Sang Hoon Lee, director of land transportation for the Republic of Korea, visited Chesapeake Region headquarters on Monday and toured some of the railroad installations in the railroad installations in the port.

He took a look at the grain elevator, coal pier, ore pier, Sparrows Point plant of Bethlehem Steel and the classification yards at Bay View.

Col. Lee was director of the Pusan region when the 724th Transportation Railroad Operating Battalion, a unit affiliated with the Pennsylvania Railroad, landed and helped operate the Korean railroad during the war. Many railroaders presently on the Chesapeake Region were in that unit. Among them was H. R. Rhoads, night yardmaster at Thurlow.

Mr. Rhoads was host to Col. Lee on the Eastern part of his railroad inspection tour in the United States. His visit here was a portion of a trip which is taking him around the world. Col. Lee is the operating director of the Korean railroad, with only a Cabinet Minister of Transportation and an Assistant Minister ahead of him in rank. Col. Lee was interviewed by Charles Holcomb of The Evening Sun and his picture was printed in the News-Post.

The enterprise of Mr. Rhoads in communicating with our public relations department is an excellent example of the cooperation from people in other departments that is so helpful to our own.

In fact, public relations activity is the job of everybody on the railroad, and we encourage everyone on our region to feed us the news and their ideas.

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Passenger Talk Publicized

Frank J. Roth, Passenger Manager, spoke on "Taking Care of the Passenger" to the weekly luncheon meeting of the Optimist Club of Baltimore. He explained how governmental taxation, regulation and unfair subsidy practices were affecting his department of the railroad so adversely, and said that the Pennsy does not want to get out of the passenger business where at least an even break on the expense of running this business can be achieved. Mr. Roth spoke as the representative of the Railroad Community Committee of Baltimore.

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Train Races

The unofficial world's speed record for a steam engine was set by the PRR's E-2 Engine #7002 on June 12, 1905, when it went forward at the rate of 127.1 miles per hour. Incidentally, this record still
stands and the engine is at rest in the museum at Northumberland.

Since the race between the Tom Thumb and the horse, railfans have avidly followed records and equipment. While it is true that we no longer have such races, the thrill of train speed is to be found in the world of miniature. Speed and maneuverability tests of model locomotives and trains are to be held at the Central Branch of the YMCA on Saturday. Open to boys under 16, the races are sponsored by the Railroad Community Committee of Baltimore. Each contestant must bring his own engine and two cars and will compete in three groups - magna traction, three rail and two rail. A limit of 100 entrants has been set.

Radio Station WBAL will broadcast this contest at 12:45 P.M., Saturday, on the program entitled "On The Line". Rene Gunning, Chairman of the Railroad Community Committee will be on hand to present gift certificates to the winners.

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Rally 'round Veterans

The Veteran Employes Association announces its 50th Anniversary Banquet will be held in Wilmington, Del., at a time and place to be decided upon at the next meeting of the Association to be held in the old V.F.W. room; Wilmington Passenger Station, at 8:00 P.M., on Wednesday, January 14, 1959.

Every member who can possibly do so is urged to be present at said meeting in order to help the Banquet Committee with this decision.

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Stationmaster Meets Emergency

R. H. Hance, Superintendent of Stations, received the following letter from Mrs. E. K. Rue, of Laurel, Del:

"I am writing to you concerning one of your employes, Mr. Carl L. Pusey, Stationmaster in Laurel, Del.

"I was on my way by train to Boston, Mass., December 1st, when my mother passed away very suddenly. Mr. Pusey was notified and assured my family very kindly that he would take care of the situation and have me returned to Laurel as soon as possible. This task he did exceedingly well.

"I was paged and taken from the train at Stamford, Conn. I have thanked Mr. Pusey in person and I also wanted his supervisors to know how much our family appreciated his efficiency and kind understanding."

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Colt Fan Applauds

Mr. Myer Louis Sigel of Sigel & Title, wrote to the Passenger Department on December 29th as follows:

"I wish to take this opportunity of commending you for the very efficient way you organized the special Colt trips yesterday. It was a wonderful experience for myself and my son and we enjoyed the trip, both going and coming, and of course without saying, the game itself.

"It was a pleasure to run into Mr. O'Brien again with whom we had previously taken such excursion trips to New York during the base-
Shipper Gets Into The Act

Plaudits are numerous and most appreciated this week. This one was given Talbot Sturgis, Freight Agent, Salisbury, by W. L. Gruber of the Wayne Pump Company for expediting Car GMO 21281 containing important and badly needed material. Mr. Gruber states, among other things, that:

"We think this is wonderful service."

Naval Architects Go By Rail

R. B. Stoll, District Passenger Manager, is in receipt of the following bouquet from J. V. Loucks, Mgr. Ship Sales, Maryland Shipbuilding and Drydock Company:

"I have been completely delinquent in not writing to you prior to this time to express the sincere appreciation of my company for the excellent arrangements and accommodations made for our group to travel to the Society of Naval Architects affair on November 14th.

"I wish once again to compliment the service and attention of Mr. J. E. DeGrange, for his most excellent handling and personal attention.

"I should also like to compliment the service and attention of Mr. A. G. Erlandson, Supervisor of Service-Dining Car Service, on the trip to New York and Mr. Norman A. Roach, Stationmaster, for meeting us and assisting the group when the train arrived in New York.

"This type of service is most assuredly an excellent example of a well-trained and thoroughly organized department."

Christmas Spirit Lingers

F. J. Roth, Passenger Manager, Chesapeake Region, sends us a printed Christmas Card from Vitro Laboratories which was addressed to I. A. Lindsey, Ticket Seller, Washington, to which Eileen S. Goechick appended a handwritten note:

"Your service is terrific and I do so appreciate all your help. All the best to the whole staff!"