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FUEL FOR THOUGHT

Companies, as well as individuals, who are friendly, never lack for friends. W. P. Primm, one of the vice-presidents of the Railway Fuel and Operating Officers Association, is road foreman of engines, Chesapeake Region, Pennsylvania Railroad.

At his headquarters in Baltimore, Mr. Primm caused to be circulated among all engine service employees the following: "We have never seen a railroad engineer who hasn't answered the wave of a youngster. And it's a mighty nice thing. There's no thrill such as that of being able, as a small sized youngster, to command the attention of the man who drives that great thundering beast of the rails. There's the timid, or the frantic, waving of the small hand. There's a calm consideration of the great man himself. There's the moment when it's not certain if he is—he lifts his big paw in acknowledgement as the train thunders down the tracks. He always does it. And may he, with our blessings, always continue to do it. It's one of those nice bits of tradition in a world that can use every bit of friendliness there is."

It speaks for itself, and is a prime example of one of the great assets of our industry, the goodwill of people who just like railroads.

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Bouquet

This to L. H. Peters, secretary-treasurer, who has handled with his customary capability all the so-important details of making attendance at the annual convention so pleasant. Such arrangements do not just happen—they represent what social workers call TLC—tender, loving, care—on the part of a devoted colleague.

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Brickbats

Dave Knoff, supervisor of diesels, Chesapeake Region, P.R.R., was chatting with us the other day about equipment in general, and he got around to the subject of vandalism. He said that very often we are criticized because of the absence of door latches and hydrant fixtures, but that a certain minority of riders actually comes aboard armed with Phillips-type screwdrivers to remove these things.

And the senseless stoning of trains, breaking costly glass windows and injuring people adds to our operating cost with nothing to show for it but trouble.

So a good, hefty brickbat to those people, and we hope all our railroaders will help educate the young particularly to be decent and law-abiding and to refrain from actions of this sort.

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Welcome Again, Mr. Campbell

When a speaker is invited to address a national convention two years in a row, you know that he is welcome. After the fine talk given by New York Central Vice-President Douglass Campbell last year, he is with us again to talk on railroad legislation, in conjunction with a film "The Big Train." A Yale graduate, Mr. Campbell has been a railroader for 20 years, including a furlough for duty in World War II, during which he spent two years in India. While he has traffic experience as well as the more recent executive duties in Buffalo and Chicago, his presence here is enough indication to us that his heart is with the railway operators. Welcome again.

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On The Home Team

For a man who is in the travel and transportation business, you might say that Vice-President O. H. Zimmerman of the Illinois Central never left home. Our first guest speaker today is truly a member of the home team, because he was born in Champaign, Ill., was educated there at Illinois Wesleyan and University of Illinois, and has spent his entire railroad career with the I.C. His interests, however, are not bound by state lines, as his various club memberships show. One is the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and you really can't be much more global than the Masons. We are glad to be hearing from a leading member of the Home Team.

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Safety Is No Accident

Almost everybody has some appreciation of sports. It is the American way. So when you say it is important to be safe at home, every baseball fan knows the score. But in our work it is equally important to be "safe at home", after a day's work. And the only way to score in this vital competition is to see that there is no accident. Southern Railway's film today "Are You Slipping" points up the fact that safety is everybody's business, and the double play of carelessness-to-rule-violation can often cut us down on our way to be SAFE AT HOME.

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