Bonds To Be Issued
In Program To Buy
New Cars and Diesels

In order to help finance the purchase of 1500 new freight cars, 16 diesel road switching locomotives and 4 sleeping cars, our railroad has issued invitations to bid on $7,000,000 of collateral trust bonds. The total cost of the equipment is approximately $8,540,000.

The GM&O announced this month that it was issuing invitations to bid on $7,000,000 of collateral trust bonds to help finance the purchase of $8,540,000 worth of new freight and passenger equipment.

The bonds will be dated July 1, 1948 and will mature July 1, 1968.

Orders have been previously placed for approximately $4,540,000 of the new cars and locomotives and orders are to be placed on the remainder of the $4,000,000 order this month, H. E. Warren, Vice President in Charge of Purchases and Stores, said.

The first of the cars in the $8,540,000 order will be delivered early in the Fall, Mr. Warren said, and deliveries are expected at regular specified intervals thereafter. The final half of the order, which is yet to be placed, will cover the construction of 500 fifty-ton hopper cars and 500 fifty-ton gondolas at an estimated cost of $4,000,000. In the initial order are the following: 300 box cars, 50 covered hoppers, 100 fifty-ton gons, 4 sleeping cars, 16 diesel road switching locomotives, and 50 seventy-ton gondolas.

During 1947, the Railroad took delivery of forty-seven 1,500 H.P. diesel road freight locomotive units, three 2,000 H.P. diesel passenger units, five 1,000 H.P. diesel road switchers, sixteen hundred freight cars, eleven passenger coaches and four parlor cars.

Fred Johnson Named
To Mississippi A. & I. Board

Executive General Agent Fred W. Johnson, Jackson, Miss., was recently named to the Mississippi State Agricultural and Industrial Board.

Mr. Johnson’s appointment will take effect July 1. He is one of four new members named to the board.

One of the new Gulf Transport Rebelliners, just put into service, begins its first trip to St. Louis. These new buses are completely air-conditioned and offer passengers the latest interior appointments for their comfort and safety.

Gulf Transport Receives 8 New Buses: All Through Schedules Air Conditioned

Railroad Mourns Death Of Purchasing Agent

W. J. Diehl of the Purchases & Stores Department passed away suddenly on June 14 at his home in Mobile, after a short illness.

Entering service with the New York Central in 1895, Mr. Diehl joined the Accounting Department of the GM&O in 1909, and has served with the Company continuously since that time. During his 39 years with the GM&O he has served as General Storekeeper and later as Purchasing Agent.

Mr. Diehl is survived by his son, Robert F. Diehl, a daughter, Mrs. James H. Coil, and two grandchildren, Jimmy and Bobby Coil.

With the arrival of eight new air conditioned Rebelliners, Gulf Transport will boast air-cooled buses on all its through mainline schedules. These new Rebelliners, in conjunction with the new air conditioned models already in service, will afford cool, comfortable travel to passengers on all Gulf Transport’s trunk line routes between Mobile and St. Louis and Hattiesburg and Mobile and Livingston.

Comfortable Seats

The new buses are 37 passenger models, boasting roomy, luxurious reclining seats and adjustable foot rests. The seats are of the latest sponge rubber type to assure greater passenger comfort. Convenient oversize baggage racks afford greater space for luggage and personal effects.

The sleek, streamlined exteriors are ac-

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Stonewall Cotton Mills
Change Ownership

The Stonewall Cotton Mills, located on the GM&O at Stonewall, Miss., were purchased last month by the Erwin Cotton Mills Company of Durham, N.C.

The new owners have announced a number of changes and improvements in equipment, buildings, and working conditions.

There will be no changes in the type of fabrics produced, according to an announcement by President W. H. Ruffin.

The GM&O welcomes this modern and progressive firm into the area it serves.

The News regrets to learn of the death of Carman J. M. Foreman (retired) in Montgomery. Mr. Foreman served with the GM&O for more than 20 years, and prior to that time was employed by various other railroads.

Farm Magazine Features
Work of S. A. Robert

A recent issue of the "Progressive Farmer", national farm publication, featured the work done by Agricultural Director S. A. Robert and the GM&O in connection with crawfish control in the South.

Mr. Robert, whose reputation is outstanding in his field, is credited as being one of the greatest factors in the study of control measures on this farm pest. In certain areas the crawfish is considered one of the greatest destroyers of farm crops.

