

they could realize that when the men go to work with hearts burdened by their extravagance and indifference, their danger is increased one hundred per cent, for life holds no attraction or pleasure and they become reckless. I hope the League will bring about a better condition as the women learn more of the men's lives, their cares and vexations. I am sure it will. I find Frisco men everywhere enthusiastic over the possibilities of the league. They tell me if we can get the women to think seriously on the subject and to try to learn more of Safety First work, it will do an unlimited amount of good. They say a woman's influence is the most powerful agent for good or evil and we do want it to be for the GOOD of Frisco men.

I visited some of the boys in the Springfield Hospital. The beauty of the velvety lawn and the stately shade trees and the tender sympathy and care of the Sisters and attendants, would almost reconcile one to the enforced idleness, but the surgical ward would soon convince us that nothing could compensate the loss of sight and limb. I told the boys we were trying to put the surgical ward out of business through Safety First, but I am glad our men have the privilege of such a place when they are victims of fever and illness of various kinds.

One more word to Frisco women. As a whole I find they are without a peer, but unfortunately there is, once in a while, a knocker. Let us stop knocking long enough to investigate a little, and I'll tell you, if you women do as much to make your husbands good men and provide a pleasant, comfortable place for them to live, as the Frisco railroad is doing, it will keep you so busy that you will have neither time nor breath enough to knock.

It is pleasing to note the work being done by the divisions of the League already organized, and it is hoped the report of the Northern Division will be noticed by all.

This division was organized in March and the women met in April, in private session, to read and discuss safety literature and safety problems and to plan for the meeting in May, which is to be held in connection with the meeting of the men, as a joint business session. Requests have been made for badges to supply new members, which shows the progress of this division in membership.

Since the Springfield Terminal Branch was organized April 17, with an enrollment of about fifty members, requests have been made for 300 additional pins for new members, and the President expects 1,000 women will have registered by the time they meet with the men's committee May 16.

As fast as possible branches of the League will be organized on all divisions, but in the meantime the co-operation of every Frisco woman interested in the League is solicited; if they are not interested, they should be.

Talk and plan for the organization of your division Branch and help to make it successful from the start. It will aid greatly if the League is well advertised.

Suggestions from Frisco women, or men either, in regard to the League will be gladly received.

The Northern Division Branch of the Frisco Woman's Safety League met at the home of Mrs. E. P. Magner, Fort Scott, Kans., April 20.

Letters and articles pertaining to Safety First work were read and discussed at this meeting.

Mrs. L. L. Leffer was called upon to prepare an essay for the next meeting

of the League, which will be held in conjunction with the meeting of the Division Safety Committee.

Those attending the meeting were: Mrs. E. P. Magner, president; Mrs. George Seiber, second vice-president; Mrs. G. L. Swearingen, treasurer; Mrs. S. W. Rheem, secretary; Mrs. George Wood, Mrs. Harry Hanes, Mrs. F. B. Rathfon, Mrs. L. L. Lefler, Mrs. J. R. Hopkins. New members received were: Miss Alta Hanes, Miss Marie Wood and Miss Alta Magner.

I am a great believer in Safety First. If everyone would practice it there would be fewer cripples and fewer fatherless homes.

The remark was made to me when my husband joined the Safety Committee that, "He was a fool. Didn't he know that was just what the company wanted? Now, if he gets hurt or disabled he won't get a thing out of it."

Well, if it takes fools to live up to Safety First, I say, "God bless the fools and give us more of them."

I have read Mrs. F. O. Miller's letter and I enjoyed it very much. What can be sadder than to have one of our loved ones brought home to us crippled for life, or perhaps killed outright, and worse still, to know that it was all due to someone failing to do some one thing, not living up to Safety First?

Let us endeavor to practice Safety First as well as preach it. Keep it in mind at home as well as at work. Show the knockers what Safety First really is, and then, when the day comes, and it surely will, when every man will be a believer in Safety to himself, his fellow man and the company property, then and then only will the accidents be less and the death rate from year to year cut down.

