

## Piedmont Press Notes

**BALTIMORE** — Reporter **Bill Burton**: Look out, Winston bowlers, we are ready to take you on. We've never seen a bowling team with more potential than ours. We had full attendance at our bowling party in mid-November. The next party we have, if we make it past the bar, we could bowl a few great games because the potential is there, somewhere behind the bar. Fishing season is officially closed December 1st as Capt. Seasick Sam pulled in his leaky, teaky Trojan for the winter. Congratulations to our lead agent, **Howard Lewis**. He is now the father of three, the latest addition is Master Howard W. Lewis, III. We had a wild experience at the ticket counter the other day in boarding. BAL's first Hippie passenger. She claimed that she was the last of the real Hippies. She was not exactly the ideal passenger, but she was colorful. There seems to be a confused feeling here in BAL concerning our long and loyal neighbors of Lake Central. The problem is we don't know whether to congratulate them or send our regrets. The new coming year is bringing on their marriage to Allegheny. But then, we're not losing a sister airline, but gaining a brother-in-law. Capt. **Bud Gilley** and family dropped by for a brief visit on their way to Disneyland. It seems like Los Angeles is the place to go now days, especially since that bargain of a tour American Airlines is offering. That is about the extent of happenings here in BAL, so we say Merry Christmas to all, and to all, won't you come up and see us sometime?



**BLUEFIELD** — Reporter **Gene Elmore**: We're sure y'all have been wondering what in the world happened to us, since we haven't had any news in the PIEDMONITOR lately. Well, actually nothing, just we haven't been fast enough on the draw. We wrote but didn't make press time. Like everyone else we have been busier than a beehive at clover time. Missed quota by a tad last month but we will blame it on the weather. Nonetheless, we finished with some of our highest boardings. Vacations are about over, just in time for us to start Holiday repayment time. We, and our public, are pleased over the announcement of the order to purchase the YS-11, since it will be able to operate into our station. The FAA has recently completed the installation of DF equipment and a ceilometer, which we hope might help us out. Wonder what the agent at ROA thought when MILT and TED checked in for BLF recently via ROA-ATL-ROA-BLF Flts 33-24-783. While enroute they met Reba June (The Dee-Jay Gal) and when she asked where they were off to, their reply was "To Atlanta for a hot dog." This week we received a card from Reba in Europe and she advised that the next day she was going from Oslo to Hamburg. **Noland Adams** has been getting some mighty fine experience, training for the ticket counter, without even having illustrations or examples, what with the weather and having to reissue tickets, Rule 75, limo set up, etc. Of course it didn't bother Noland. At the completion of his shift he just ran out, jumped in his truck, and drove home. **Ken Moses** and **Gene Elmore** did away with the easy living of mobile homes and recently moved into the awesome group of home ownership, (painting, lawn mowing, etc.) Y'all come, can't come, write, can't write, hollar, can't — aw heck forget it.



**CHARLESTON** — Reporter **Ken Harrison**: Basketball season is here and the Charleston Pacemakers have stumbled onto the floor once again. The first games of the season pitted Bostick's Bombers — captain **Phil Bostick**, against Perry's Pacesetters, captain **Al Perry**. Three games were played that evening, and the Bombers took each with equal ease. The scores were, in the order of play, 30 to 6 (favor Bombers) 30 to 16, (favor Bombers), 30 to 26, (favor Bombers). A total of 14 rest periods were called during the evening, as the Pacesetters strived to get that second and third and fourth wind. Scoring highlights were as follows: **C. D. "Crash" Conrad** had 3 baskets out of 10 attempted; **Al "Gunner" Perry** 1 out of 15 attempted, **Jerry "Fuzzy" Young** 9 out of 12 attempted and **Phil Bostick** 6 out of 8 attempted. Sore muscles were quite noticeable the next day. It has been brought to our attention that the Pacesetters high scorer, **Charlie "the Flash" Parsons** didn't show up and as can be seen, the scores showed it. Any time you stations feel like playing a game or so, drop on up some Saturday night and we'll enjoy some sore muscles together. Well, back to the exercises, a one, and a two, and a three, and a four . . .

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NEW PAINT JOB for the first of Piedmont's eight F-27's which have been re-sold by Fairchild to Air Manila. This former PAI F-27 stopped at INT for refueling en route to Manila. Painted blue and white, the aircraft are being modified by Butler Aviation.



YS-11 IS BROUGHT IN for crew and maintenance training by Captain Lloyd Lyons. The plane will be at INT for about ten weeks. This particular one will be returned to Nihon in Japan after its stay with Piedmont. The first of the ten ordered by the Company is scheduled for delivery in March.



OFF TO THE ISLANDS were a number of Piedmont employees who were selected for the Southeast Region Interline Tour sponsored by United and Delta. They are, from left, Fred Flynn, United Interline

Agency Manager; Charlie Johnson, TRI; Virg Flinn, PKB; Jane Griffith, CVG; Larry Brooks, ISO; Bill Dolan, ILM and John Whalen, United, MIA.