

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

**LYNCHBURG** — The new tower and runway construction is moving right along, according to **Frank Reynolds**. The new terminal building plus ILS represent over \$2 million invested in the airport by the City of Lynchburg. Agent **Fran Dresser** recently was awarded a round trip to Rome by SAS. This is the second out-of-the-country trip for Fran as she has also taken a trip to South America.

**TRI-CITIES** — As predicted TRI had one whopper of a Christmas party. As best anyone can remember, **Bud Halsey** was given a Spiedel watch band as a farewell gift and all the women stood in line to kiss him goodbye — some of them got in line two or three times. **Lee Lindsley** won the big prize — a beautifully-wrapped September O.A.G. **Charlie Morrison** won a free trip anywhere on American Airlines' system. Perhaps when Charlie takes his trip he will be accompanied by **Susan DeMarco** who entered American Airlines Stewardess training January 15.

**CINCINNATI** — Everyone there is still recovering from their Christmas party which according to **Bob Steppe** was a whiz-banger. **Charlene Seaver** returned from her trip to Las Vegas all aglow over the good time she had at the Interline Christmas Party there. Wedding bells are chiming at CVG-F as Agent **Ron Kelly** and Mary Ellen Gillette (daughter of a TWA employee) were married in December; and **Joan Schneiders**, CVG-C, and John May were married in January. "Bowling is also a big topic here," writes Bob. "The fellows are in sixth place out of 16 teams. Business is booming also. January 2 we boarded 249 passengers with only one extra section added, and over 14,000 pounds of cargo."



The CVG Piedmont Men's Bowling Team — now in sixth place out of 16 teams and just seven games out of first place. Going for the top position are (front row, L to R) Ed Laskowski, Hank Eisenbath, Sherl Brown, (back row, L to R) Bob Steppe, and Frank Beasley. Team substitutes are Roger Morelock, Ron Kelly, Jim Vilella, Walt Jacobs, and Stan Gartner.

**PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA** — A look at 1961 accomplishments comes from **Virg Flinn** who says, "As we in PKB look at our grand totals we find we had a record year in air freight explained with a 151 per cent increase over last year, and an 80 per cent increase in air mail. We wish to thank our two fine neighbors — CMH and CRW — for the cooperation they gave in making this record possible. We hope to make '62 a bigger year. We shouldn't have any more trouble with field conditions because of snow since PKB now has a large snow blower which picks up snow and scatters it along the side of the runway. Visitors this month were **Tom Cowen** and **Paul Loar**."

**LEXINGTON** — They're still recovering from the recent cold snap at LEX, says **Bruce Ball**. The temperature went to nine below, the coldest since 1951. The station had another record recently, being the first to have 40 passengers out on the Martin 404. **A. B. Casey** and his family were recent trip takers visiting Indiana and New Bern, N. C. Best get well wishes are extended to **Dan Love's** daughter who is ill.

**CHARLESTON** — **Ruth Shumate** is welcomed this month as new CRW reporter. Writes Ruth: "A new year in CRW started with almost everyone having a big celebration. Most — like **Paul Kelley** — celebrated both Saturday and Sunday. The very cold weather certainly has not frozen the spirits of our local station basketball team. January 4 they beat the local Post Office team 52 to 49. Forward **Dick Morgan** scored 20 points. Other forwards include **Ed Smoot**, **Allan Perry**, and **Bob Hill**. Guards are **Jim Settle**, **Jim Birthisel**, **Jim McCormick**, **Bill Hanson**, and **John Comer**."

"American Airlines has closed their City Ticket Office in the Daniel Boone Hotel. All of their ticketing will be done by mail. It was a rather sad occasion. Most of us will miss stopping to visit or taking a coffee break with **Dan Landfried**, their smiling Ticket Agent. Dan is now in reservations. United Airlines hopes to take over the larger office for their ticket office. They also ticket for PAI/CRW."

