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WASHINGTON-CTO-Peggy Edmondson writes: "We now know that Washington has a better on-time record than Atlanta by beating them by five per cent. Too bad they couldn't enjoy the spoils. We're in full swing for the Visit Hawaii contest. We had a promotion meeting with the showing of a film and a cocktail party, with both United and Piedmont taking part. We sure appreciate those UAL passes. Jim Beck and Joe Barber just returned from a two-week jaunt in Europe compliments of Air France. Jim just couldn't get in the habit of going back to work so he took a long weekend in Portland, compliments of UAL. Ruth Revell just returned from basking in the sun at Nassau. She advises everyone to take advantage of the excellent airline discount at the British Colonial Hotel.

RICHMOND-F - There's a new face around RIC in the person of Anna Metzler, a former Eastern employee. Latest vacationers, reports Marie Prillaman, are Gene Jarvis, Bob Query, and Tom Farmer. Tom went to Hawaii -- just couldn't wait for that UAL contest. Don MacPherson just bought a new car which should finish up the new car buying spree for the staff. Celebrities flying Piedmont via RIC recently include Eddie Albert, Liberace and his companion, Jan McArt. By the way, says Marie, Liberace didn't have his piano, only carry-on luggage this time. like to brag," Marie continues, "especially when it comes to quota. RIC was again 'way over quota for May' despite the bad weather days and holidays. If we don't win the UAL-PAI contest, we missed a darn good chance. Every Agent here, including the boss, has really worked hard at it. With summer and the heat well on the way, other vacationers this month are John Wiedensaul, Jim Thompson, and Mary Harris.

CINCINNATI-CTO — They're a travelin' bunch around that office. Globe trotters include Lois Jordan to Buffalo, N. Y.; Babe Reder to San Francisco; Kathy Feldman, Marge Rickhoff, Rose O'Hare, Ed Laskowski, and Jane Griffith to the Kentucky Derby in Louisville (no, it just wasn't their day); and Jan Tuemler to Miami. Paul Loar has been walking around looking heroic with his arm in a sling. Messed it up playing baseball. Ed Wisnieski is the manager of the team. New Agents there include Babe Reder, Gail Walsh, and Marge Rieckhoff. Plans are being made for the annual CVG picnic scheduled for June 29.

ATLANTA-R — "Louise Ramsey cooked chili for the crowd the other night," writes Bernie Blair, "and a good time was had by all. Robert Talley has returned to ATL after a week of vacation at Roxboro, N. C. number of people in reservations have been flying with United lately. Jane Kinsey visited NYC and LAX, I visited NYC, SFO, LAX, and HOU, and Ann Haskins visited her home in TPA. Our department is planning a party before long and everyone is looking forward to it, complete with beer and steak. ATL-R welcomes June Scarboro as a new Agent. Eddie Bear is going to JAN, Miss., on vacation. Everyone was glad to see Iona Carr on a little visit to ATL recently.

ROCKY MOUNT - Writes Frank Slone: "There have been several developments here since we last reported. We held our steak dinner March 13 at the Holiday Inn. We were trying to outrace the stork, but Agent E. B. Field's wife, Joan, just didn't wait that long. Attending the dinner from INT were R. E. Turbiville, Ken Ross, Bob Reed, and Bill Clark, and Chester Nutt from RDU. Chief Agent Henry Minnick's wife, Martha, gave birth to a boy, Dwight David, on April 16. All are doing fine. Henry spent part of his holidays in ROA and brought his boat back in order to do some tall fishing. Haven't seen any results of any catches yet. Agent Bill Bone is now vacationing. He's an ardent fisherman and has been fishing and visiting other stations to see how they operate. Agents Larry Cline and Wendell Gabriel took advantage of the UAL pass offer and spent a few days in MIA.

Mom, dad, and daughter are all fine, with Dad taking his vacation to help while the Mrs. is recuperating. Agent Bob Turbyfield is going on vacation soon, planning a romp in the Miami sun. Agent Cecil Benton recently returned from vacation after spending his time fishing in ILM. He reports that fish are biting good, but not for him.

