Rails Must Use Every Skill At Hand; President Brock Tells Superintendents

President Glen P. Brock delivered the opening address when the American Association of Railroad Superintendents convened their annual convention in Chicago on June 2. Mr. Brock was introduced by R. F. Jeter, GM&O Superintendent of Terminals at Chicago, who is president of the Association.

The following article about Mr. Brock's address is from the Chicago Daily News:

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Brown And Jess Promoted

Chief special agent E. Mason Brown of Jackson, Tennessee has been promoted to the office of assistant freight claim agent with headquarters at Mobile. Named to succeed him is William B. Jess, who has been assistant chief special agent since 1947. Mr. Jess' headquarters will continue at Springfield.

The new assistant freight claim agent began work for GM&O as a clerk in the Jackson freight office. He became special agent in 1933 and served in this capacity

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2 Promotions Announced In Commerce Department

Two promotions in the commerce department were announced June 16 by K. G. Gottschaldt, general freight traffic manager. Promoted are E. A. Brautigam to the position of assistant general freight agent (commerce) and W. C. Gibson to commerce agent. Both are Mobileans.

Mr. Brautigam entered the service of the M&O December 28, 1925 as a messenger in the St. Louis traffic department. He held various clerk positions until appointed special representative in the commerce department in 1947. He succeeds F. E. Geil who is now employed in an official capacity with the L&N railroad.

Mr. Gibson also started his railroad career with the M&O in St. Louis and as a

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Here's How They Grow On The GM&O

When an industry expands its facilities it is a very good indication that the plant site was wisely chosen in the beginning.

That is one of the reasons why Industrial Development VP Tom Martin points with pride to the growth story of the Spartan Printing and Publishing Company, Sparta, Illinois, depicted above. Another cause for pride is a letter Spartan President Roswell Messing, Jr., wrote Bill Barrett, head of our St. Louis Traffic Department recently.

Said Mr. Messing, who also heads

World Color Printing Company of St. Louis, "throughout the years GM&O has played an important part in our growth . . . thanks for your help in making this growth possible."

The plant took shape in 1949, with just 30,000 square feet and 17 employees. Now seven growing pains later Spartan covers almost six acres, with nearly 350 employees. Its presses pour out 50 million comic books per month and millions of copies of other magazines and publications, most of them over GM&O Rails.
Some "Foolage"

Remember the whiskers on the right? You saw them in the GM&O News nine years ago...and they're back out again. The occasion then, the Kansas City, Missouri centennial celebration. The occasion now, the Kansas City, Kansas centennial celebration.

If you are still "fooled by the foliage" its Kansas City, Missouri agent R. T. Kingman with moral support by Wabash agent John R. Shumway. The other four agents who live in Wyandotte county "razored out", reports Kingman.

A Very Versatile Man

R. E. (Tobe) Bailey is a very accomplished man. He's a pipe-fitter; scout for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team; an official in TSSAA football, basketball and baseball; Sunday school class teacher; recording secretary for the Sheet Metal Union and Commissioner of Public Utilities for the City of Jackson, Tennessee. He assumed this last office on July 1 and Master Mechanic George Duck says, "We at Jackson feel this is quite an honor for one of our employees to receive."

The son of a GM&O engineer, City Commissioner Bailey attended college in Jackson and was first employed by the railroad as a laborer in 1926. He was promoted to pipefitter in 1933. Since 1934 he has worked for the city in the street and water department; at the Piggly Wiggly factory; in the recreational department of the state hospital and for the railroad.

Quite a versatile and energetic man is Tobe Bailey and we congratulate him on his latest achievement.

N. O. Traffic Men Honored

Annual election of Officers and Board of Directors of the Export Manager's Club of New Orleans was held June 18th. Under the Constitution of this Organization the Railroad category is allowed only one member on the Board of Directors, and Mr. W. J. (Bill) Kevlin, Commercial Agent, Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad was elected to the Board.

