Though this is the beginning of the baseball training season, we do not refer to the national pastime. Our reference is to the passengers on the railroad - No. 120 last week, all of whom were safe at home following an accident. An accident of comparable seriousness in the air or at sea could well have resulted in fatality. So even though there was a derailment, the event proved the relative safety of rail travel.

This is not incidental. It is the result of constant training of people, striving for perfection of equipment, and improvement of systems of procedure. The application of air in emergency by Engineer T. L. Winsey, the actions of crew members to flag possible trains and to help the passengers were not spur-of-the-moment improvisations but the reaction under pressure of a well-trained team.

Part of this training and educational procedure in safety matters goes on around us all the time.

An example is the establishment by the passenger department at Baltimore Station of a recorded message to each employee who steps up to the time-card rack. As he reaches for the card, he hears:

"We are making every effort to perfect the safety conditions under which we work. This recorded message is presented to help you to be more safety conscious. Safe thinking and observance of all safety rules are fundamental. We will, therefore, be reminding you from time to time about safety ideas. We sincerely hope that you will think and act safely, not only on the job but at home and in everything you do."

The message will be changed frequently, and from time to time very short, specific safety rule admonitions will be heard. F. J. Roth, Passenger Manager, made the tape for the first message.

Carrying out the suggestion in the last part of that message, relative to safety at all times, the Regional safety meeting on March 26, under chairmanship of W. M. McLaughlin, Supervisor, Personnel, will have as guest speaker Paul Burke, chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission of the State of Maryland. Mr. Burke will talk traffic safety, not only as it affects our people when driving cars and trucks on company business, but on their way to and from work, and on pleasure or necessity trips not at all associated with our company. We are vitally interested in the safety and welfare of our people, not only because they are our friends at work, which is primary, but because regardless of how or when they might be hurt, the loss of their services is important to us.

O---SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT---O
Heap Big Yard

Sometimes in order to be free from criticism for boasting, we speak of Conway as "one of the biggest and busiest" classification yards. We are informed, following a study made by the Chief Engineer, C. J. Henry, that it is the biggest in all respects---miles of track, car capacity, number of cars classified, and in every other pertinent factor. So, let us speak about Conway as the biggest and busiest classification yard in all railroading, until somebody can prove it isn't so.

O---BACK THE ATTACK ON ACCIDENTS---O

Off-Line Bouquet

It isn't too often that we receive a compliment from a firm which is not on our railroad, but such a letter arrived this week on the desk of J. M. C. Collins, Manager-Freight Sales and Services at Washington, on behalf of Freight Sales Representative Earl W. Rehn.

E. D. Siler, Office Sales Manager of David M. Lea & Co., manufacturers of wire bound boxes, crates, box shook pallets, crating material and lumber, located in Richmond, commends Mr. Rehn for working out details of rail carload handling for a new customer, Universal Rundle Corporation at Camden, N.J., and the Gaynor Glass Works, Salem, N.J. Mr. Siler writes:

"Through the very close cooperation of your Mr. Earl Rehn we have been able to expedite the first several cars going into these plants and service has been above expectations and quite pleasing to the customer. We believe that such service will enable both of us to come out ahead on this new venture and through continued close cooperation everyone involved will be completely satisfied.

"It is indeed a pleasure to be able to have a sales representative such as your Mr. Rehn to work with since he has so capably handled these difficult situations."

O---PLAY IT SAFE AND YOU WILL NOT BE OUT---O

Down On The Sho'!

Jim Shaw, Road Foreman of Engines and Acting Trainmaster in the Delmarva District, has obtained as speaker for the Railroad Dinner of the Delmarva Traffic Club on Monday, March 23, Gordon C. Campbell, Assistant to the Manager TrucTrain Sales at system headquarters. Mr. Shaw considers the topic of high interest not only to the shippers who are members of the club, but also to the trucking company representatives. Mr. Symes in his talk in Baltimore last week referred to TrucTrain as a service with a very high potential for the future.

---And In Community Relations

Families whose children are growing up or who have no babies of their own in the Elkton and Easton areas can find pleasure and satisfaction according to the Maryland Children's Aid Society, in filling the missing part of their lives by taking a newborn infant to care for in the first fascinating months of his life, as Agency Foster Parents. The baby will not stay too long but there can be another to take his place, just as appealing, and as much in need of loving care.

The agency provides board, clothing, medical care, and where needed, sometimes baby furniture. The agency's worker shares with the
family the mutual responsibility for getting to know the baby, meeting his needs and handling any difficulties that may arise. A phone call to Elkton 396 or Talbot 2-1630 in Easton will get the details. The office in Elkton is at 129 East Main Street, and in Easton is at 18 West Dover Street. Railroad families are recognized by the Agency as people of stability, and that is why the request is being carried in Chesaparagraphs.

0---MOST DANGEROUS TO SAFETY IS INATTENTION---0

Around the Horn

Felton, Del.---The station here will become a non-agency carload only freight station with pickup and delivery service provided, effective March 15. Agency service and station less-carload service will be discontinued.

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Wilmington, Del.---The annual duckpin tournament of the P.R.R. will take place here on April 4. The tenpin tournament is slated for Philadelphia on April 11. Full details on how to enter and application blanks are available at the office of Public Relations, Room 204, in Baltimore Station.

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Middle River, Md.---First hand observation of a derailment was afforded to V. J. Haan, Supervisor of Loading Procedures & Loss and Damage Prevention, who was aboard No. 120 here last Thursday. His report to staff members read well enough to qualify as a newsman.

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Washington, D.C.---The senior class in business economics at Trinity College will hear C. E. Taylor, Manager, Public Relations, on "Governmental Interference with and Governmental Regulation of the Railroad Industry" on Wednesday, April 15.

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