

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

**ASHEVILLE** — Reporter **Beckie McCulloch**: Summer has arrived! Although many would argue this point when temperatures for June 1 in Asheville read a cool 54 degrees. Our campers are arriving — business is great! We boarded 261 Sunday, June 4th. And, by the way, if any of you are wondering what to do with those heavy foot lockers that you don't know how you got in the first place, send them to Asheville, they've got to be ours. **George Gentry** is off to San Juan for a three-day trip — compliments of Eastern Airlines. We all wished him a good trip with envy in our hearts. Again in the news, Mr. Gentry has been elected Vice President of Western Carolina Traffic Club for 1967-68. Agents **Judie Baldwin**, **Evon Whitacre**, **Joan Young** and family took the jet to Washington and back. They're very enthusiastic about it, but five minutes in Washington doesn't give one much time to see the sights! They are accusing a couple of other agents of being chicken. **Dave Cameron**, what was your excuse? Were you shopping for a boat or was that the day you found that new Volkswagon? The captain asked all Western Carolina and West Virginia passengers if they were in search of sunshine. Chief Agent **Dean** is on vacation in Florida — wonder if he found the \$6.00 a night motel room? He promised to let us know if he did. We might all be vacationing in Florida! **Jerry Livingston**, **Parm Johnson**, **Teddy DeFosses** and **Clay Ledford** have heavy pockets these days. Could those mines in Franklin, North Carolina be that profitable? **Mr. Gwennap**, our Station Manager, is developing quite a garden. He tells us one of his watermelons broke off, rolled down a hill, and knocked over a trailer — now that is a juicy one!

**CHARLESTON** — Reporter **Ken Harrison**: There have been quite a few things happening in CRW since you last heard from us. **Tops** in news this month is employee changes. **Ruth Shumate** finally landed a position in the ROA CTO and **Sharon Stutler** resigned to become a housewife. We welcome into the Piedmont family their replacements, **June Harding** of CRW and **Carol Seale** of BHM. Our office is now filled with "hello y'all." They were officially welcomed at a farewell party for **Ruth** and **Sharon** and **Irene Kiser's** 29th birthday, er, that is, 29 twice over. Lead agents **Jim Birthisel** and **Jim McCormick** were recently in ROA for 227 training. They tried to teach **Ken Harrison** and **Dexter Conrad**. (No, Ken, you cannot restrict the first officer's seat!) Speaking of **Dexter**, we finally found out what that "C" in his name stands for. Hello, Crash! It seems **Dexter** is flying again and finally soloed. Looking at it sort of reminds one of a jackrabbit bouncing across the fields. We understand that his instructor told him he was "the only student he knew who could crash land so consistently."

**CINCINNATI** — Reporter **Jan Tuemler**: CVG welcomes new Res agent **Romana Siemens** and CTO agent **Linda Spears**, who replaces **Sue Roe**. **Peg Pequignot** flew to Ft. Myers, Florida and drove back. **Gayle Bingham** also spent her vacation at Ft. Myers. **Barbara Wilson** took her 8 year old son on his first flight, flew PI to Washington, D. C. **Jane Griffith** was in the news recently when she was photographed in the background with celebrities **Bob Hope**, **Perry Como** and **Arnie Palmer** who appeared at a charity golf match at the Kenwood Country Club. **Jane** is also driving her new '67 Silver Frost Mustang, which, coincidentally, is the same shade as her tresses. **Sandy Schoen** can be seen whizzing about in her new pink Mustang. WHOA!! **Paul Loar** attended a Management course in Seattle, sponsored by United Airlines, and then was off to Anchorage, Alaska for the weekend. He is now in San Francisco to attend a second session with UAL. **Carolyn Matthews** is happily ensconced in her new apartment, and would you believe the decorative motif in her living room is centered around a Piedmont Hawaiian poster? **Big Ed**, ace pitcher, was recently presented with a KING SIZE baseball to help him in getting the ball over the plate.

**HOT SPRINGS** — Reporter **The Old Mountaineer**: Now don't y'all faint; this really is the Old Mountaineer from HTS reporting. We have been so busy evading the "revenooers" we haven't had time to let all you fine fellers and gals know what the best station on the system is getting into lately. At least, that's what our manager **Walt Ryczek** says we do. We wish he would say we also do some work, but that's life! Our own **Mary Lewis** is honestly doing something. She says she is the best fisherwoman in these hills and if you don't believe it, just ask her! She says most of the fish she catches are "big mouth bass." We suspect it may be some other type of fish because we have never seen these "big mouth bass." Isn't there an old saying about beauty being in the eyes of the beholder? One challenge coming up: **Bob Bosley** says he is the fastest slot racer on the system. Our compliments to ROA for their treatment of the agents we send to them to learn how to work the new aircraft. We don't get much chance to see our modernization system in action. **Walt Ryczek's** visit to ATL for the meeting almost resulted in disaster. It seems that some wires or something in his new home tried to have their own meeting and almost burned the place