At the annual dinner of the New Orleans chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association held June 12th, Mr. A. C. (Mike) Tricou, District Freight Agent, Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad was awarded by the National Organization a Gold Key and Scroll which read in part as follows:

"For meritorious achievement in the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Organization, and for valuable and noteworthy service in the promotion of Transportation Preparedness for National Defense of the United States of America."

Honor Times Three

Honors have come in threes for insurance executive-civic leader Col. William J. Rushhton this Spring. President of Birmingham's billion-dollar Protective Life Insurance Company, Rushton serves as civilian chief of Birmingham Ordnance District, has been presented a citation by the Secretary of the Army, Army chief of staff and chief of ordnance for his "important contributions to national defense and Army programs." On the business side, Rushton has been elected to the executive committee of Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad, an addition to his many other industrial and financial affiliations. This week at Memphis, Southwestern College honors the distinguished Alabamian with the degree of doctor of humanities.

—From South Magazine.

Two other GM&O Directors received distinctive civic recognition for outstanding community service recently. At Mobile H. Austill Pharr, president of the First National Bank was selected as Mobilian of the Year and at Jacksonville, A. Boyd Campbell was presented with a Mississippi bronzed statuette for his contribution in the field of civic and public affairs.
These Qualities of The Railroad Man
Keep The Trains On The Tracks

The charge to superintendents regularly opens the annual convention of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents. The actual charge as taken from President Brock's address (see page 1, col. 1) follows:

1 charge you, first, with safety. It must never be superseded. It must be consistent and continuous, persistent and unrelenting.

LOYALTY

Loyalty to those above you and below you in the organizational chart. If you are going to work for a man, for heaven's sake — work for him. Give him the best you have.

ECONOMY

There is no place in this industry today for wasteful methods and procedures. Figure it every day and every night. In operations look hard and critically at every dollar that leaves your hands. You will never see it again. Was it a good dollar? Did you accomplish your objective? Could you make the next dollar earn more? When profits disappear job loss mounts, and remember we can't put transportation on the shelf to sell another day. It must be used when produced or forever lost.

ENTHUSIASM

Which you can only have if you love your work — to hit the floor running every morning, with a determination that you will do a better job today than you did yesterday; that you will solve some problem that had stalled you the day before and that you will inspire others to do likewise. We have never yet done the job the best way. We may have done it well yesterday. We will do it better today, but the best way is in the future. Dedication, enthusiasm, and determination will help you find it.

CUSTOMER CONSCIOUS

The only justification for the existence of a railroad is to serve well its customers. There was a time when practically all of the transportation customers of this country were railroad customers. They had not much choice, but today they do have a choice. The transportation customer should know that the American railroads provide the most dependable, the safest, the most economical, and the fastest mass transportation service in the world.

KNOWING YOUR BUSINESS

— to pry and prod, to stir and inquire as to the facts — to know and know well and authoritatively the facts concerning the operation of your division. Inquisitiveness will arm you with the tools to make important decisions.

And, finally, I charge you with OBSERVANCE OF THE GOLDEN RULE.

GM&O to Serve New Plant

The world's largest water heater manufacturer, the White Products Corporation, has announced immediate construction of a new plant at Meridian. It will be served by GM&O.

The Meridian plant will assemble, for shipment to Southern and to South and Central American points.

Mr. Brock's Address

Continued from page 1, Col. 1 of no one but our competitors," he said.

The GM&O head also offered a word of caution about the "fabulous '90s which lie ahead."

"I am afraid that so much has been said about them that the public is being conditioned to expect an enormous increase and dissemination of prosperity independent of the thinking and effort which must go into any sound progress. This is certainly true of the railroad industry."
60 Million Dollar Subject

Vice President H. E. Warren's purchases and stores department met recently with other interested departments to discuss how to get the best utilization out of the forestry products which we buy for installation in our physical property.

