

IMN-M PLAYS SANTA TO DISPLACED FAMILY

Pete Jones, IMN Station Manager, advised that the Maintenance Department at his station went "all out" to provide a Merry Christmas to a family of seven displaced persons from the Netherlands. It was reported to the Maintenance boys that the family had lost everything they owned during the war except their faith in God, they were in need of clothing and the father did not have the means to make it a very joyful Christmas for them.

During the month of December IMN-M began repairing bicycles, wagons and other small toys and a contribution fund was set up with the aid of flight crews and ground personnel. \$14.00 was contributed to buy shoes and some clothing. Santa paid a visit to the family Christmas Even, and on Christmas morning the children, who had nothing before, enjoyed Christmas and appreciated it more than a lot of people who had much more.

The following letter, word for word, was received by the boys at Wilmington:
"To all members of the Piedmont Airpoth: Dear Members: Why are happy which all you gave to us. It where very much. We will thank you for all for your doing. And I hope The Lord give you and the Piedmont Airlain a happy New Year with all the thank and best wishes from the famili...."

/s/ A. Brus, wife and Bill,
Tom, Jack, Frank, and
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To receive a letter of thanks, like the one from the Brus family, is the best meaning of Christmas that anyone could ever think of. Our congratulations to the personnel at IMN for such a wonderful job!

PHF SET EXPANSION PROGRAM FOR '56

Here we go into '56 hoping to break some more records and wishing all stations success in the New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all stations for the very nice Christmas cards that we received, and also thank some stations twice for the duplicates.

For the year of 1956 the Airport Commission has slated a four point expansion program

for Patrick Henry Field. If all is approved this will be somewhat of assistance to PAI operations.

First point of the program is to extend the ramp area 150 feet to provide additional parking space and eliminate ramp congestion. This new section of the ramp should be ready for use in about two months.

Point number two is the widening of the ILS runway, while number three is the installation of high intensity runway lights. These two improvements should lower landing minimums, but are still on the board awaiting appropriation of funds.

Improvement four is the purchase of a re-fueling truck to eliminate delays when the pits are in use.

We welcome Howard McVey as agent at PHF and wish him the most success and hope he will enjoy his duties here with PAI.

KENTUCKIANA PARTYS, BIDS FAREWELL TO FELLOW EMPLOYEES

December 19 was the date for the Christmas party at SDF and it is reported that a most enjoyable time was had by all. The Arch Club was the scene for all the misdeeds, no-shos were not a problem. SDF encloses photos claiming them proof-positive that from the Falls Cities area live and breathe some of the greatest on the system.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Davis recently and wish to express publicly our thanks for the best Christmas present possible and for the invitation to visit the new office in INT. With seats at a premium



it will be some time before we can plan our pilgrimage to "Mecca."

As it is said, all good things must come to an end, so we who are leaving this month for Indianapolis Airways Control, and to Mrs. R. Covington, who is retiring to the solitude of home life and the patter of little footsteps, we shall miss them both and extend the hand of friendship for a return visit anytime.

CHW MAINTAINS INTERLINE RELATIONS

Charleston celebrated the Holiday Season with an interline party on Dec. 19. All the airlines—American, Eastern and Capital, along with the Piedmont spiriters, Weather Bureau and CAA danced until the late hours. It was a real pleasure to have Joanne Short and Lee An McBrayer down for the event from CMH. Missed you other party poopers - maybe next time.

Real enjoyment was the annual Station Christmas Dinner Dance held on the 22nd. As the custom, each employee drew another employee's name and brought a gift, not to exceed 50¢, but had to suit the personality of the receiver. Merriment is always in profusion when each gift is opened. Musical talented J. Kelley, Smoot and Hanson received Ukles and fiddles. Irene received a Greyhound Bus, Denver received a giant cigar. Just a few, but if you know the people you can appreciate the gift giver's sentiments.

Jack Kelly is eager for the fast sale of "967". Of course you know it is routed through this station on 61 and returns on 64. On arrival of 64 you can spot old Jack headed toward the gate with tape measure, string, scotch tape and the likes to strap the old bags in