

HOME SHELTERS AGED, DISABLED
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posed of three persons who are members of three railway brotherhoods or of the ladies' auxiliaries to these brotherhoods. The only persons who receive compensation for their duties are the secretary-treasurer, who is also the manager, and the necessary employees.

The Home Society consists of three classes of membership: honorary members, associate members and active members. Any person contributing the sum of \$100 may become an honorary member, and he will not be liable for further dues or assessments. By paying an admission fee of \$1 and, after the first year, annual dues of \$1, anyone may become an associate member. The active members of the society consist of three members from each of the three following railway organizations with their auxiliaries: The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Officers of Home Society
The officers of this society are made up of the president, vice-president, second vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and the board of trustees. At the present time, W. B. Prenter, Cleveland, Ohio, is president; Mrs. Mary E. Dubois, Boone, Iowa, vice-president; Mrs. Clara Bradley, Columbus, Ohio, second vice-president, and John O'Keefe, Highland Park, Ill., secretary-treasurer and manager. Members of the board of trustees are: Thomas R. Dodge, chairman, A.

took into his own home a disabled railway employe he found at the Cook County Poor Farm. The doctor himself was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen, now the B.R.T.

In 1890, through the earnest efforts of L. S. Coffin, a banker of Ft. Dodge, Iowa, a society was organized, its object being to provide a home for worthy, aged and disabled railway men who were members of the various railway brotherhoods. Mr. Coffin was the first president of the Home Society after its incorporation. He was succeeded in 1913 by Warren S. Stone, who was succeeded in 1916 by William G. Lee.

The first home was a flat on Walnut street in Chicago. A year or two later the location was changed to Highland Park, and various dwelling and small buildings were added as necessity demanded. These for a number of years were maintained solely by voluntary contributions from divisions and lodges of the brotherhoods and their auxiliaries and from other sources within the organizations. These funds, generously contributed were fairly sufficient to meet the needs of the Home in the modest way in which it was being conducted, but as the number of railway employes in the country and the organizations increased the number to be cared for naturally increased in proportion. Modern physical requirements and standards of examinations for railway employes so multiplied the number of helpless in the ranks,



THE DINING ROOM IN THE HOME TODAY

H. Hawley, secretary, and Harry P. Daugherty, all of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. O'Keefe, the present secretary-treasurer and manager, is a former employe of the Illinois Central System. He was born in Scotland in 1860 and came to this country while very young. His first position with the Illinois Central was that of switchman at Randolph street yard at Chicago in 1885. He was promoted to chief smoke inspector for the Chicago terminal, but he resigned in 1897 to accept a position in the smoke department of the City of Chicago. At the time Mr. O'Keefe resigned his position with the Illinois Central, the members of the Triumphant Lodge No. 47 of the Brotherhood of Loco-

and the facilities for caring for them became so pressing, that at the annual meeting of the members of the Home Society, held at Highland Park April 20, 1909, the general plans for the construction of the present buildings were approved.

Two men who gave generously of their time and energy to the welfare of the Home were William Kilpatrick, formerly a conductor on the Illinois Central, who served as chairman of the board of trustees for twenty-one years and is now an honorary member of that board, and Lewis J. Ziegenfuss, deceased, who was chairman of the board for many years and who served on the board for thirty-one years.



A train crew could be recruited at the Home. Note the affiliations of these inmates. Top row, left to right: William Delaney, 59 years old, B.R.T. No. 479; Miss Mary Jackson, nurse; Alfred Frederick, 90 years old, O.R.C. No. 114. Front row, left to right: Daniel Turner, 53 years old, B.L.E. No. 29; Joseph Melang, 72 years old, B.L.P. & E. No. 178.

motive Firemen passed the following resolution, which illustrates his cordial relationship with them:

Whereas, John O'Keefe, smoke inspector for the Illinois Central Railroad, having resigned to accept a position with the present administration of the City of Chicago,

Whereas, his relations were so close with the firemen on the Chicago division that we regret to lose his valuable company and ever good advice to be a little careful about smoke!

Resolved, that it is the vote of Triumphant Lodge No. 47, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, to highly endorse John as a friend to his brothers in labor, and extend to him our best wishes and success in his onward journey through this weary life of toil.