HICKORY - The station has had its share of celebrities during the past month. Jerry Lee Lewis was first, followed by the Four Preps, and the Journeymen. The Four Preps gave a performance at nearby Lenoir Rhyne College while the Journeymen played Appalachian State Teachers College. Reporter Fred Classey has just returned from two weeks in Florida, as has Tom Pennell. Wayne Tucker is next in line but says he'll take it easy at home. "We hope to have some fellow employees visit sometime soon," says Fred, "and we'll try not to pull anybody off here on their way to Atlanta. Maybe that's the only way we can get somebody down there to visit us. Ask Don Britt about that. Two of our Agents, Tom Pennell and Doyle Keever, are expecting new additions to their families soon. Doyle and his wife are hoping for a girl, but Tom and his wife don't have any particular preference."

DANVILLE - "Jerry Cox and Lee Jayne took advantage of the UAL pass authorization by touring the West Coast," writes Bill Pearman. "They stopped at Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Richard Smith teamed up with Lyle Cox of GSO and went to Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. All reported having a fine time except for one minor detail - they ran out of money. Russell Price spent his vacation in DAN because he didn't have any money to run out of. We certainly did enjoy Doelph Pitcock and Guy Rawley of SHD dropping by for a visit on their way back from receiving their Five-Year Pins. Congratulations to you both and hurry back to see us.'

PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA - Reports Virg Flinn: "With the new reservations structure in effect the same day as Mr. Cooper made his flight, we sometimes felt as if we were further out in space than he was. The most popular book in PKB was the Revised Traffic Manual. Looks like we are finally going to get an operations room at PKB. Plans are to start work in June on a new addition to the present office and to remodel the ticket counter."

CINCINNATI-F — "Weddings and babies are the story at CVG-F this month," writes our reporting duo of Elaine Sturr and Bob Steppe. "Al Anness has returned from honeymooning in Miami, while Bob Steppe announced his engagement to Joan England. Vern McCord is the proud papa of a boy and Ron Kelly is waiting for the coming event at a moment's notice. Our bowling team has finished in sixth place, which actually isn't too bad. The Derby was a dis-appointment here — 'No Robbery' sure robbed us all. Vacations saw Rose O'Hara journeying to Miami while Walt Jacobs visited California and Larry Strunk just enjoyed home life.'

WINSTON-SALEM - Proud winners in the Piedmont Noontime League received their shiny wood and metal awards during lunch time ceremonies June 3. Leading the pack for first place were Wilma Cook and George Price. Getting trophies for second place were Sara Welch and C. W. Gough. Barbara Boles had the highest women's average of 195 while Wimpy Fishel led the men at 201. Bowling the highest single games were Helen Hull with 247, and L. J. Lambert with 281. Treva Wilson received the Achievement Award for making the most improvement. All the above scores include the players' handicaps.

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CHARLESTON - Ruth Shumate sends this account of the recent CRW dinner: "Yum! A marvelous dinner and grand time was had by one and all. The event was held at the Holiday Inn and the marquee of the Inn located on Big Kanawha Blvd. named the event CRW Piedmont Anniversary. Chamber of Commerce Manager Charles Hodges and his wife were special guests. To climax the evening a combo furnished music for dancing. And the dance was con-cluded with a visit from the Kingston Trio who just finished a local concert. They traveled Piedmont to RIC the following day. We have added to our list of charters. The annual Bell Lines Charters to the Indianapolis 500 took along the Elks Club members this year, 40 in all. We also enjoyed groups from Corning Fiber Glass products to Pittsburg and another charter to Indianapolis for Van Zandt Supply. Toots and Bill Hanson vacationed in Florida as did Joyce and Allen Perry. Charlotte Fuda used her United Airlines pass for a trip to SFO. We're sorry to lose transferring Phil Bostick to BLF and Charlie Legg to RDU. American reservations has been moved to CVG and in a few months United will take over their field operations.

COLUMBIA -- CAE's Flo Merritt tells about an unexpected fishing paradise: "Fishermen here had a field day recently," she writes, "as the airport pond, being drained in conjunction with a beautification program for the new airport, left hundreds of fish floundering in the few remaining inches of water. Many, even without the assistance of a fishing pole, carried home large hemp sacks filled with bass and crappies. Vacationers temporarily absent from our midst include John Lawrence and family enjoying a trip by car out west to Denver. Following John's return, Flo Merritt and family hope to escape the soaring temperatures by spending a few days in her hometown in the Allegheny mountains of Pennsylvania. We enjoyed recent 'first' visits from **Tom** Cowen and Preston Wilbourne of INT."

