



Just before Christmas, President Davis addressed the largest graduating class in Piedmont Aerospace Institute's 13-year history. Among the 30 aviation maintenance technicians and ten electronic maintenance technicians, were eight students from Saudia Arabia, five from Venezuela and one from Greece. Davis reviewed the progress he has seen in aviation maintenance as well as the changes in technology. He challenged the graduates to maintain the high standards of their profession and to further their knowledge of the increasing complexities of modern aircraft maintenance.



One of the warmest holiday celebrations at Piedmont is the traditional Christmas Eve party in the accounting department. The real hostess for the occasion is Casey Cox Santa Claus, at left with President Davis. Adding his own touch to the festivities, Senior Vice President T. W. Morton, at right, played his dulcimer. Christmas carolers, in back from left included Kitty Roberts, Cam Potter and Rhonda Wood. The camera missed singers Pat Howell and Shirley Tuttle.

the basic treatment is received, provided they are performed during the specified time period.

These improvements in your medical coverage were effective January 1, 1980.

Any questions should be asked of the Employee Benefits office, INT-A344, Extension 524.

**Flight attendants sing telegrams**

Most of the Christmas doings reported here included a little advance notice so we were able to have some pictures of the events. But there was one Piedmont Christmas happening we didn't hear about 'til after the holidays. Actually, it was discovered in our regular news clippings.

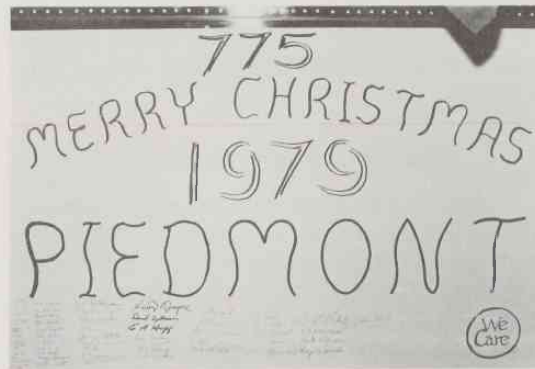
According to the Myrtle Beach Sun-News, Atlanta-based flight attendant Jackie Thurman and a friend of hers started a novel way of delivering greetings to friends and loved ones. In the spirit of the season, they became singing Santas.

Wings of a Dove — Singing Telegrams is what they've named their business, which isn't limited to Christmas. The girls also do anniversaries, birthdays or any sort of special occasion. By summer, they plan to have their

business in full swing, and may be recruiting extra help.

Just after we'd seen the article about Wings of a Dove, the Greensboro Record ran a similar success story about Winston-based Flight Attendant Linda Jones, founder and chief delivery agent of Mirthful Messengers.

She and a cousin graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts started the charac-



This no-where-near actual size photo is of the giant Christmas card which appeared with an equally colossal red bow on what was surely the biggest present seen during the holidays. More pictures and details below.

ters for hire delivery service which handles messages and gifts. Their biggest surprises will pop out of a cake. For a 50th wedding anniversary, they filled the cake with two grandchildren the grandparents hadn't seen for several years. On another occasion, a belly dancer popped out for the celebration of an 83-year-old's birthday.

"After 83 years I finally got something I wanted," said the honoree. His wife responded, "Yeah, and it'll be 83 more years before you get it again."

Among the most unusual requests they've had was an attorney who asked the girls to deliver summonses, "because people won't open the door to someone who looks official."

Another potential customer requested characters resembling penicillin, which led to the creation of Vinnie and Valerie the dancing hypodermic needles. They've since doubled as get-well greeters.

The basic premise behind both of these companies makes their futures look good.

As Jones says, "We're all juveniles at heart."

If you want a gift delivered in a novel way or want to send a singing message, check with your talented flight attendants.



The Winston maintenance and stores employees produced their own version of Santa's sleigh just in time for the final holidays of 1979. The modification of aircraft 775N had to be completed in order to get the plane into service before year-end. Since it didn't even arrive until December 21st, rush was the only word



for the job. Work started almost as soon as the plane touched down. On Christmas Eve, 775N was rolled out, complete with red bow and a We Care tag signed by the men who managed to produce the holiday miracle. Some of the many who made it all possible are pictured above with their present to Piedmont. Standing

from left, E. A. Rucinski, R. S. Carpenter, P. R. Graham, J. L. Fogg, J. M. Herrin, R. J. Jaworski, C. N. King, G. W. Joyce and N. C. Dillingham. Kneeling, from left, are J. D. Brewer, D. L. Dollyhite, E. W. Foster, J. A. Walton, B. C. Carpenter, J. A. Pegram, D. R. Sizemore, W. C. Pawles, M. A. Beverly, R. S. Dalton and F. A. Burgess.