Our activities on the Chesapeake, like June, are "bustin" out all over." Down on the Sho', in and around the headquarters area in Baltimore, over the line in Pennsylvania, and throughout the region, springtime has brought an acceleration of pace.

Now, if it needed to be demonstrated, it becomes plain that management will accept its responsibility to keep 'em rolling. As the mounting pressure of increased shipping emphasizes the equipment need, every effort must be made by our team to make the best use of the most cars for the greatest revenue return. It isn't easy, but no real accomplishment ever is.

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TrucTrain comes to Region

One of the most promising additions to our services for a long time is the TrucTrain ramp and loading yard now in service at Bay View. The first trailers, containing material shipped by the Crown Cork and Seal Company, were loaded aboard our flat cars on Tuesday and dispatched to arrive in Chicago early Thursday morning.

Ted Hanna, working in conjunction with the shipper, had our sign shop prepare a "First Trailer" sign for publicity purposes. Page Fried, Sign Painter, did an unusually good job. It was interesting to note that the same shipper loaded the first trailers on the Baltimore & Ohio and Western Maryland when they initiated their services.

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On The Sho'

Jim Shaw was sure proud of his brain child on Monday night. As meeting chairman for railroad night of the Delmarva Traffic Club at Seaford, he had Gordon C. Campbell, assistant manager TrucTrain Sales, as principal speaker. Jim also had just been promoted by dropping the "acting" from his title which is now Trainmaster-Road Foreman of Engines, at Delmar. But Jim was even more proud of the fact that his colleagues rallied round to get the movie projector going when both his operators were unable to be present because of illness.

The program drew 70 to the dinner at Seaford, Del., which preceded the TrucTrain talk, a new high for the club, which is currently reaching the 100 mark in membership. Tom Craig, Victor Lynn sales manager, is president, and Jim Shaw is vice-president. Bud Mayer, District Sales Manager, Wilmington, Jack Gibson, John Henry, Elwood Cook, and a number of other Pennsy men attended the meeting. The attendance so exceeded expectations that additional tables had to be set.

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Passenger Hearing

Another meeting, this one less pleasant, though economically necessary, took place at Dover on Wednesday when the Public Utilities Commission heard the petition to withdraw the last passenger trains, 454 and 455. In their place would be similar trains to handle mail and express, but with greater freedom; such as departure earlier than scheduled when the work was completed, and removal of other restrictions which govern passenger traffic.

And At Newark, Del.

The meeting of the Yankee Division of the Agents Association was another overflow gathering, with a tour of the Chrysler plant as the attraction. Staff members who attended included A. J. Rolleri, D. J. Moynihan, F. J. Roth and C. E. Taylor. Agent Bob Swados was co-host with Chrysler representatives who explained the assembly processes from unloading of the material through the body line and the chassis line, past their point of junctio until the completed cars rolled off the floor under their own power.

President Loomis Explains

In a letter to Senator Wayne Morse, of Oregon, President Daniel P. Loomis, of the Association of American Railroads, explained what should be done to alleviate the car shortage. He declined to agree that penalty per diem is the answer, and suggested two steps which should be taken. They include:

a). Legislation providing for the establishment of a construction reserve.

b). Legislation permitting, for tax purposes, a shorter maximum useful life of depreciable railroad property.

In the letter he also urged that multi-million dollar burdens contained in the bill S. 226, be not placed on an industry "struggling to keep its head above water."

Fifty-Niners Make Strike

Agents D. W. Shaeffer, at Hanover, Pa. and T. A. Geiser, at Centreville, Md., are the latest recruits to the Fifty-Niners. Mr. Shaeffer, in fact, is the first to report a strike. He says, "I have been doing some prospecting for gold in the offices of the traffic managers in line with your Fifty-Niner campaign, and have come up with two nuggets:

1. A letter from J. A. Prince, of the Bon Ami Company, promising a trial shipment of cleaning compound via NH-PRR-EM from the Orford Soap Company Division to Hanover Terminal, Inc.

2. A waybill copy showing a move against us of iron wire from Jamesville, Mass., to Hanover. It amounts to five loads a year."
On the first item we hope that all departments will cooperate in seeing that the trial shipment is not subjected to delay. It is worth watching closely.

Mr. Goisor reports an annual volume of between 100 and 125 cars, now going by truck, from Talamago, Pa., to the Maryland State Roads Commission at Centreville.

Con't forget - while agents are in the best position to obtain this information, there is no rule against anybody helping out through their personal contacts. Maybe there will be a little award in appreciation.

AROUND THE HORN

CHESTER, PA.—Howard R. (Dusty) Rhoads, night yardmaster at Thurlow; has been named local chairman of the Railroad Yardmasters of America, Pennsy Lodge No. 83.

BALTIMORE—W. B. Hart, formerly rules examiner at Wilmington, has been named to the same position in Baltimore in place of E. F. Steinmetz, who has retired.

WILMINGTON—J. C. Wakeling, passenger agent, has a cryptic letter from Leonard E. Read, president of the Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-On-Hudson, N.Y. All it says is:

"You are a gentleman and a scholar, and I thank you very much."

The reason? Mr. Wakeling located and returned to Mr. Read a lost first-class ticket, Wilmington to New York, with a value of $15.04 plus tax.

WASHINGTON—S. P. Hanlin is the new assistant road foreman of engines at Jersey Yard. He succeeds A. P. Haverty, former president of the Keystone Club, who told us all about his new assignment on the Northern Region.

BALTIMORE—W. R. O'Donnell has been named Acting Assistant Engineer here.

WILMINGTON—P. W. Siple is the new rules examiner at Wilmington.

CAPE CHARLES, VA.—E. M. Hunt has been appointed Assistant Trainmaster-Assistant Road Foreman of Engines at Cape Charles.

BALTIMORE—The Mason-Dixon Agents will hold their oyster roast at the home of H. A. Layfield, Jr., on Saturday, April 4. J. B. McKinnon, president, says that tickets can be obtained from G. G. Underhill, L. W. Doyle, H. A. Layfield or W. H. McMasters, as well as himself.