In 1903, after he had resigned his position with the smoke department of the city, he was appointed secretary-treasurer and manager of the Home, the position he now holds. He is the proud possessor of the forty-year button given for forty consecutive years of membership in the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He is a member of the W. H. Hobbs Lodge No. 4, one of the oldest lodges in the brotherhood.

How the Idea Developed
The idea of such a Home for railway men got its start during the '30s with a Doctor Ingalls of Chicago, who



William McPherson, Lodge No. 59, B.L.P. & E., was admitted to the Home October 1, 1907. His afflictions were the loss of both eyes and the loss of both hands at the wrist. Mr. McPherson was then 43 years of age, intelligent and highly educated. The Home spent eighteen months in educating him to read with his tongue. The young woman in the picture, who is also blind, served as his teacher. He consulted several chapters of the Bible to memory and became a lecturer on the Bible. He left the Home permanently April 22, 1919.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR WOMEN'S CONVENTION

HELD IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

Biggest All-Woman's Through Extra Train to Be Sent From East to Business Women's Meet

The biggest "all women" special train that ever crossed the continent will be the President's Special to be run from New York City to Oakland, Calif., in connection with the annual convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs in Oakland July 18 to 22. Several hundred business and professional women whose aggregate earning capacity runs up into hundreds of thousands of dollars will journey from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific as an escort to Miss Lena Madess Phillips of New York City, the national president, on a special train or trains whose entire passenger list will be of the feminine persuasion.

Regional Chairmen
Miss Martha Connoles of East St. Louis, Illinois, is chairman of arrangements for this special train, and regional chairmen including Mrs. Mabel C. Foster of Hartford, Conn.; Miss Mary Kerr of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Betty Crooks of Jacksonville, Florida; Miss Frances M. White of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Hill Perkins of St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Amy E. Hall of Independence, Kansas; Miss Florence Crawford of Pueblo, Colo.; Miss Pearl H. Matlock of Kansas City, Missouri and Mrs. Gladys Barn-dollar of Oakland, Calif.

Special cars, or in instances where the demand is great enough, special sections of this train will be made up in all the regions indicated and all the sections from the east will join with the midwest sections at Kansas City and will proceed west from Kansas City on two special trains. The Business Woman and the Professional Woman, the trains operating as sections of the same train.

Elaborate plans have been made for the comfort and entertainment of the women en route, and special features will include the issuance of a daily newspaper on board.

There will be lengthy stopovers at St. Louis, where members will have an opportunity to visit the Hotel Statler, the birthplace in July, 1919, of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs; in Kansas City, in Colorado Springs, at Santa Fe, the Grand Canyon and Los Angeles.

Leaves July 8
The special will leave Jersey City at noon on July 8, and will arrive in Oakland Sunday morning, July 17.

The Grand Canyon visit will take place on Wednesday, July 13, and passengers of the special trains will be guests of the Governor of Arizona and the Arizona Federation for the entire day.

Indian ceremonies will be arranged for the entertainment of the delegates at Santa Fe, and there will be other festivities of equal interest en route.

Killing harmless husbands seems to be quite the vogue now in Hollywood and New York. Again demonstrating the fallacy of the remark that "East is East and West is West."

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The following are included in the faculty: E. W. MacGillivray, Jr., and Mrs. Katherine Whitney Curtis, coaches at the University of Chicago; C. E. Daubert, coach at Iowa State college; Paul Samson, varsity swimming captain, University of Michigan, and his teammate, F. E. Roehm; Bob Skelton, Olympic breast stroke champion, and former Northwestern university swimmer; coach William Bachrach, of the Illinois Athletic club, and of the American Olympic swimming team of 1924; Mrs. Sara Hansen, of the same club; George Eckert, of the Hirsch Social center; and George (XYZ) Schuenchenflug, of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. college and Chicago Scout camps. For the second successive year, Captain F. C. Mills, national director of swimming and water safety for the Boy Scouts of America will have, charge of the aquatic section.

Normal Courses Offered
Normal courses offered under these teachers include instruction in life saving, coaching, and training for speed swimming, water games, pageants, canoe craft, boatmanship, and general waterfront protection. Besides giving the waterfront leader an all round training, the courses are designed to prepare the student for the position of examiner of life saving candidates.