Recent passengers on the Rebel were P. J. Willis, president of the Berwyn Lumber Company, Berwyn, Illinois and his daughter, Miss Audrey Willis, a former air-line hostess. The trip to St. Louis was Miss Willis' first train trip.

B. D. Shropshire Retires
From GM&O Service

District Freight Agent B. D. Shropshire, Jr., Fort Worth, retired from the service on June 1, after 41 years service.

Mr. Shropshire began his railroad career in 1947 as a messenger for the Rock Island in Fort Worth and was later appointed Commercial Agent. In 1929 he became Commercial Agent for the Louisiana Railway & Navigation Company, later becoming General Agent. In 1931 he came with the GM&O as Commercial Agent and later was promoted to the position he held at his retirement.

Regarding his plans for retirement he says, "I haven't any plans for the future except to take a long and much needed rest."

J. V. Johnston Promoted
In Engineering Department

J. V. Johnston was appointed Acting Assistant Chief Engineer with headquarters in Mobile on May 15.

Mr. Johnston, who has been railroading since 1914, is a veteran of two wars, and a graduate of the College of Engineering, Mississippi State College. He was called to active duty with the Corps of Engineers in 1941 with the grade of major and was separated in 1947 with the rank of colonel.

Prior to his World War II service Col. Johnston was Principal Assistant Engineer for the GM&O, and during the war he spent two years in the Yukon Territory as officer in charge of the Canol Project and a 687-mile portion of the Alaska Highway.

Mr. Johnston has a total of 34 years railroad service, all with the GM&O, interrupted only by his service in World War I and World War II.
**Government's War Freight Bill**

Through the four war years the government paid Class I railroads a total of $5,606,000,000 in charges on war freight moved on government waybills.

In the same period, the railroads paid the government a total of $3,868,000,000 in federal taxes. The "repairs paid" proposes to take away from the railroads, because of charges alleged to have been excessive, a total of more than $2,000,000,000.

Thus, through taxes and "repairs paid" the railroads would be left entirely without compensation for freight service performed for the government in its prosecution of the war.

The above article was clipped from the BARE JOURNAL.

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**Illinois Traveler Compliments GM&O Passenger Service**

Edward J. With, Skokie, Ill., was so impressed with the GM&O courtesy and service that he wrote Passenger Traffic Manager R. A. Pearce as follows:

"It is indeed a pleasure indeed to have taken the Ann Rutledge from Chicago to Springfield. I would like to compliment you on the spirit of friendliness, service, efficiency and courtesy that everyone aboard tendered the passengers.

"... All in all, my ride was a most enjoyable one. I'm an Alton Route man from now on. Thanks for the nice trip and all the people who made it possible."

**Engineer W. H. Williams Retires; Served GM&O 52 Years**

Engineer W. H. Williams retired recently after 52 years of service. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Williams was the oldest Engineer, from the standpoint of service, on the Murphysboro division, having begun his rail career on June 7, 1896.

In writing the engineer on his retirement from service Superintendent J. C. Miller wrote as follows:

"I would like to take this means of expressing appreciation for the many years of loyal and faithful service that you have rendered this Company, and I hope that you will enjoy many years of rest and relaxation."

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**New Flooring Mill Locates On G M & O In Meridian**

Meridian Wood Products Corporation, has just recently located a new plant on The GM&O in Meridian. The company ships top quality flooring to all the 48 states.

Employing more than 100 local residents, the plant now has a capacity of 20,000 feet per day, and has a large expansion program under way. The increase in production will bring the total output to almost a quarter of a million board feet weekly.

Operating one dry kiln (another is under construction) the plant completely processes the 10 weekly carloads of rough green lumber then is switched onto the GM&O spur. Increased plant capacity will soon bring the total inbound and out-bound cars to nearly 200 cars monthly.

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**Contest Entries Increase As Deadline Nears**

As the deadline nears on the GM&O ARMEA Essay Contest, more and more entries arrive in the News office daily. With only three and one half months remaining, an ever-increasing number of employees are entering the $1435 award contest. Last month it was announced that the national prizes had been increased to $1000 first prize, $250 second prize, and $100 third prize. In the GM&O contest the prizes are $50, $25 and $10 respectively.

**Contest Eligibility**

To be eligible for one of these awards, the contestant must have been an employee for at least six months at the time the contest closes on October 1, and submit an essay of not more than 500 words on "Why I Like to Work For the GM&O Railroad."

