

## Doyle O'Rear



### Missouri Farm Boy Makes Good In Trucking Industry

Doyle O'Rear, one of the top drivers in the Buckingham Freight Lines Steel Division, has made a dream come true. As a small boy on his Dad's farm in Missouri, young Doyle dreamed of the day when he could have his own truck and be a "truck driver."

Today Doyle is the owner of two diesels that are on permanent lease with the Steel Division. Over the past twenty years, Doyle has chalked up an enviable driving record and has won national acclaim in the trucking industry.

When he was barely seventeen, Doyle proceeded on the first lap of realizing his dream. He managed to get a dump truck and started on the road to fulfilling his ambition. Through the summer months he hauled gravel for road jobs and in the winter he hauled coal. In the next few years, he met and married his Marie and added a son and a daughter to his family. With ambition burning for further experience in the trucking business, he purchased a Ford tractor and a semi-reefer trailer. Moving his family to Omaha in search of the "big time," he began as a lease operator with Watson Bros., staying with that firm for 17 years.

Those first years were lean but the experience and his tenacity were rewarding. Doyle earned the distinction of becoming one of the top drivers in the Nation. In 1948 he was the Iowa "Driver of the Year" and placed second in National competition. For his eight-year 550,000 mile

record of accident-free driving and for his act of heroism in rescuing four persons from a burning automobile after arriving at the scene of a two-car collision near Grinnell, Iowa, Doyle received national recognition and a huge trophy presented by the American Trucking Association.

Further adding to Doyle's personal happiness and success is the pride he has in his 22 year old son Nelson. Young Nelson is a third-year Cadet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Nelson enlisted in the Air Force and through diligent study and self application won the chance to enter the Academy, one of the toughest assignments in the military service.

Daughter Lyda is married and Doyle is completely captivated by his little granddaughter Loria Lynn Brown.

Doyle and Marie celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in No-



The O'Rear's handsome youngsters —Nelson and Lyda.

vember. Marie, in true wifely fashion, said, "It isn't hard to live with a man twenty-five years when he is gone half the time."

## NOTICE

Several years ago Buckingham Freight Lines inaugurated a retirement program that was effective January 1, 1960. This year we find some half dozen employees that have reached the magical age of the "carefree years." We have endeavored to keep up with each and every one that has retired these past few weeks. In this issue you will find a salute to Earl Mead, Al Aish, Sam Buccola and Clarence Wright. Roy Foley and Bill Fife have also joined the retired ranks and we shall feature Roy and Bill in the next issue.

If you must worry, don't worry out loud. It wastes the time of others as well as your own.

## Al Kohl Joins Buck Express Staff



By Bill Payne

We are pleased to introduce Al Kohl, a newcomer to our Buckingham Express Kansas City operations. Al is a veteran of the transportation business and takes over our rate department.

Al is a native of Ellis, Kansas, and a graduate of the business college in Hutchinson. His transportation experience dates back to 1941 when he started to work for the Sante Fe Trail trucking company. He was with that firm in various capacities, with a four year lapse during World War II, until 1947. Since that time Al has been with both Knaus Truck Lines and Manley Transfer as Traffic Manager.

In 1956 Al tried to break the bonds of transportation and spent the following three years in the insurance business. Early in 1959, however, he joined Heazler Cartage Company and spent the year setting up an IBM Department. Arkansas Best Freight System recently acquired that firm and Al joined our office staff.

Al has completed transportation courses at Kansas City University and was instrumental in the organization of the Hiway Tariffman's Club in the city. He is married and he and his wife Virginia and their baby son Chris live in Prairie Village, a suburb of Kansas City.

Probably you know a fellow whose car will never start until someone comes along and gives it a push. The same fellow no doubt treats his job much the same way--he just doesn't work until his boss starts pushing.