

ROANOKE -

Let's begin by mentioning the new agents. Don Martin, a local chap, joined our force in May. He is 19 years old, good looking, and a very eligible bachelor.

Another new man is J. Jackson, who recently moved to ROA from Metropolis, Ill. He is married and has one child. An ex-Air Force man and an old hand in the aviation business.

Don Vance took his first flying lesson a few days ago. We don't know yet whether to evacuate the airport or just grin and bear it. Any way, the boy is going to learn to fly and who knows, one of these days we may see his name on the flight plan. Good luck, Don, and just stick with it, maybe you won't be an agent all your life.

We have the car buyingest bunch of agents. Jim Faucette recently purchased another new Ford convertible. He wore the '55 model out in less than a year. The new one is, of all colors, black and sunset coral.

"Robin Hood" Metz has a '55 Ford sedan now, and I don't think that the engine has gotten cold on it yet.

All you hear around this station is car talk and races. Speaking of races, Ronnie Ellwanger wanted me to be sure that I mentioned the new race track that we now have in ROA. There are stock car races on an asphalt track and a dirt track for horse races later this year. So all you racing fans come on up sometime and watch Curt Turner win a few in the new car class.

ROA had a little excitement this past month. Sheena, Queen of the Jungle TV Star, came in on AA and caused quite a commotion among ROA bachelor agents, (married ones too). There for about 20 minutes you couldn't find an agent for love or money, unless you found Sheena. We had more "Chimps" around here that day than you could shake a stick at. Sheena's chimp wasn't with her on her tour, but if she had needed a stand in there would have been about 10 willing P A I agents handy.

There has been a rumor that ROA limits may be lowered to 900 feet. If the new limits are put into effect it will mean that very few flights will pass us up, making a healthy

increase in our passenger load. Even without the reduction in landing limits we hope to board 4000 passengers this year. Last month TRI almost made 4000 and we weren't far behind. It's a race to see who will be the first to set a new record. Good luck TRI, and keep up the good work.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the new captains and say "Welcome Aboard" to all the new first officers. These boys are now in a group of the world's finest airline pilots. While on the subject of employee relations, might brag about the friendly atmosphere we have at ROA throughout the entire airport. The cooperation that is shown between all departments is something hard to describe.

Early this spring, improvements were made in our reservations office that have already proven their worth. Air conditioning has been added, which greatly relieves the burden of working under the handicap of sweltering heat. A partition was erected to cut down on noise and enclosed the office for better circulation of the cooled air. After a new paint job, and the addition of several framed pictures of Capital and National ships, the office became the most comfortable one in the terminal.

Station Complement at R O A

- Manager: H. K. Gibson
- Chief Agent: R. H. Reed
- Asst. Chief Agent: J. S. Faucette
- Reservations and Ticket Counter Dept.:
Lottie McMahon, Bess Stanley, Helen Holland, Margie VanPelt, Madelyn Secrist, Bill O'Bryan, Lionel Anders, Gene Willis, Dick Mertz
- Operations Department (Agents)
Bob Stepp, Rex Cubie, Don Sutphin, Roscoe Cromer, Richard Hippert, Jim Wilson, Ronnie Ellwanger
- Communications: Tessie Woznisky
- Utility Agents:
Sam Lackey, Ralph Evans, George Lipscomb, Don Martin, Don Vance, J. Jackson.

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You don't have to stay awake nights to succeed. Just stay awake days.

He, relieved: "Thank goodness, at last we're out of debt."

She, relieved: "That's swell. Now I can get credit again."

FIXED BASE NEWS:

Things have really been booming around F.B. Maintenance lately as Eddie Culler and his men know. They have just completed a 1000 hr. inspection and engine change on S & W Motor Lines Twin Beech, a double engine change on Slane Hosiery Mills Twin Beech, a 100 hr. inspection and engine change on Hanes Hosiery Mill Twin Beech. McLean Trucking Company and Hennis Freight Lines have also had their Twin Beech in for 100 hr. inspections.

Eddie Culler, Norris Young, H.G. Pitts and Herbert Brendle have just completed the Piper Service School for Apache Maintenance, held at Piper Aircraft Corp., Lock Haven, Pa.

Would like to give a hearty welcome to a few new employees here at Fixed Base: Chester Noah and Paul Wilson now employed in the Aircraft Shop; Kenneth Clegg, employed as grinder operator in the Engine Shop; and Eugene Banner and William Nelson as janitors. Also, Richard Blevins, former line serviceman, who has just recently been re-employed.

Have been doing quite a bit of remodeling around the Operations Building. Mr. Northington has had his office remodeled, Geo. Atteberry and Joe Culler have new office space, and the Link Trainer has been moved next door in the old maintenance office. We all think this is quite an improvement and everything is looking real nice.

Messrs. Davis, Northington, Fare, John Johnson, John Hall and C. W. Gough attended the meeting of the Aviation Distributors & Mfgs. Association, held in AVL on June 20-22. Mr. Northington is President of the ADMA and Mr. Davis was Chairman of the Reception Committee for this meeting.

Dick Morris, Service Manager-ORF base, left recently for Paris, France, where he will spend a short vacation.

Fixed Base Maintenance will be closed for vacation starting June 29 through July 6. Happy Vacation Everyone !!

Mr. Northington and Geo. Atteberry went to Wichita, Kansas on June 1 and brought back our new Super 18-Beechcraft. This aircraft will be used as our Company demonstrator. The colors are red, white & blue.