**Write it Today!**

It's easy to win! Write your entry today, and mail it to GM&O News, Box 881, Mobile, Ala., or send it train mail to the GM&O News, Mobile. The three winning entries in the GM&O contest will automatically be entered in the national ARMEA contest and become eligible for the $1000 first prize.

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Miss Jerry Burke, Mobile Accounting Dept., became the bride of Clerk Harry Edgecomb on April 17.

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Clerk Thomas Saucer and Miss Doris M. LeCren were married on May 1.

GM&O switch locomotive moves an out-bound car of finished hardwood flooring from the Meridian Wood Products Corporation, Meridian's newest industry. In the background can be seen the factory of Alden Mills, hosiery manufacturer.
President Tigrett Addresses Illinois College Graduating Class

President Tigrett was asked by Dr. Harris G. Hudson to make the commencement address to graduates at Illinois College on Sunday, June 13th, and the subject of his speech was, VICTORIES. Sixty young men and women received Bachelor of Arts degrees from the College which is located at Jacksonville, Illinois, on the GM&O. Five outstanding business men were awarded honorary degrees.

The College is rich in history and was founded only 11 years after the admission of Illinois to the Union. The inspiration for the founding of the College came from Mr. John M. Ellis, a missionary working in this western country under the presbytery of Illinois. His plan came to the notice of a group of theological students in Yale College, seven of whom, known in the tradition of Illinois College as the "Yale Band," bound themselves to teach in the new college and to preach in the surrounding country in the belief "that evangelical religion and education must go hand in hand."

The Civil War Period

It is not surprising, that a college imbued with the New England tradition and living, as Illinois College was, under the presidency of a Beecher, should have become identified with the movement for the abolition of slavery. President Beecher took a prominent part in the anti-slavery movement. Supporting the double cause of human freedom and the freedom of the press, he joined Elijah P. Lovejoy in guarding his printing press in the warehouse at Alton the night before Lovejoy was shot. Professor Turner was an active agent on the "underground railway" and a group of students was indicted by the county grand jury for harboring runaway slaves. Although it is impossible to say whether or not the College influenced Lincoln, we know that Ann Rutledge's brother David and William Berry, Lincoln's partner at New Salem, attended Illinois College. William H. Herndon, who later became the law partner of Lincoln, failed to graduate because his father was determined to remove him from the anti-slavery influence of the Faculty. The first diploma granted by the College was given to Richard Yates, the distinguished governor of the State during the Civil War.

Years Following The Civil War

After the Civil War, the College responded to the influence of the growing

JACKSONVILLE IS PROGRESSIVE GM&O CITY

Jacksonville, the county seat of Morgan County, is 225 miles southwest of Chicago, 93 miles north of St. Louis, Missouri, and 35 miles west of Springfield, Illinois. Jacksonville is a community of 20,000 people and has long been noted for its fine residences and elm-shaded streets. It has been an educational center throughout its history, and many cultured families have selected it for their home. The city has a modern school system and a public library of 36,000 volumes. Here are located state training schools for the blind and the deaf, MacMurray College for Women, the Illinois Conservatory of Music, and Brown's Business College. Frequent art exhibits are held each year at the endowed Straw Art Home. Jacksonville has beautiful churches and excellent hospitals. It is served by the GM&O, C.B. & O., and Wabash Railroads; and by the Greyhound and Jacksonville Trailways Bus Lines. It is on highways 36, 54, 67, and 104.

importance of scientific studies and of freedom in the choice of subjects by a progressive liberalization of the curriculum.

Among the students of these days was one who later distinguished himself in national affairs. Mr. William Jennings Bryan '81, won fame as an orator even in his under-graduate days. He later practiced law in Jacksonville and served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for a number of years.

St. Louis School Children Tour Union Station

More than 850 St. Louis school children have toured the Union Station under the guidance of the GM&O Passenger Department.

School classes inspect the facilities of the station, and tours are timed so that they can examine the Ann Rutledge after its arrival in St. Louis.
New Rebeliners Put In Mainline Service By Gulf Transport

Gulf Transport employees demonstrate the comfort and convenience of the highway subsidiary's newest air-conditioned Rebeliners. Left photo shows Kathleen Fritz relaxing in the roomy, adjustable reclining seat as the beautiful scenery of the Gulf Transport's southern division flashes by her window. Center Photo: Mrs. Dorothy Norman, Mrs. Lily Mae Williams, Miss Mary Louise Barter, Miss Kathleen Fritz, R. W. Johnson, and Clarice Turner enjoy the cool interior of the new Rebeliner. Right Photo: Lining up to present their tickets to Bus Operator H. G. Mooney are: Miss Fritz, Miss Barter, Mrs. Williams, Miss Jo Ellen Hasting, Miss Doris Bierman, Mrs. Norman, and Miss Turner.