I think it but a Christian act for one man to look out for another, and to my notion if more railroad men were Christians, it would not only help Safety First, but they themselves would be better off.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold. The rich and the poor meet together. The Lord is the maker of them all."

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished."

I will close by saying God-speed the Safety First movement.

A MEMBER OF THE FRISCO FAMILY.



Miss Loma Lunceford, (standing), daughter of Section Foreman G. E. Lunceford, Karkin, Mo.; (sitting) Miss Nellie Massy, daughter of William Massy. Section Foreman Lunceford has been in the service of the Frisco for the last seventeen years.

Mr. Massy has been in the employ of the road for two years.

Mrs. Newland, director of the League, has had a number of requests for emblem pins recently, which she has been unable to fill. An additional thousand of the badges has been ordered, and as soon as they are received, those requested will be sent out. In the meantime, please consider yourselves members.

The following letters received by Mrs. Newland, regarding membership in the League, will be of interest:

I appreciate the emblem pin very much and hope the good work for safety will continue to go on.

I am greatly interested in the Safety movement and hope every woman will aid in making it a success. We need Safety First; we need to yield to it. If our eyes are open we can see where Safety is needed every day to protect our loved ones and others from danger. Sometimes failure is due to carelessness.

I recall, not long since, there was a serious railroad accident in the Rocky Mountain region. The keeper of a switch allowed a train to come thundering along the track and go through an open switch. As result the cars were derailed and the whole train plunged over a precipice. When the keeper was arrested he was asked by the court to explain the accident, but all he could say was "I forgot." Many have failed for the same reason, but let us see to it that carelessness and "forget" do not come ahead of Safety First.

Not long ago I read a story regarding a vessel steaming to an Australian port. The captain was on his last voyage and was to be retired when he reached England. He wanted to get to port as quickly as possible and took a short cut into the harbor. In doing

this he ran against a rock which he could not see. In thirty-five minutes the vessel had gone down and the people barely escaped with their lives.

So, my dear readers, we can see the necessity of Safety First in every walk of life.

MRS. WM. DAMERON,

Wife of Section Foreman, Oswego, Kans.

I received my Safety First pin a few days ago and thank you very much for it. I am proud to wear it and am certainly in favor of the Frisco Woman's Safety League. I will do all I can to help.

I believe it would be a good idea to call an organization meeting with as many of us attending as possible, to get up a Constitution and By-Laws, and get to work. We do not know the vast amount of good we can do until we try.

Our aims and ambitions should be united in the one great thing in railroad life, the safety of our husbands, fathers and brothers.

I am sure the League cannot fail to please every Frisco woman, and, if success crowns our efforts, we have much to gain. Just think of it; suppose through our efforts one life is saved, or one person saved from being a cripple. Who can put value on such a blessing?

I am the wife of a section foreman on the Third District. My husband has been in charge of a section for the last fourteen years, and while he has never had a serious accident, I want to help him all I can in this Safety First campaign and do everything in my power to aid in this cause.

MRS. J. T. PEARSON,

Clarkton, Mo.

It gives me great pleasure to write

and tell you that I was the most pleased person you ever saw, when I received the emblem pin. I really cannot express my appreciation of it, for I am so interested in the Safety First movement. I want also to thank the editor for allowing us space in *The Frisco-Man*, in which to express our ideas.

I certainly intend to do all in my power to make 1914 a banner year for the Frisco. If every foreman would be proud of his position and see to it that every foot of his track is kept in the best possible condition, then when the engine pulled over the track every person would know by the speed of the train, it was running over a Safety First stretch.

MRS. W. L. HILLIS,

Wife of Section Foreman, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Please accept my tardy acknowledgement and thanks for the badge of the Frisco Woman's Safety League, received February 14.

I wish to assure you my tardiness is not due to lack of interest, as I have been enthusiastic over the Safety First movement since its start; especially so since I have attended two of the meetings.

I constantly urge, in all ways possible, the necessity of vigilance and care in making the Safety First movement successful.

