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**AUGUST 8 PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT MALVERN.** . . The picnic this coming Saturday will be held at the Hot Spring County Industrial Park on the west side of Malvern. This site was decided upon because it has more shade trees and fewer chiggers and ticks than Butterfield. To get there just turn off I-30 onto Hy. 270 and go toward Malvern. The park is on the left (north) side of the highway. It is easy to find, just look for a locomotive and caboose as you cross the railroad. (These directions are guaranteed accurate, sorry about our last ones.)

Starting time for the picnic is 10:00 a.m. This is a do-it-ourselves affair, so if you signed up to bring food, please get it there. The Grigsby Collection's former Louisiana Long Leaf Lumber #7, a 2-6-2 woodburner, will be on display at the park along with an ex-Rock Island caboose. Later, those who wish may drive out to Butterfield to inspect the two newly arrived locomotives, W. T. Carter & Brother #2, 2-6-0; and #4, 2-6-2; both oil-burners. This will give a good example of restored and unrestored motive power. Current plans are to give these two engines a more sedate paint job than #7, although the #7 is apparently painted much as it was when new.

So remember, Saturday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the industrial park at Malvern. See you there.

**ADVERSITY HAMPERS COUCHWOOD.** . . Between wrecked trucks, traffic jams, stormy weather, and crossed up directions, only a few of our group were able to visit the "Magnolia", private car of the late Harvey C. Couch. Those who did were well rewarded. The car has been very well restored and is kept in excellent condition by the Couch family. It is lettered Louisiana & Arkansas and painted in the road's colors.

Perhaps the family will give those who did not make the visit this time another opportunity. If so, here are the correct directions to find it. Drive west on Hy. 270 or Hy. 51 past Jones Mill. Turn left at the Hot Spring-Carland county line.

**CONWAY AGENT'S POSITION DISCONTINUED BY MISSOURI PACIFIC**  
from an item in the LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT from Louis Koeppel

The agent's position at the Missouri Pacific's Conway station was discontinued July 13, 1970, and replaced by that of telegrapher-clerk. Bill Davidson is the new telegrapher-clerk, replacing Jim King, Conway agent since May 1969. Mr. King was assigned to the MoPac mobile unit between Little Rock and Atkins.

MoPac officials said there would be little real change in the station's operation. Conway has not in the past had the services of the mobile unit, which calls at the door of each place of business which may have business for the railroad.