



ROUGH DAY AT THE AIRDROME  
PETE JONES - IMN

We finally got it! Yes sir, a company paper that is a scandal sheet and not a "memo". Congratulations!

Here in the lazy southland we call IMN, nothing drastic has happened the past few months. Business has been "slow" but



better this year at this time over last so that is a good sign.

Like everyone else, we can see a lot of changes in PAI in our first five years of operations. Used to know all the schedules and almost everyone that worked with the company. It is a lot different now. Can't remember any schedules without looking and hardly know any people other than our own station. (Even thought Gordon Brown left the company, but see he is signing memos again). Times have certainly changed.

Remember when we had to operate VFR only? Broken clouds and PAI was cancelled. Couldn't stop TRI unless we had 6500-3. Those were the not-so-good old days. Now we fly when everyone else is grounded. Used to work one day and take a week off. Broken clouds again. Those were the GOOD-OLD-DAYS!

I can remember my first day with Piedmont. Arrived Cincinnati from Kansas City with Ed Best.

February 1, 1948 was the day. It was colder than h\_\_\_ and snowing. Couldn't get out to the airport for several days account road conditions. Then came the big day! Piedmont's first flight February 20, 1948. In came the flight. No one knew what was going on. Someone said (a wheel), "Jones, you look like a good man. How bout refueling this flight?" (Stupid me had put on my application that I had a little time around airplanes while in the army.) One of the INTE's must have remembered. The same bright chap directed me to the oil. It was very thoughtful for them to put it in quart cans (throw-away type). Did you ever try to pour two cases of oil in quart cans in mid-February? Not too bad, is it? Well, try it sometime using a screw-driver for an opener!

Fellow Peons, I just wanted to tell the above story to make a point. I was ready to quit after that first day as I had been previously told the glory behind an airline job. Before coming with Piedmont, I was on the "outside" of the fence looking in. I didn't like what I saw at first when I was "inside" looking out. Better judgment told me to stick it out so I did. I don't regret it. I have had a few good breaks since then, so when you think you are working too hard and are not getting any "glory" see yourself five years from now and be glad you stuck it out. I think you will find it will pay off.

I hope we can progress the next five years as fast as we did the past five. Five will get you ten there are "Better days ahead!" . . . Pete Jones

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#### CLT ADDS NEW FACES TO STAFF

We here at Charlotte feel that congratulations are in order for this new and revised Piedmonitor, and we know that everyone will be happy to see it in circulation again. With the passing of '52, and the new year just begun, we have seen some few changes in CLT. There are the new faces of Coit Harris from Concord, N. C. and Keith Harris from California. (No relation, they claim.) We extend to them a big welcome to our staff. Your correspondent has been given a title - CA at CLT. Came about after resignation of R. L. Ingram, Jr.

Our CTO in the CLT Hotel has

experienced a tremendous loss due to the illness of Ann Best who is convalescing in the Mecklenburg County Sanatorium, Huntersville, N. C. Any correspondence may be directed to that address. For her devotion, loyalty, and efficiency in selling Piedmont Airlines in CLT, we dedicate this space to her and wish for her a speedy and complete recovery.

Replacing Ann is Miss Maureen B. Powell, of Rockhill, S. C. Maureen was educated at East Carolina College and came to PAI from the staff of Radio Station WFAI in FAY. Our Traffic Mgr., Geo. Bennett, commends her very highly for the rapid way in which she has taken to the work. She has already taken over full responsibility of the CTO in two weeks. Full speed ahead!

Former agent J. C. Bennett is now in the military service at Ft. Jackson, S. C. For correspondence, he may be reached at the following address: Pvt. John C. Bennett US-53152491 B. Battery, BN, Fort Jackson, S. C. J. C. was married in Dec. 1952 and left for the army in Jan. 1953.

CLT's newest travel agency, Atlas Travel Agency, has been supplied a complete and up-to-date ready reference guide for their use. Mr. Bennett tells us that we have had a big increase in business from that source and we have noticed it from the field office.

Nancy Dabbs is still shopping-WHAFFO!!!!!! Thumbs up!  
. . . . J. C. Newell

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#### BULLETIN

All news items, photos and any information for the Piedmonitor are gladly welcomed - but, we need them any time during the month - whenever they are available or ready.

It's not necessary to wait until the last of the month to send them in and on your pictures we'll try to return them to you, but prefer photos that we can keep for future use.

Sometimes it is necessary to alter or cut photos for better composition.

Let's hear from everybody - so far we have had only six stations contribute to this issue.