BILL OPPOSITION ROLLS

Responding to the appeal here last issue by Vice-President Large and to a system letter sent to each employe by President Greenough, our people in the Northwestern Region are rolling up opposition to the coal slurry bills.

Activity in the Fort Wayne area has been particularly notable, with Train Master C. R. Frew and Claim Agent H. H. Dauler leading the campaign. Not only have they written, as have 10 others in their immediate departments, but they have multiplied their effectiveness with appeals to citizens in political, professional and business life, with excellent results. As of April 17, they listed 18 individuals who had agreed to send word to their representatives in the House and Senate at Washington.

The Maintenance of Equipment forces report to Superintendent A. R. Marsh that as of April 20 they had letters from 31 employes on their way, and expected to reach 50.

One new resident in this area not only wrote to his new Senators and Representative, but also dropped a personal letter to his former Senator who is on the Commerce Committee, which is holding initial hearings on the bill.

This is a sampling of immediate action. Other departments who have pulled their weight for the team will be recognized here in the next issue of NORTHWESTERN NEWS.

0---TEAMWORK DOES IT---0
Which reminds us—that Daylight Saving Time is with us, and we have to guard against the confusion which frequently arises in the first few days. Here we have an aggravated problem because of the adjacent Eastern and Central time zones, in which both standard and daylight are observed by different communities. In an effort to simplify the discrimination, we list the more prominent examples in the Northwestern Region:

**CENTRAL DAYLIGHT**

**ILLINOIS** - Entire State


**EASTERN STANDARD**

**INDIANA** - Columbia City, Fort Wayne, Logansport, Warsaw and Winamac.

**MICHIGAN** - Entire State.


And, while the point made by the item in the box car above is valid, it does remind a little of the comment in the old sporting days: "The race may not always be to the fastest, but that's the way to bet." Same way, when we are in the midst of the time change, it is important to pay strict attention.

**LET SAFETY PREVAIL**

Safety Emphasized

A message and a program concerning safety and the prevention of loss and damage, which frequently go hand in hand, have been forwarded to all Northwestern Region supervision by Vice-President Large.

This sparks a renewed effort to improve our position in the President's Safety contest, in which we stood last as of February, 1962.
Mr. Large noted at the staff meeting last week that while we appear to have turned the corner, and were somewhat improved, it is felt that additional emphasis will carry us still farther.

Monthly safety—loss and damage prevention meetings will take place after each regular staff meeting, and district meetings will be held according to the following program, prepared by the Personnel Department:

Twelfth Street and Sixteenth Street, Chicago—
Third Wednesday each month, 10 A.M., Room 401, 323 W. Polk St.

Fifty-Fifth Street and Fifty-Ninth Street, Chicago—
Third Tuesday each month, 10 A.M., Assistant Trainmaster’s Office, Fifty-Ninth Street.

Colehour and One Hundred and Tenth Street—
Third Wednesday each month, 1:30 P.M., Assistant Trainmaster’s Office, Colehour.

Logansport, Indiana—
Fourth Tuesday each month, 1:30 P.M., Trainmaster’s Office, Logansport.

Fort Wayne, Indiana—
Third Thursday each month, 1:30 P.M., Conference Room, Old Superintendent’s Building.

Grand Rapids, Michigan—
Third Thursday each month, 1:00 P.M., Conference Room, General Office and Freight House Building.

Chairmen have been assigned in each district as follows:

**Safety**

Twelfth Street-Sixteenth Street - H. W. Wittman, Master Mechanic
Fifty-Fifth Street-Fifty-Ninth Street- J. A. Dougherty, Asst. Train Master
Colehour-One Hundred and Tenth Street- J. J. Delaney, Asst. Train Master
Logansport - W. N. Taylor, Train Master
Fort Wayne - E. L. Velte, Master Mechanic
Grand Rapids - R. L. Pruitt, Train Master, Road Foreman of Engines

**Loss and Damage Prevention**

Twelfth Street-Sixteenth Street - F. W. Konze, District Sales Manager
Fifty-Fifth Street-Fifty-Ninth Street-R. E. Webster, Supervisor, TrucTrain
Colehour-One Hundred and Tenth Street- W. V. Reyburn, Agent, South Chicago
Logansport - C. L. Pullen, Agent
Fort Wayne - W. A. Kirk, District Sales Manager
Grand Rapids - C. H. Ignasias, Freight Agent

---SAFETY IS EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS---
TERMINAL TOPICS

Fort Wayne---Two hundred and seventy years of service were represented in the award of eight emblems in the engine house here. Topping the recipients through receiving a rare 50-year button was Jim Lipscomb. Forty years emblems went to Paul Emmer, F. M. Romigh, and W. J. Reindl, while the young colts who were given 25-year service symbols were Nick Stanovich, Sam Stein, G. O. Myers and M. L. Straka. Attending the ceremony, and shown in the picture which the local paper published were E. L. Velte, master mechanic, Harold Kraner, enginehouse foreman, and Don Showers, yard foreman.

Terre Haute---While this is in the Southwestern Region, we are interested in the reopening of the Crawfordsville Branch, which had been shut down since last June by the washout of three bridges between Waveland and Guion. The branch extends between Terre Haute and Frankfort, and is our direct link to the Southwestern connections.

Logansport---Alva Wise Ayers, 90, retired Pennsylvania conductor, died in the Lutheran Hospital here. Our sympathies to Mrs. Ayers and their two children.

Dunkirk, Ohio---Mrs. Ralph Miller, an observant friend, gave us the chance to rectify a potentially dangerous condition on a car in a passenger train by reporting what she saw to the block operator here, who notified Forest in time to stop the train. Our thanks have been forwarded to her.

Chicago---A. M. Schofield, Assistant Regional Manager, has repeated instructions on the prompt reporting of fires and accidents other than fires, as issued by G. A. Royce, manager of insurance at system headquarters. Strict compliance with these instructions is required as deviation from the proper method of reporting can result in unnecessary cost to the railroad.

Logansport---Agent C. L. Pullen has assisted in assembling the facts of our passenger operation for an article to be published in the local paper soon.

---CAREFUL HANDLING IS OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENT---

Recommended Reading

An interview in United States News and World Report in the current issue, April 30, with Chairman Symes, titled "Last Chance for the Railroads," affords a detailed view in depth about the situation of our industry at this time. It is worth not only reading but remembering as fully as possible because it provides sound answers to many questions that all railroad people are being asked frequently.

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