down. We have had the usual crop of vacations, car purchases, home buying and sunburns. One small addition though—does anyone want a (or more) very young kitty? We have a selection of nine. State your preference in sex and color. FYI standby chances on PI 1631 are better than the space chart shows. Let's board those passengers! Our apologies to the non-revs we have to periodically pull off 653. Keep coming though cause we'll do our best to get you on the next flight. **Don Turner** recently made a very productive fishing trip to Smith Mountain Dam. And to top off a great time at the dam, returned by way of PSK and had a nice visit with the boys there. We can't identify the three HTS agents involved, but here is what happened: One of the three wanted to learn to water ski; he and the other two decided a Florida beach would be just the place to practice. Upon their return, the novice still couldn't ski.

**LOUISVILLE** — Reporter **Bill Asher**: It was nice to have **Bob Reed** up for the recent Air Freight meeting and Messrs. **Britt** and **Hudson** for the AAAE convention. It is always nice to see the Home Office Executives. We would like to welcome **Paul Haysley** and his wife **Barbara** to the Piedmont family. **Paul** and **Barbara** are native Louisvillians, where **Paul** has spent most of his working years in the real estate business. We hope he has found his home with Piedmont. Our Chief Agent, **Howard Hughes**, is in the hospital undergoing tests, X-rays, medication, and possible surgery. They don't know exactly what is wrong with **Howard** yet, but we hope he will be back with us soon. **Howard** is at the Methodist Hospital, Room 428. We're sure he would appreciate some cards. On April 30th, **Bill** and **Marlene Asher** became proud parents of an 8½ lb. boy. He was named **Todd William Asher**, and almost cost **Bill** his job. Honestly, Mr. C., those initials imply nothing. **Rick Crouch**, son of our Station Manager **Tom Crouch**, is on his way to New Orleans with a classmate. They left Saturday, June 11, and should arrive in New Orleans the latter part of August. They are paddling their way down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in a canoe. Contrary to all belief, **Huckleberry Finn** and **Tom Sawyer** are still very much alive! Good luck, fellas!

**LEXINGTON** — Reporter **Jim Neill**: We are having a ball at Lexington and the airport is enjoying phenomenal increases in every respect. "Colonel **Will Blackmon**" recently paid us a visit and seemed to be in an especially delightful mood. We want the rest of the Piedmont stations to know that the Blue Grass Country is like **Avis** — "We Try Harder." Airport Manager, **Logan G. Gray, Jr.**, plans a 1,000-foot extension on our instrument runway starting early in 1968. We have a beautiful new awning in front of the terminal building and new parking lot lights are going up within the next three weeks.

**LYNCHBURG** — Reporter **J. Hunt**: Bowling is the main subject of late here at LYH. As the season ended, the Double League posted **Lloyd Jones** and **Bob Smith** as Champions. High average of 155 and high series of 502 went to **Tom Tyree**. High game of 211 went to **Larry Fuda**. **Ken May** won top honors as the most improved average man; not suppose to give his average. Piedmont in Lynchburg wants to welcome **Wallace Carwile** to the staff. **Walley** has gotten off to a good start with Piedmont. When loading bin six on a Martin 404, with a five minute stop, and a suit case that just happened to open he found himself a busy man. When we asked what was in the suit case, all we got was a smile.

**MYRTLE BEACH** — Reporter **Frank Woodruff**: We're still setting new records here in CRE. On May 21 we boarded 155, an average of more than 20 passengers per flight. **Harold Rowe** was in INT the other day to get his 5-year pin. **Tommy Hucks** is getting ready for his two-week vacation with Uncle Sam. The beach was really mobbed with people during Sun Fun Week. All the movie stars came in by charter but they departed on the Pacemakers. The Ocean Forest Hotel has airline rates as usual. The price is \$8.00 for a single and \$10.00, double. You should write direct to the Ocean Forest Hotel using airline stationery.

