



## PI Selected To Test New Recorders

The FAA has awarded a contract to develop operational data recorders which will be used to gather information on the performance and flight characteristics of airline aircraft in regularly scheduled service. The units will be installed by the contractor, Technology, Inc., in a Boeing 737 operated by Piedmont and in a Boeing 707 and 727 operated by American Airlines.

Data supplied by the recorders will be used by FAA and industry in making long-range trend analyses of aircraft performance. It also will shed light on how airlines and their crews respond to the various conditions encountered during regular flights.

The contract calls for installation of one recorder within six months of the award and the remaining two within a year. Technology, Inc. is required to maintain and service the recorders in the airliners for one to 1½ years. The project will take 27 months.

The recorder units will collect and store inflight information on such parameters as engine RPM, airplane altitude, airspeed, outside temperature, flap position, speed brake position, vertical and lateral accelerations, yaw damper and autopilot on or off, landing gear position, fuel quantity, roll and pitch attitude, heading, and elevator, rudder and aileron force, and elevator, stabilizer, rudder and lateral control position. The recorders have 24 channels for data collection and storage.

Installation of operational data recorders in the three aircraft will be in addition to recording equipment already installed — the cockpit voice recorder and the flight recorder. The latter records only airspeed, altitude, acceleration and heading against time.

## Hot Springs Makes Listing In Holiday

Sharn Perry reports that his fair city was included in "a very select" listing in the current edition of Holiday Magazine. To prove his point, a clipping was enclosed.

It seems that every month the magazine publishes a listing of temperatures and humidity around the world, in spots chosen for seasonal or topical interest.

Their July weather report started out with Acapulco and Athens and covered such metropolitan spots as Tokyo, Veracruz and Vienna. Sure enough, just about mid-way the 43 "select" cities was Hot Springs, average temperature high 85, low 58, humidity 69%.

Perry's query, "How many other PAI stations are listed here?" had an answer further down the list. In all fairness to Eddie Jones and the Northern branch of Piedmont, we have to say that New York was also included.

But, Hot Springs, you're definitely keeping good company!

## Pre-Inaugural Flights Held For New 737 Cities

### First Passengers Are Delighted

Unscheduled flights have a variety of connotations, but those of the pre-inaugural category are best described as delightful.

Prior to the official beginning of Piedmont's jet service in Eastern North Carolina two of these "fun trips" were arranged for Kinston and Fayetteville, and Wilmington.

With the service to ISO and FAY scheduled to begin the first of July, the flight for those cities was set up the week before. Some 32 invited guests from Kinston and Lenoir County and another 27 from Fayetteville took a scenic tour of the area between Washington, D. C. and the Outer Banks.

Only 43 minutes out of Fayetteville, at speeds of about 550 miles per hour and an altitude of 25,000 feet, the guests found themselves over Richmond, Virginia.

After circling the Nation's Capital, Captain Mike Holton headed for the Outer Banks and a "close" look at Kitty Hawk.

The group returned home quite happy with the "sneak preview" of what their new service would be like.

A different itinerary was arranged for the Wilmington pre-inaugural passengers who took their flight the day before scheduled service went into effect on August 1 at the New Hanover County Field.

Some seventy government and industry leaders from the Azeala City joined Piedmont for a quick trip South. Hardly an hour out of Wilmington the guests were looking out over the Gulf of Mexico. A quick view of the coastline between Gainesville and Tallahassee, Florida and a quicker circle over Jacksonville, found the group headed back up the east coast towards Charleston.



CHATTING WITH PRESIDENT DAVIS during the special pre-inaugural flight for Wilmington were, from left, O. O. Allsbrook, Mayor of ILM, C. M. Harrington, Mayor pro tem, and Carolina Beach Mayor Ernest W. Bame.



ISO WAS WELL represented on it's pre-inaugural flight by Mayor Simon Sitterson and stewardess Jackie Tapscott, who is a native of Kinston.

A final round of drinks and a last ham biscuit put the group home, just in time for supper!

Many thanks and equally as many invitations to return ended another Piedmont pre-inaugural.

## Top Priority Is Requested For Air Traffic

To keep U. S. air transportation safe and efficient, Congress must act to vastly improve and expand the airways system, an Air Transport Association spokesman said last week.

"Inadequate facilities and a shortage of personnel for the airways system are threatening to strangle . . . air transportation," Stuart G. Tipton, president of the ATA, said in a letter to all members of the U. S. Senate.

At the same time, Mr. Tipton praised the action of the Senate Appropriations Committee in recommending substantial increases in appropriations to meet the airways problem.

"The action," he said, "is evidence of a growing awareness on the part of Congress that the air (Continued on Page Three)

## Station Managers Are Promoted and Transferred

E. J. Laskowski of Cincinnati is resigning as manager of that sta-



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tion due to reasons of health. He is transferring to the CVG City Ticket Office.

Taking over Laskowski's duties as Manager will be C. T. Crouch, former manager at Louisville. Crouch, who is a native of Statesville, North Carolina, joined the Company as an agent in Charlottesville in 1957. He was named Chief Agent for Greensboro in 1962 and was promoted to Manager for Shenandoah in 1965. A year later he moved to Louisville in the same capacity.

While in Louisville Crouch was a member of the Kiwanis and Elks Clubs. He was also President of the Louisville Bon Vivants.

Crouch's appointment was effective August 1.

Former Station Manager at Columbia, W. J. O'Bryan, has been promoted to Station Manager for

Piedmont's operation at Louisville, Kentucky.

O'Bryan joined the Company in 1952 as an agent in his home town of Roanoke. He moved to Charlottesville for the opening of that station in 1955. He was promoted to lead Agent in 1960 and transferred to Richmond. A year later O'Bryan was named Chief Agent for RIC. Subsequently he was promoted to Station Manager for Columbia and transferred there in 1962.

While in Columbia O'Bryan served on the Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He belonged to the Optimist Club and the Columbia Choral Society. He also served as the first chairman of the Airline Management Council of Columbia's Metropolitan Airport.

Mrs. O'Bryan is the former Darleen Lee of Roanoke. They have

one daughter. The O'Bryans moved to Louisville August 1.



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