

## FAYETTEVILLE EXPERIENCES RECORD MONTH

We learned why we are classified as West-bound during the holidays-boarded almost half of our passengers "all the way on PAI", thereby experiencing one of the most successful holiday seasons yet.

The FAY Christmas Party, which was held Dec. 10 at the Bel Aire Restaurant, was the nicest party that PAI/FAY has ever had - our thanks and appreciation go to Jones and Cook of IMN for their help in making our party a success. A very delicious turkey dinner was served and after dinner gifts were exchanged and dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening - the party after the party was also a huge success.

We lost one of our best agents recently when Larry Cook traded his PAI blues for a position with the CAA in Evergreen, Ala. The best of luck to you, Curley.

Continuing our introduction of the FAY agents, we begin with Carl Bowen, who has been with PAI approximately two years. Carl lives with his Mother in Linden, N. C., a likeable person and very handy to have around when mechanical problems arise. He keeps us very much in the dark regarding his associations with the fairer sex - but we are quite certain someday we will find out about his many girlfriends.

Horace Bryant has been with PAI approximately a year and a half - the first tour of duty being BLF, but since he is a local boy he returned here at the first opening. Horace is a very quiet and congenial person always doing his share of the work-and well liked by all personnel.

Bob Bennington has been with PAI a year and a half. Bob and wife, Cathy, reside at 1000 Branson St. He is a very likeable person and there is never a dull moment when he is around. You can always depend on him keeping something going so life doesn't become dull. Seriously speaking, he is a very capable agent and does a real thorough job at anything he tackles.

## LEAP YEAR BAIT DISCOVERED AT WILMINGTON

We have a new man with us now. A Mr. Richard Gray from Greenville, N. C.... and for a beginner he seems to be doing

very well. We're all glad to have you with us, Dick. For the benefit of you girls (since this is Leap Year) he is a rather nice looking fellow, a BACHELOR, 6'2", nice personality, SINGLE, has a new Pontiac-Catalina, SINGLE, and is located on the PAI system (for NRSA purposes) and he's not married either!!!!

Since we missed getting in on the Christmas edition, we would like to take this opportunity to wish each of all of you a Happy and Successful New Year. I believe everyone here at IMN had a very nice Christmas. At least the ones who attended Pennington's Christmas party. Rossi, the local Airline Caterer, donated his services with a terrific buffet spread. Man, it was fit for a king. He says he plans to make it an annual affair.

Well, with the Holiday rush about over, maybe we'll get a week or two for a breather. It will give us a chance to get the new man checked out, and clean up things a bit....who knows, maybe Ole' Peter P. will get his 1955 vacation after all.

## CHARLOTTE LOADS PASSENGERS..AND YULE BASKETS

What with the holiday season over with, it seems as if one could get a little breather now, but the traffic is still flowing at a stand-by rate. Flight 6 is still leaving many a disappointed passenger at the counter as it pulls out from the gate with all seats occupied, and 5 is still carrying its goodly share from the Queen City. Complaining? Not on your life, for I dearly love to see them filled with all the revenue they can hold; not only passengers but mail, express and freight, too! Sure, it means hard work, yet only through that medium can we achieve what we want. How many of you readers can remember when one station would send out a P.D. showing 21 passengers out and all the other stations would show their joy by sending congratulations on the teletype?

I can't "finger" the person here that came up with the wonderful idea for us this Christmas but whoever he (or she) was is certainly to be given a word of praise. The idea instead of drawing names and swapping presents was to bring food, clothes and broken toys that could be repaired and give it to some needy family. This happy project was undertaken by all the employees

at the field here which included the downtown ticket office also. Three families were taken "under our wing" and we went to work finding stuff and goodies for children ranging from six months to sweet sixteen. The offices were soon swamped with an accumulation that was rather hard to believe. When the day came for delivering, Tom but very gladly loaned us his pickup truck - took more than one trip to carry the "Merry Christmas" away. The [unclear] of us put into a certain [unclear] the tables for our [unclear] turkey and all that [unclear] national holiday meal [unclear] near Christmas what to do, how about trying the same idea. It is a good one and will make somebody happy and you will be surprised how good it will make [unclear] west and New York should cl

## WASHINGTON FEATURE YULE PARTIES

The "Pearl Mesta" employed by PAI/DCA, it has developed, is Joan Watson. Party - party - party! Joan does not admit as to number, but there was a hamburger fry for the evening shift, a Christmas party which was co-sponsored by Betty Caudill and a New Year's Party. And then--- there were other excuses for parties. Present at every party was Bill Matthews.

Bill Clark and Sherill Folger had a party too. Clark cooked a Kentucky Ham that Folger transported to DCA from LEX. Iona Carr was the assistant cook. Bill Matthews was at this one also. Quite a party boy, that Matthews.

Jean Lash and Shirley Anderson scrimped and saved in order to have a turkey dinner at Christmas. It was the first turkey that either had cooked. Reports are that the bird was delicious. Nothing was left but the skeleton.

Betty Caudill is to be married Saturday, January 7, to John A. Balla at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Va. Our best wishes for Betty and John.

Bill Hamilton was transferred to TRI effective the first of the year. His little income tax exemption arrived in December.

FLASH - Ed Wisnieski has a new 1955 Plymouth - a two-toned beauty.

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