**ROANOKE** — Reporter **Don Conner**: My, but it's good to be back at the Piedmont desk. Having just returned from a stay in the hospital, we've had to do some real hard snooping to catch up on the ROA happenings, and there have been quite a few. **J. W. Helms** and **Gerald Wingo** have been elevated to the position of Controllers-Operators. **Rodney Bowers** has joined the Dodge Rebellion with a new Monaco. **Betty Derrick** is back on the job following a lengthy illness. **Harold** and **Cindy Norton's** prize race horse, **Barry S.**, has been running wild. **Barry** has finished fourth or better in each of his races, including a victory in his very first start. **Bill Carico** is now attending flight school in INT. **Bill** was given a surprise cook-out by **Donna Silcox** and **Iona Carr** as his "Flying Away" present. Proud new fathers, both of boys, are **Frank**

**Carroll** and **Larry Sutphin**. We are now taking bets on who the next new parent will be. At present, an operations agent is the leading contender. Spring has brought out all the marriage-minded folks. **Earl Crouch** (CTO) tied the knot and left our employ. **Judy Bratton** has exchanged her name for **Goode**; **Tom Holton** has



ROA HAS A WINNER — **Barry S.**, winning race horse belonging to **Harold** and **Cindy Norton** of ROA is shown here after winning his first race. Owner **Harold** is fifth from left. **Barry S.** has won several races since his first try in April.

either lost a daughter or gained a son; and ancient **Joe Lucas** ventured all the way to Williamson, W. Va. to take **Bonita Johnson** for a bride. The **Lucas'** honeymooned at Waikiki Beach for a few days. We are wondering how they managed to return without a suntan. On their return, they missed seeing **Mickey Overstreet**, who is wandering around on the West Coast somewhere. Other tourists included the **Gabe Agra's** and **Shelby Hale** to MIA, and **Don Conner** to Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. There have been so many personnel changes lately that we all have formal introductions at the beginning of each shift. **Larry Sutphin** and **Sandra Fore** have transferred to the ticket counter; **Donna Silcox** and **Joe Lucas** to Res. There are more new agents than you can shake a stick at. **Ann Lundy** has replaced **Earl Crouch** at the CTO. Other newcomers include **Lynne Black**, Communicationist, **Ron Blevins**, **Cleon Hall**, **Dean Paderick**, **Larry Snider**, **Hubert Kelly**, **Gloria Showalter**, **Sandra Childs**, and **Ted Thompson**. These new members are striving doubly hard to help us break our station boarding record this month.

**SHENANDOAH** — Reporter **Jim Dallas**: Well, it finally happened, we are getting a new terminal building this fall. What are we going to do without the snow coming in the windows and the rain through the roof and the thermostat setting on 85 and the temperature only 60? Even the mice gather under our desk lamp to keep warm. It will feel like summer in the winter time. Here is a story that has to be told. It seems that one of our regular passengers was in New York and he called Piedmont to make reservations on a flight to Staunton. The agent advised him that the flight was on wait list and he advised her to put him on the waiting list. When he arrived at the field he purchased his ticket for the flight and was given a standby number, so he went down to the gate and waited. At five minutes before departure time there were no passengers in line. He went back to the counter. After being put on wait list, purchasing a ticket and given a standby number, he found out that the flight did not operate on Saturday. Somebody goofed, wouldn't you say? Congratulations to **Margaret Chandler** and husband **Bobby**, **Will Myers** and wife **Betty**, and **Buddy Robinson** and wife **Joan** on their new homes. We still think **Will** should buy a hotel instead of a house.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Reporter **Helen Hull**: A glimpse into the crystal ball failed to reveal the future weather forecasts, but many of our employees are looking forward to a vacation at the beach or mountains in the near future. Seen recently in beautiful Hawaii was **Zephya Bennett** and her family. She might give us lessons in "How To Do the Hula — Ten Easy Steps." For the stay-at-home vacationers, they might like to listen to **Freda Zappia** highlight her recent trip to Frankfurt, Germany, Rome, Italy, where she saw **Pope Paul**, the beautiful Vatican Gardens, Radio Vatican and the Museum. **Glenola** and **Steve Shore**, who were married recently, spent their honeymoon in the "Sunshine State." Disneyland will be "vacationland" to **Judy Tedder**, **Janet Hauser**, **Gerold Teague** and his wife, and **Nancy Kapp** and her family. **Ann Lewis** and **Dottie Dotson** are preparing for a visit to Honolulu, Hawaii. Back hard at work, after a week's stay in Miami Beach is **David Shean**. **David** and his family particularly enjoyed a day on the Seaquarium. **Sylvia Reed** and family motored to Emerald Isle recently, for a camping trip. Seen boarding the jet for a sight seeing trip to New York City was **Mary Binkley** and **Katherine Cox**. **Betty** and **Dean Brannock** are soaking up the sun at Carolina Beach, while **J. D. Storch** and his family are visiting his home in Louisville, Kentucky. Seemingly, **Lake Norman** is the most popular place for a weekend retreat for our people. Seen skiing and boating there recently were **Frances** and **Lou Hand**, **Sam Simmons**, **Mr. Cartwright**, **Mr. Saunders**, **Mr. T. H. Davis**, **Ralph Hicks**, along with their families.