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Life guards, recreation workers, camp councillors, Boy and Girl Scout executives, physical training leaders, and water safety enthusiasts, are being especially invited to attend the institute to train for summer camp or recreation work. Since the student body is limited, it is suggested that those wishing to attend the institute register at an early date with the American Red Cross, 616 South Michigan avenue, Chicago.

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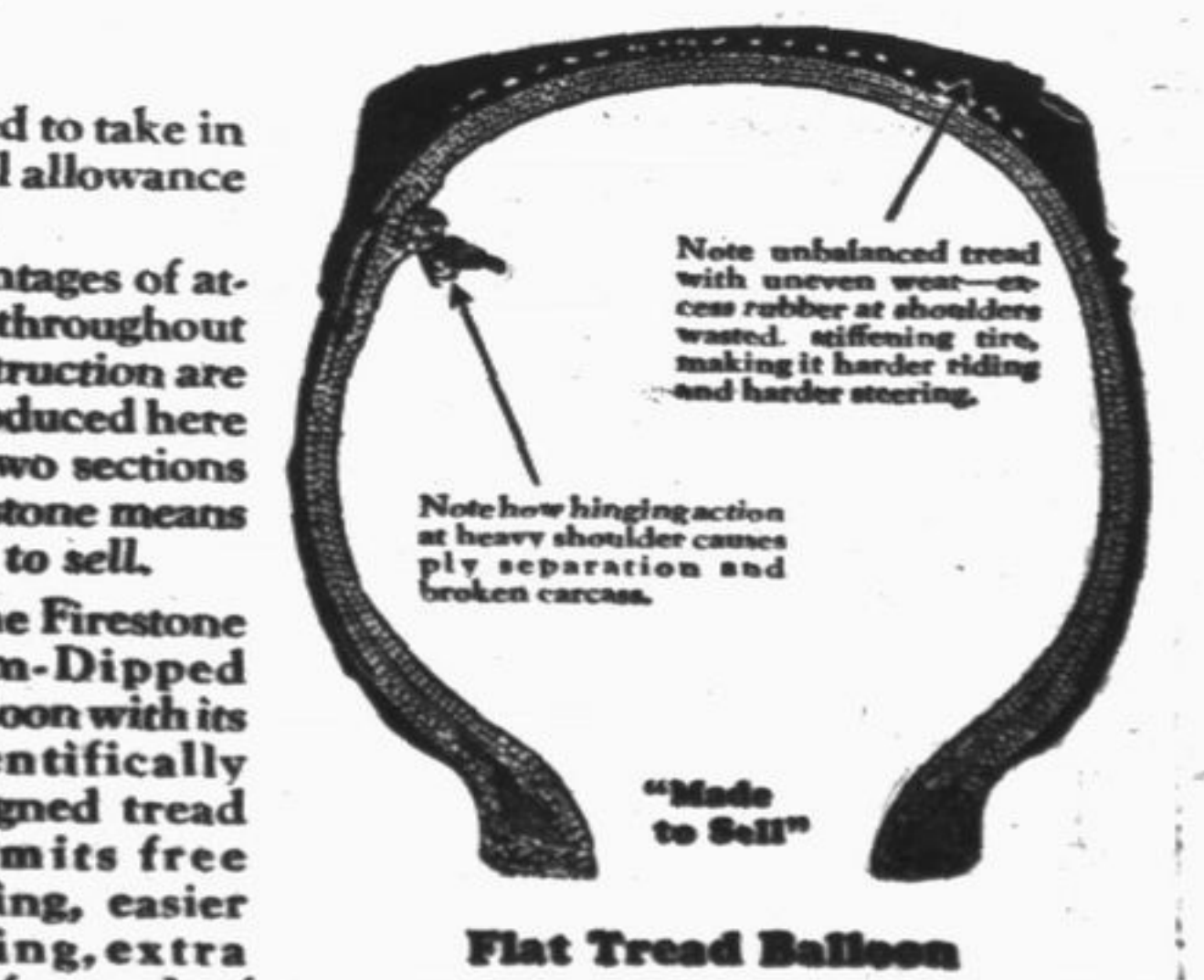
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