



Vickie Pitts and Jim Taylor were the chairman and vice chairman of Piedmont's 1977 United Way campaign.

United Way work starts

The pacesetter departments for the fund drive were inflight services and flight operations. Captain Wayne Throckmorton distributed the cards to, from left, Frank Barnes from maintenance, Nancy Thomas representing inflight service and Jeanette Watson from central res.



food services; T. L. Martin — director customer relations; Janet Royall — administrative secretary; and Lionel Anders — director sales. Don Shanks, assistant vice president, customer relations, will serve as an advisor.

All airline personnel are eligible to receive TOPS awards.

And a special TOPS award has already been given. Judy and Don Holloman of Norfolk received the first TOPS recognition — the stock

and plaque. The award to the Hollomans was based on a letter from a Louisville mother who had taken her son to Norfolk for surgery. Judy not only helped the mother and son in-flight but on arrival Don joined her in assisting them all during their stay.

Can you help caller?

Do you know anything about a "Lucky Lindbergh" coin or medallion? We had a call

not long ago from someone who had found one and wanted to know what it was and if possible, the value of it. The caller described the "coin" as being dated May 20, 1927 on one side and May 21, 1927 on the other. It looks very much like a penny.

If you know anything about this mysterious "Lucky Lindbergh" item and would like to share your information we'll be glad to pass the word along to the caller.

She is glad to be on the list, even at the bottom

She introduces herself as Maggie, her given name being more princess-than-pilot-like.

Officially, she is M. R. Stryker, number 443, the very last name and number on the new pilot system seniority list.

In October, Maggie Stryker joined Cheryl Ritchie and Denise Blankinship to become Piedmont's third female pilot.

While female airline pilots are no longer a novelty, they are still pretty special. Their newness may not be as newsy as it was just a year or so ago, but they are interesting people to know.

Maggie is the daughter of Richard and Rogene Stryker. He is the Federal Aviation Administration's chief of airways facilities for the southwest region. Maggie's mother is a psychologist. Maggie is their youngest, of

four, and only daughter. She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in May, 1976 with a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics.

Maggie started flying when she was 19. She took up scuba diving about the same time, but her interest in flying won when the time came to decide on a vocation. By the time she was 24, Maggie had earned her air transport pilot's license.

Perhaps because she "refused to type," Maggie has a fascinating resume of previous jobs. Before she got all her pilot's licenses, she worked as a dog groomer, a receptionist, a cashier, and a short-order cook.

Prior to joining Piedmont, Maggie was chief flight instructor and charter pilot for Alpha Aviation, Inc. in Dallas. She had been a flight

instructor for Ed Boardman Flying Service in Ft. Worth.

Maggie maintains an active interest in several hobbies. She likes dove hunting, scuba diving and swimming, and flying radio-controlled airplanes. She is also a member of the 99's Golden Triangle in Dallas. Though she didn't admit it, Maggie probably spends some time explaining flying to her family. Of her three older brothers, one is a lawyer, one is a museum curator, and one is a commercial artist. Maggie is the only pilot in the group.

"I love it!" was Maggie's reaction when asked how she liked her job after the first several months. "Starting in March, I have a bid in Atlanta and I'm so excited I can hardly wait. Everybody has been great. The only wisecracks have been about maybe I need a hair cut."

Maggie Stryker, who was born in Alaska and grew up in Texas, seems quite happy to be flying in Piedmont's part of the country.



Maggie learned a lot in her basic pilot training classes even though the curriculum was short one course. How

To Tie A Tie by Vice President — Flight Operations Jack Tadlock produced a perfect knot on the first try.



A paycheck, a letter from home or her first uniform shirts — anything is better than an empty mail box for a new co-pilot.