I wish you success in your work and promise any help I may be able to give.

MRS. O. V. SMITH,

Sapulpa, Okla.

Have just received my Safety First pin and write you immediately that you may know how much I appreciate same.

I am proud to wear it for the privilege it gives me. I am the wife of a Frisco employe and want to be of service in some way in aiding all on the line in this great movement. I am anxious to become a charter member of the Frisco Women's Safety League and help all I can.

I like the suggestion in Mrs. G. W. Greener's letter in *The Frisco-Man* regarding arranging a meeting at some central point, effecting a permanent organization and holding meetings every quarter. Besides getting together and becoming acquainted, you know, where two or more are gathered together in one great cause it is bound to be a success. I wish you unlimited success in this great work, and am pleased to offer my services if I can be of assistance in any way. I wish to learn more of the objects of the League.

MRS. W. H. CLARK,

Fort Smith, Ark.

Please accept my thanks for the badge of the Frisco Women's Safety League. They are very unique and attract a great deal of attention.

MRS. F. E. WHITE,

Thayer, Mo.

Many thanks for the pretty pin. The Frisco has certainly taken a long step in the right direction by enlisting the active co-operation of the women, and I expect to see many other roads follow its lead.

I shall be glad to add my mite for the good of the order, for my husband and I have always been intensely loyal to the Frisco—whether or no we were in its employ and are glad to see the progress made along all lines.

MRS. H. M. ESHELMAN,

Ft. Smith, Ark.

### **The Game.**

*A. B. Kerr, Instructor of Apprentices.*

The baseball season is on, all over the land is heard the cry "Play Ball;" the smack of the leather smiting leather; the crack of the hickory against horse hide; the greatest and the most highly developed of sports, the game of a nation is in full swing. The old fellows who played before a cork center was thought of; the boys in their prime who know the batting averages of all the leaguers and the rule book from cover to cover; and the youngsters who save their pennies to buy a ball and a bat, all are equally interested in the game. Yes, the season is in full sway and for the next five or six months the game will be played and followed with all interest, and then, after the championship games are played, the pennant awarded, another season will have become history.

And so it is with the game of life; the game in which we all are the players and our fellowmen our teams. Have you ever considered the similarity of a baseball season with the season of life? We start the baseball game as boys, secure through hoarded pennies a "slugger" bat, a little glove and perhaps chip in on a ball, first playing "ketch," then little "choose sides" games on a back lot. And after many stoved fingers, stubbed toes and other woes we may become proud members of the "Terrors," proud because we have earned the position.

So ball players are made; so are Division Superintendents made. Before the season is commenced, the teams select as congenial an atmosphere as conditions will permit, and there practice; recruits are tried out and broken in, regulars are worked back into shape and sometimes dis-

charged for a younger and a better man for the contested position. Why, it would be folly to start in a pennant race with a raw team; and isn't life just the same style?

We Americans proudly speak of an organization of ball players as a club or a team, because we have learned that it is only by virtue of all the men playing as a team or as a unit that games are won. One man cannot win a game; last season in Springfield, Walter Johnston could not win a game for Springfield against Ash Grove.

At the training camp the players are coached in the rules of the game; they are instructed that certain plays merit an advance base, while other plays will entail a penalty. There are unwritten rules in life; honesty, temperance, love of fellow man, industry, etc., these are certain to advance the man who makes the play, while the infraction of same will bring fit penalty. The umpire's decision may be questioned but never evaded.

The purpose of a baseball game is to win against honest opposition; the purpose of the life game is to live and at the end of the game have a winning score to show. The intent of a ball game is two-fold, to hold the opposing team to as low a score as possible, and to win for themselves as high a score as possible. In life, as in baseball, we first take the field against the home team, and while there we play a defensive game.

Did you ever consider that it is during this period of the inning that we are most apt to err? When we are working for our turn at the bat we are likely to err most grossly, and we must take care that our team mates will not so distrust us that they dare not throw us the ball.

Errors are held against the player, but also chalked against the team,