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Piedmont is getting increased representation in the INT Women's Traffic Club. **Hal Moser** was installed as Vice President at the group's annual meeting January 19 with other Piedmont members **Louise Ramsey**, **Betty Fulp**, **Dena Cline**, **Margie Baker**, and **Freda Zappia** in attendance. Another round of Luncheon League bowling was concluded recently with the award of top trophies. Taking home prizes were: Men's Division—

**C. W. Gough** and **L. J. Lambert**, high averages, 182; **Eddie Culler**, high game, 224; Women's Division—**Betty Fulp**, high average, 142; and **Dixie Holt**, high game, 174. Winners in the team division were **C. W. Gough** and **Katherine Cox** with a score of 4,251. Piedmont now has its own disc jockey in the person of **Don Britt** who is acting as one of the hosts on a series of jazz shows presented by a local radio station.

**COLUMBUS** — The word comes from **Shirley Sword**: "A Christmas dinner was held at the Olentangy Inn and a party afterwards at the home of **Bert Carlos**. During the gift exchange probably the biggest surprise was received by Station Manager **Bill Cash** when he opened his gift from the CMH Agents and a puppy walked out. The new year was rung in at a party given by yours truly. On January 6 Columbus was honored by a visit from President John F. Kennedy. The same night CMH looked very much like an International Airport when eight to ten jets cancelled here due to bad weather in Chicago. Construction is expected to be completed on our new \$400,000 Airways Lodge by June 8. It will have 61 units and a year-round pool."

**GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT** — "Due to ole man winter hanging around GSO most of December our passenger boardings were not what we had anticipated," reports **Gene Shore**. "Our quota was 1070 but we missed it by 247. We may not have had the passengers due to bad weather but we boarded 25,584 lbs. of cargo. Guess everyone by now is getting familiar with the Martin 404 operations. All agents like the aircraft fine and enjoy working it but on the first day of operation we had troubles like **Gene Shore** getting stuck in the belly and **Weldon Wallace** getting blown to the ground from the prop wash, since he weighs only 115 lbs. soaking wet. **Weldon** is awaiting a new addition to the family now, and when asked what he wanted he said just a baby. We at GSO wish everyone a Happy New Year and are eagerly awaiting the decision of the Piedmont Area Case and what it will mean to us in the coming year."

**FAYETTEVILLE** — This report comes by way of **Bob Bennington**: "At each of our quarterly station meetings during 1961 the Agents at FAY cast their votes for one outstanding Agent during the past quarter. At our annual Christmas party Station Manager **Bill Wooten** announced **Carl Bowden** was the top Agent for 1961. He received a bowling ball and bag from the station. Carl joined Piedmont in 1953 as a Utility Agent. From 1957 to 1959 he served with Uncle Sam and returned to Piedmont at the RDU station as an Agent. A few months later he returned to FAY where he and his wife and their three pretty little girls now make their home. Congratulations to Carl on a job well done."

"FAY held its annual Christmas party at the Plantation House. After a delicious steak and a short speech by **Bill Wooten** we continued the evening with partying and dancing, including the Twist. The terminal has a new look since owner **Charlie Turner** has started a complete remodeling job, including enlargement of the small snack bar there."

**RICHMOND-F** — This lively tale springs full-born from the typewriter of **W. J. O'Bryan**: "Friends, do you tire of the constant chore of keeping your ticket counter area clean? Do you find it littered with old cigarette packs, match books, candy wrappers, old schedules, and an occasional forgotten brief case? How about an occasional passenger? Impossible you say? Not according to Agents **D. K. MacPherson** and **A. M. Lammey**. Upon opening up recently, what to their wondering eyes did appear, in the dawning day's half light, but a bundle of clothing, piled on our ticket counter. A-hah, thought they, a real case for INTL. Not only has this passenger lost his clothes, but the bag they were packed in. However, closer examination revealed that the clothing had not been misplaced after all, but was arrayed about the prostrate form of a very early-arriving passenger, who was deep in the arms of Morpheus. They were finally able to awaken him but not without a concerted effort. It seems he was a serviceman who was just starting leave and was catching up on his sleep while waiting for his flight to leave. I can see no other solution but to have issued him an Exchange Order and charged him for a berth. After all, there is nothing in the manual which covers involuntary removal of a passenger from the ticket counter, particularly a sleeping passenger!"