GT Receives New Buses

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centuated by a chrome strip along the sides, from which the buses have received the name "silver sides".

Diesel Powered

These late models are diesel powered for maximum service and dependability, with the latest conveniences for driver comfort to reduce fatigue and increase safety. One of the mechanical features is the latest type adjustable seat, which may be elevated or depressed for greater operating ease.

Mobile Businessman Commends Citronelle Agent

After the publication of his picture in the January issue of the News Agent H. C. Gilmer, Citronelle, received the following letter from Mr. Barton Greer, Autry, Greer & Sons, Mobile.

"It has been a privilege to know you during a number of your 43 years—to be exact, 32 of them. You have been helpful to us on many occasions and a friend always. Our best wishes to you and many more years of service to the GM&O and to your countless friends in Citronelle and up and down the line."

GM&O Service Praised By Mobile Traveler

When Mrs. Ruth Young, sister of O. L. Foxvog, Chicago candy maker, returned from Chicago to her home in Mobile recently she wrote the following letter to her brother:

"We received so much service from everybody. Our trip was delightful. It was the most pleasant trip I've ever made between Chicago and Mobile and seemed so short. The cars were so clean and attractive and everyone was so solicitous of our comfort."

Washington Nurse Praises Work Of GM&O Hostesses

A recent letter to Mrs. Elvart by Nurse Eugenia Klinefelter, Washington University, expressed her appreciation for the helpfulness and cooperation of Hostesses Shirley Shive and Vida Kernz, and student Hostess Merle Blanton. In part her letter said:

"I am still using a cane following a severe accident and am unable to carry anything. Due to the large crowds in the Chicago station there was no Red Cap available. Miss Shive carried my suitcase and helped me on the train to my destination. This was 'above and beyond the call of duty'... On my return the hostess and her trainee (Miss Kernz and Miss Blanton) were wonderfully kind to a young Mexican mother and her three tiny babies. Such service meets a need that must be seen or received to be fully appreciated."

Here's an unusual view of our St. Louis-Chicago streamliner Abraham Lincoln as it passes beneath Eads Bridge in St. Louis. The bridge stop is called Washington Avenue and is a regular one for the three GM&O crack trains, The Abe, The Ann Rutledge and The Alton Limited.
Along the Line

Mr. J. Gaillard Cassidey, Jr., rate clerk, and Miss Martha McCorkandale were married at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, Ala., on May 15th.

Mr. Henry K. Jackson, rate clerk, and Miss Janett Martin were married May 22 at the Touminville Methodist Church.

In checking back through the files of the early days of the GM&O Superinten- dent W. H. Forlines uncovered a number of copies of letters and stockholder meeting notices which were used by the railroad before the days of the typewriter. All of them were written in 1871.

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'Little Mr. & Mrs. Tiplersville', recently elected in a school contest. 'Mr. Tiplers- ville' is Buddy Scarbrough, son of Section Foreman G. Z. Scarbrough, of the Mississippi community.

Rate Clerk William H. Bazell, Mobile, and Miss Christine Allen were married in Mobile April 24.

Elks Club Manager Praises Service On Special Train

Following a movement from Springfield to Milwaukee on a GM&O special train, Elks Club Manager Earl B. Schryver wrote a letter to Passenger Traffic Manager R. A. Pearce, complimenting the service. His letter said in part:

"We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the fine train accommodations and schedule which you afforded us on the trip, and to each member of your personnel who had a part in making this trip such a very fine one."

Veteran Conductor Recalls Early Days of Railroading

"The greatest improvement in railroading since 1899 is, in my opinion, the development of the air brake and the arrival of diesel power," says Conductor R. A. Markwell, Slater.

The veteran conductor, who has been railroading 49 years, should be in a position to know, for when he began railroading, the old-style pin coupling was just being replaced by the modern automatic type.

"In those days," Markwell recalls, "we made up our trains with the new couplings nearest the locomotive and the older models at the rear. It sometimes made placing cars a little more difficult, and was a lot more dangerous than today."

Pay Car Arrives

Before the railroads began paying by check, all payments were made by "pay car," a veritable bank on wheels.

