecting performance for the past four months as compared with the same period last year, that indicated that the work was showing good results, with special reference to trespassers, outsiders and hoboes—that there were less personal injuries in this class than during last year.

The meeting was enthusiastic and all present are anxious to carry the work forward, which will be done by having a meeting each month in the Woodmen Hall.

The meeting was concluded by serving refreshments. There was a general feeling among the committee that the Safety First work would be taken up and handled in a satisfactory manner.

Mrs. Floy Newland was present and assisted in handling the meeting, and offered words of encouragement to the league, and was very much pleased with the meeting.

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## SPRINGFIELD LEAGUE.

The Frisco Women's Safety League held their regular monthly meeting Friday, December 1, at the home of Mrs. Frank A. Wightman.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The league presented Mrs. Wightman with a beautiful golden oak pedestal and jardiniere in recognition of their appreciation of the privilege of meeting at her home regularly. Mrs. Beckerleg, the president, made the presentation speech and Mrs. Wightman responded briefly in reply. It is beautiful and very much appreciated.

Miss Hubble was the principal speaker for the afternoon and her subject was Safety First and Fire Prevention. She gave a very able and interesting talk, which was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Frank A. Wightman, Superintendent of Safety, followed Miss Hubble with an instructive and helpful talk giving the ladies an idea of the progress in the work and the good they are accomplishing and also urging the league to encourage legislation through the Federated Clubs on the subject of trespassing on railroads in Missouri and other states, calling attention to the enormous loss of life and limb which amounts according to figures of the Interstate Commerce Commission to 237,181 killed and crippled in the United States during the past 25 years and the statistics also show that during the last ten years one trespasser has been killed every 90 minutes. The Safety First movement on the Frisco has made a reduction of nearly 50% in personal injuries to employes in five years but have been unable to decrease the accidents from trespassing.