## Congrats

### 20 YEARS SERVICE

Howard M. Cartwright, Dir. of Maint. and Eng., INT, January 1  
H. K. Saunders, Vice Pres., Operations, INT, January 14

### 10 YEARS SERVICE

Matteo J. Cigliano, Jr. Mech.,

INT-FB, January 2

George W. Ketner, Acting Inspector, INT, January 7  
J. Van Holbrook, Sr. Spec., INT, January 14

Charles A. Joyce, Sr. Radio Tech., ILM, January 18  
Joseph F. Russell, Sr. Radio Tech., INT, January 22

Walter M. Acree, Res. Capt., DCA, January 25

Kenneth B. Miller, Sr. Spec., INT, January 28

### NEW YEAR A CHALLENGE . . .

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the greatest expansion program in our history.

Also, during the past year, our General Aviation and Central Piedmont Aero Divisions won awards for achievements in aircraft sales. Our competitors will be doing their best to see to it that we don't do it again this year.

Yes, our work is cut out for us in the new year. Can we face up to the challenges and opportunities? Will we still have the same determination, ability, enthusiasm, loyalty and willingness to work hard that has always been so typical of Piedmont employees?

I believe the answers to these questions is a resounding YES. If it is, all of us are assured of another Happy New Year!

## Around The System

### PROMOTIONS

T. M. Kersey, Sr. Mech. to Ld. Mech.  
R. A. Brown, Mech. to Sr. Mech.  
J. R. Martin, Mech. to Sr. Mech.  
W. F. Martin, F/O to Res. Capt., INT  
C. M. Peavler, F/O Trainee to F/O  
E. F. Scott, Ld. Agt. to Chf. Agt.  
A. W. Almond, Mech. to Sr. Mech.  
G. E. James to Mech. Spec.  
B. G. Darden, Jr. Acct. to Superv. of Billings, Accounts Rec., and Collections

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Marshall C. Baugh, Cleaner, ROA  
Robinson D. Belcher, Mech., ROA  
Jeri C. Bly, Ticket Agt., AVL  
James H. Collins, Jr. Mech., INT  
Geraldine Crook, Jr. Typist, ORF  
George Deisher, Cleaner, ROA  
Billy Flynt, Jr. Stock Clrk., INT  
Gertrude Harden, Res. Agt., RDU  
Shirley Jones, Key Punch Opr., INT  
Charles Peavler, F/O Trainee, INT  
Donald Tuel, Mech., ORF  
James Jester, Oper. Agt., LYH  
Arthur Peoples, Cleaner, INT  
Arthur Stump, Oper. Agt., LYH  
Myrna D. White, Res. Agt., TYS  
Chester Gray, Salesman, DCA  
Hubert Wade, Lineman, ORF-FB  
Virginia Malcom, Jr. Clrk., INT  
Lee Barnes, Jr. Spec., INT  
Perry Chapman, Eng. Co-Op Trainee, INT  
George D. Mudd, Agt., Oper., DCA  
Joel M. Bruce, Agt., Oper., CLT  
Joyce R. Bocetti, Agt., Res., ROA  
Sheldon D. Toutant, Agt., Oper., DCA  
Ted F. Beck, Jr. Mech., INT  
Robert R. Burke, Jr. Mech., INT  
Charles M. Cheeks, Cleaner, INT  
Richard M. Denton, Jr. Mech., INT  
John H. Easter, Cleaner, INT  
George R. Graham, Jr. Mech., INT  
Harry C. Harris, Cleaner, ROA  
Claiborne E. Hill, Jr. Spec., INT  
James E. Hurt, Jr., Cleaner, ROA  
Richard R. Hyatt, Jr. Mech., INT  
Ray Jacobs, Cleaner, INT  
Joseph Moorefield, Jr., Mech., INT  
Leonard Nuckles, Jr. Mech., INT  
Robert M. Oswald, Jr. Mech., INT  
Harold Pinson, Cleaner, INT  
Claude T. Redmon, Jr. Mech., INT  
Robert Snow, Jr. Radio Tech., INT  
Joe E. Raiford, Cleaner, INT  
George J. Wilson, Cleaner, INT  
James L. Wright, Jr. Spec.

Joshua W. Norman, Mech., INT, January 28

### 5 YEARS SERVICE

Jack L. Miner, Flight Instrctr., ORF-FB, January 7  
Herbert B. Cave, Lineman (CPA), INT, January 15  
Philip R. Graham, Sr. Spec., INT, January 15  
Louise Ramsey, Agt., INT, January 15  
Ollie V. Key, Mech. Spec., INT, January 21  
Howell A. Robinson, Agt., SHD, January 21