"Payday was quite an event in those days," Markwell states, "because there were occasional delays in arrival, and after the car did get into town everybody had to stand in line for quite a while to get their pay. The interesting thing to me is that my withholding tax today is exactly the same as the pay I used to draw as a brakeman."

Oldest Conductor

Conductor Markwell has been in passenger service since 1916 and is the oldest conductor, from the standpoint of service, on his division. Beginning his career as a call boy at Slater, he was rapidly promoted to brakeman and conductor. Prior to his entrance into the passenger service he served for 12 years as a freight conductor.

Today the veteran conductor makes his run on the "General Pershing," crack Burlington streamliner which uses GM&O tracks on its St. Louis-Kansas City run, and still makes his home in Slater.

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Commendations

Brakeman S. H. Brown for his prevention of a probable derailment by discovery of a damaged truck.

Section Laborer Roger Stevens for his discovery of a broken brake rigging as the train was pulling into the yard.

Section Foreman George Harvey for his discovery of a broken flange on the wheel of a passing car.

Yard Clerk A. B. Hazelwood for prevention of a possible claim through his discovery of a nopen door on a box car.

Student Agent-Operator Roger Gaines for his discovery of a dragging brake beam on a passing car.

Agent I. M. Hampton for his discovery of sticking brakes on a passing train.

Agent W. H. Boykin for his discovery of a hot box on a passing car.

Telegrapher H. C. Herndon for his discovery of a dragging brake beam.

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Detroit Bowlers Compliment GM&O Passenger Service

National Printcraft Bowling Commissioner Lawrence L. Arnold wrote the following letter following his trip from Detroit to St. Louis and return with the Detroit Bowlers:

"Every member of the Detroit group had nothing but compliments for the treatment received by all the employees of the GM &O, and also for the arrangements handled by District Passenger Agent W. R. Godley personally. I assure you that any time in the future that any of us have need to travel where the GM&O stands we will be your customers and your best boosters."

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Friends Honor Engineer At Retirement Dinner

Engineer C. H. Morris, who retired on May 31, was honored at a dinner by a large group of his friends. Following the dinner Mr. Morris was presented with a complete set of fishing tackle.

The veteran engineer has been with the GM&O since 1909, when he started as a Fireman. Following his retirement Mr. and Mrs. Morris will make their home at DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
Leadership...

C. G. Ebanks, Manager of Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Memphis made an interesting address recently before the Tennessee Industrial Personnel Conference on LEADERSHIP. Following are excerpts from his talk.

"Leadership means being out in front, directing others, and exercising authority. It means honor and prestige and power and glory. Every one of us naturally wants to be a leader. For that matter, every one of us already is a leader, at least in certain situations and to some extent. Every one of us is enough of a leader to know the thrill and satisfaction of leadership, and to want more."

"Industrial concerns as a whole grow or decay, rise or fall, in relation to the quality of leadership exercised by the men at the top. There is much truth in the statement that an organization merely is the lengthened shadow of the man at its head."

"And here is the best definition I know of Leadership, although the language is somewhat involved: 'Leadership is the name of that combination of qualities by the possession of which one is able to get something done in cooperation with others, chiefly because, through the leader's initiative, those co-operating have been made parties to the objective, and through his influence they are willing—even anxious—to aid in its accomplishment.'"

"I believe that successful industrial leaders are marked not only by greater skill in organizing, planning and persuading, but also by superior personal ethics, morals and the sense of social responsibility. Decency and integrity may not always have been prerequisites to proficiency in industrial leadership, but I believe they are today."

Ballet Director Praises GM&O Passenger Service

A letter written by Director S. J. Denham of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo following a trip from St. Louis to Chicago praises the GM&O service very highly. His letter says in part:

" Permit me to bring to your attention a few members of the personnel of your train who gave more than excellent service to me, and as far as I could see, to the other passengers on the train. I can heartily praise the services of Miss Bobbie Porter, the hostess; Jerry McCall, the steward; and the porter, Douglas, in the parlor car. Their courtesy and readiness to make passengers comfortable is quite a tribute to the reputation of your railroad."

The above cartoon was clipped from the company publication of the Masonite Company, Laurel.
The Camera at Slater, Mo.


(Front row) Morris Coy, Sam Hall, and Ben Wood. At right is shown a scene in the Slater yards. Personnel above are: Relief Agent R. K. Farrell, Operator C. W. Sword, Steno-clerk Adeline Hardin, File Clerk H. H. Alvers, Steno-clerk Ruth Spicer and Chief Clerk Fred Kelly.