"It is a 60 million dollar subject" President Brock said, "and we want to be sure our methods are as near perfect as we can make them." That is the amount it would cost today to replace the wood alone that is contained in our ties, bridges, buildings, freight cars, etc., without taking into account such added costs as labor and related materials.

Practices and policies covering purchasing specifications; proper preservative treatments; storage and job site delivery; installation; and replacement requirements were discussed. The Mobile meeting is the fourth of a series of family meetings called by Mr. Brock. For those participating see pictures at right.


Commendations

Brakeman R. J. Moore found a brakebeam down on Train 92 out of Kansas City and arranged for the car to be set out at Corder. He was commended by Superintendent Miller.

The alertness of Telegraph Operator D. E. Nicholson at Tolson in discovering a derailed car and in signaling the conductor and flagman averted a possible accident.
Greek railroad workers Anastasios N. Eliopoulos (left) and George Danigelis (right) learn about mechanical training methods in this country from Mechanical Engineer Clarence E. Hildt, GM&O Mobile.

Their American tour is being sponsored by the International Cooperation Administration, and the U.S. Department of Labor in an effort to better equip them as apprenticeship training instructors in their own country.

What Passengers Say About GM&O Trips

When passengers enjoy traveling on our trains and take the time to express their approval in letters we are most pleased and appreciative because we can use their reactions as a measuring stick of our service. Needless to say, we want that criticism as well as their praises and we are alert to correct our faults.

"How comforting to know that you take such excellent care of passengers," a Springfield, Illinois resident wrote our passenger department recently. She was referring to the care and attention given her mother while traveling aboard The Limited.

Responsible in great part were Conductor J. J. Forbes and Porter M. Coleman who have been commended for the excellent service they rendered. The elderly passenger said the GM&O trip from Chicago to Springfield was the best trip she had ever taken.

Also recognized for their services on behalf of a passenger were parlor car porters W. A. Griffin, L. Gardner and M. Harris who were responsible for a nice letter written by a Chicago passenger who rode with them on a round-trip to Pontiac.

Excerpts from a letter to R. J. Fischer (DDA) in connection with Student Education.

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Continued from Page 1 until 1940. From 1940 until 1946 he was an officer in the armed forces, and upon his return to railroad life, was made chief special agent.

Mr. Jess has been in the special agent’s department since 1933 with headquarters at various times in East St. Louis, Joliet and Springfield.

Fred Johnson on Program

The young claim agents had a chance to speak on the problems of their profession at the recent AAR General Claims Division meeting.

After the panel discussion, GM&O’s Agent Fred L. Johnson gave them a General Claim Agent’s reaction.

2 Promotions

Continued from page 1 messenger, on February 10, 1931. The same year he was made an office assistant in the traffic department and served in clerical capacities in the rate department until 1943 when he joined the armed forces. Discharged in 1945 he worked as a rate clerk until he was appointed special representative in 1953, the position he held at his latest promotion.

Honor F. S. Dean

The late F. S. Dean, whose name will always be associated with the railroad’s growth and progress at Jackson, Mississippi, has been honored by the Boys’ Club of Jackson, Inc. A resolution recently passed recognizes his work in organizing the Club and the faithful and enthusiastic support which he gave during his lifetime.

GM&O Track Supervisor Shows Latest Invention

Recently the Springfield (Illinois) State Register published this picture and an article about Supervisor J. L. McMillian’s latest invention, a railroad track “lining-scope.” The scope is used by track foremen in sighting in rails while they are moved into line by a crew. Mr. McMillian holds a patent on track lining-scopes and this one is a modification of an earlier invention. One of the main features of the invention is a regular rifle scope.

Deceased

Engineer J. A. Woodrick of Meridian died suddenly at his residence on June 23. He first joined the railroad in 1918 as a fireman and was promoted to engineer in 1942. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Yard Engineer Lee W. Maxey passed away at his home in Normal on June 10 after a week’s illness. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Yvonne Hougham of Bloomington. Mr. Maxey has been with the company since 1942 when he went to work as a fireman. He was promoted to yard engineer in 1952.