

The following members did not miss a Luncheon during 1940: Glenn Gilbert, R. S. Holland, H. H. Hull, L. C. Payne, H. T. Powell, E. A. Thomas, and K. A. Trowbridge.

So let's give a hand to these hundred-percenters and a thought towards having more of 'em this year.

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THE FIRST LUNCHEON of the year, held January 27, was attended by 210 members and guests, and was one of the best we've been to.

Mayor Gage, City Manager Cookingham, Chief of Police Reed, and various other dignitaries had Heber Powell flanked at the Speaker's Table, but not out-flanked; for it was Heber who was givin' orders when the colored boys moved the table to make way for the fireworks.

And there were fireworks—both verbal and visual. Even the Speaker wished the Fire Department had been present.

Thos. F. Kearney, Superintendent of Technical and Record Division of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, with the aid of a chemist from his department, demonstrated various quaint little ways arsonists and saboteurs have of burning and destroying through the use of chemicals. His talk could well be called fiery oratory, for it was punctuated by explosions and bursts of flame.

R. T. Kingman and his Luncheon Committee are to be complimented for the good food and the good program. Ralph Holland and his Reception Committee were in there pitchin'; and Dean Smith wound up the show with a humorous but very sincere send-off for Bill Fernald, presenting Bill with a traveling bag, in behalf of the Club.

Our DON'T-SAY-ANYTHING-ABOUT-IT-BUT-CONFIDENTIALLY — Department: "Butch" Harris, of the Entertainment Committee Harris's, was looking over the Municipal Auditorium the other day with a critical eye. Wonder if Leland thinks it would be big enough for the Traffic Club Smoker to be held February 22!! There should be some announcements about the Smoker pretty soon. The NEWS should have one next issue.

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Seen in the Railway Exchange Building: K. T. Mindemann and J. L. Brechin, of the Union Pacific, getting their "long haul" in the elevator—from the top floor to lobby; Fenton Dowling, GFA of the "Katy," showing his new DFA. Paul Lacy, around. Paul comes up from Austin, Texas, and it is our firm belief that the Texans are trying to annex Missouri just like they did Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Bill Fernald, of the D&RGW, just promoted to a General Agency for that line at Minneapolis; Steve Lockwood succeeding Bill; and F. D. Lucas coming from Salt Lake City to take Steve's job.

A. R. Menning, Grand Trunk, with Glenn Gilbert on the fourth floor, talking with another "bowler."

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HERE AND THERE:

Paul Carneck, from Minneapolis, succeeds Everett Williams as General Agent for the SP here, Everett going to Indianapolis.

George Batchelor tells us C. W. Nunn, recently retired KCS Local Freight Agent at Kansas City, was 72 years of age and had been with the KCS here as Agent since 1918. J. A. Christian, former General Agent for the KCS-L&A Lines at Joplin,

succeeds Mr. Nunn.

P. F. Connelly, new Great Northern TFA at Kansas City, was President of the Sioux City Traffic Club for 1941.

M. P. Eckman, recently appointed GFA for the Missouri Pacific Lines here, was already well-known by many of our members who traveled to Omaha, as "Mose" served that railroad in Omaha for several years.

Elmer Greene, GFA for MK&C Truck Lines, transferred to their Denver offices a few days ago, and writes us that it's mighty pretty up there. Come to see us whenever you can, E. R.

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Our sincere sympathy to Nick Frick, of the Erie, whose wife, Mrs. Ruth Mary Frick, passed away on January 20.

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The Golden Gloves Tournament begins Monday, February 10. This first night comes under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Morris Stern, says he, Les Cox, Jack Nelson, and other Traffic Club Members who are in the Junior Chamber, have lots of tickets to sell, guaranteeing good seats.

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N. L. "Roy" Cook, Rock Island Freight Agent, is seriously ill at St. Luke's Hospital. Be sure to call the hospital first should you contemplate a visit.

Paul Hewitt's name was left off our sick list last issue entirely through accident. Last reports were that Paul was doing nicely and contemplated an early return to work.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

F. F. Moseley, F. F. Mosely, Cotton Linters.

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New Cards are out, and dues are due;

Receipts are ready, just waitin' on you.

(Editor's Note: Now, that's corny as H——, we must admit, but don't you think it beats a dun? Just a bit?)

No! *!;:?! OK, then. Shell out, boys, shell out!

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The Transportation Club of Decatur holds its February meeting on the 11th, 6:15 P.M., St. Nicholas Hotel. It will be Passenger Department Night.

Clarence Dick of the Alton-B&O, tells us the Junior Traffic Club Inaugural Ball on Saturday Night, February 1, was mighty fine. A total of 200 attended.

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And it needs no prognosticator to forecast a record attendance and swell time at the Kansas City Passenger Agents' Annual Smoker February 3. But doggone it, this News goes to press that same afternoon. However, we know th' gang will prove us right.