FAYETTEVILLE - Reporter Carl Bowden would like to announce that with the Winter Bowling League over, their team won a trophy with a difference it was for last place. An individual trophy went to Robert Beard for the second high game in the league. Latest vacationers included Carl, who stayed home painting, Bill Wooten, and Robert Beard and family, who went to Cocoa Beach, Fla., where they saw "Gordo" take off on his famous flight. New boating enthusiasts are three Roberts: Robert Nunnery, Robert Bennington, and Robert Beard.

PULASKI - "Manager Milt Ward is vacationing in Corpus Christi, Tex.," writes Glen Shanks, "and Dan Love and family will be on holidays by the time this is off the press. Ronnie Price is doing fine after minor surgery for his sinus and allergies. He was tested for about 150 things and was allergic to about half of them. Milt Ward and I enjoyed covering for BLF while that station enjoyed the steak. I wonder if they ever got the place straightened up after the mess we left? I also wonder if they ever got that wild cow off the runway! The local Industrial Commission personnel were well pleased with the two recent charters from here to RIC. Everything worked out nicely and it was good publicity for Piedmont.'

SHENANDOAH - Bob Lipscomb announces that the SHD outer is in full swing and the limits of 400 and one are working out fine. Give them the business fellows, he says, and they expect no - repeat no overflys. Vacations are the order of the day there and the Agents left are really putting out the work. Average boardings are now slightly over 40 per day.

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ASHEVILLE — Regular reporter Naomi McGuinn is on vacation and subbing Evon Whitacre said they received a card from Naomi in Seattle, then Las Vegas, then nothing, which leads them to believe her money gave out. Manager Jack Gwennap was going to rest on his vacation but his wife and mother-in-law soon had him painting, cleaning, and waxing. The three B's (for bachelors) - Dave Cameron, Bill Talbert, and Eddie Gabriel - all have plans for the summer but won't tell anyone what they are. They just walk around with crazy smiles on their faces.

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ATLANTA-0 - ATL is bemoaning the loss of the on-time contest to DCA, but celebrating its results, reports J. R. Comer. ATL has a high average of 87.4 per cent on-time departures. DCA, though, has 89.2 per cent. The prize was a round of "beverage" furnished by the losing station. A party was held in DCA to make the presentation of the prize, and shortly afterwards a paper towel with the following message was sent to Manager Bruce Parrish: "Dear Bruce and ATL-O, R, M, C, etc. Here's just a few signatures of a few of the personnel present this evening. We greatly appreciate the beer. We just consumed the case you sent us and have 12 more to go. Can you imagine? Thanks for the contest, we enjoyed it and wish you and the fellows lotsa' luck next time!" It was signed by DCA Manager Don Shanks, and the rest of the towel was covered with the signatures of those at the party. Lead Agent Tommy Young is the proud papa of an eight-pound, nine-ounce girl.



COLUMBUS - Shirley Sword and Joanne Short are giving the UAL familiarization passes a vote of thanks. Shirley used hers to visit SFO, and Joanne went to MEM. Shirley and husband Orval are planning another trip soon, going to Europe, Asia, and Africa, with a week's stay scheduled with the Airport Controller of the Cario, Egypt, Airport. Manager Bill Cash has turned pro golfer lately by turning in a score of 73, one over par. Keith Douglass and Joe Frase took a fishing trip to (appropriately) Piedmont Lake, where Joe caught the first and last fish, and Keith caught the rest. Cloyd Walters is going next time, says reporter Ray Campbell, to even out the catch. Ray ends his report with the following commendation: "We know some stations on our system do not have the privilege of associating with our outstanding Piedmont crews, but please let it be heard that they are to be commended on their ideal example to the public and our own personnel. It is an honor to work with them. Our thanks to the crews for giving us quality as well as outstanding performance."

LOUISVILLE — "American Airlines reservations moved to CVG this week," reports Howard Hughes, "leaving behind a lot of friendly memories among Piedmont Agents in SDF. To show our feelings for all the fine cooperation we've had from them, we surprised them with a huge, beautiful cake, decorated appropriately for the occasion. Coffee was served and a special going-away card, created by Agent Mac Moore, was presented. Agent Bob Gilbert has become a 'Big Daddy' for the second time. He and Thelma welcome little Miss Sally Jean. Mac Moore says all one has to do to have the nicest time possible is to take a trip on a flight with Capt. Watley, a fishing voyage with Capt. Al Page, come home in a horrible thunderstorm, and top it all off with a grilled King Mackerel caught on the trip. Mary Kost and Bob Bradford insist a trip to INT for a few days does the most for you. But then Ron Shanks and wife say stay home!