DISPATCHERS FORM NEW SERVICE FOR EXECUTIVE PILOTS

Several Dispatchers of Piedmont Airlines have organized a "Dispatcher" service for executive pilots who operate through the Piedmont area of North Carolina.

Located in the old airline hangar at Smith Reynolds Airport, INT, the new venture will be known as "Flight Advisory and Weather Service" and will offer complete service to subscribers, such as present and forecasted weather for each flight, wind information, field conditions, suggested altitudes, icing conditions, favorable alternates, plus duplicate copies of weather reports and forecasts to each pilot. In other words, a private flight control office for non-scheduled flights.

Barring any unforeseen complications, operations should begin by April 1, 1957, with Dispatchers handling the service between the hours of 7 AM and 6 PM every day of the week.

One subscriber to the service, Burlington Industries of Greensboro, operates its own executive airline with a fleet of five aircraft. Other subscribers include Hanes Hosiery, Hennis Freight Lines, Pilot Freight Carriers, Chatham Manufacturing Company, all of Winston-Salem; and The Thomason Plywood Company of Fayetteville.

LEONE TO KEEP FEET ON GROUND; BIDS FAREWELL TO AVIATION

Frank J. Leone, Dispatcher and veteran of 23 years in aviation, bade farewell to aviation March 17 as he took a leave of absence from Piedmont Airlines and headed West for a new career in the real estate business in California.

A native of Utica, N. Y., Frank joined the Navy in 1934 to begin his aviation career. He became a Meteorologist, and in 1939 went with Chicago & Southern Airlines as Meteorologist and Dispatcher. He served as Dispatcher with Robinson Airlines before joining Piedmont in 1948.

Frank, his wife Alberta, and two sons, Roy and George, will leave INT sometime in March for Los Angeles and take with them our very best wishes for success.

DISPATCH DUTIES ALTERED; TRANSFERS AFFECT OFFICE

Due to the existing vacancy of Chief Dispatcher, the duties of Chief have been classified into two catagories and assigned to two Dispatchers.

J. E. Webster has been named as Scheduling Coordinator and W. G. Moser as Information Coordinator.

C. H. Stoltz has transferred from INT-F as Assistant Dispatcher replacing R. A. Turbiville, who has returned to the station.

F. L. Westmoreland was promoted from Assistant Dispatcher to Dispatcher effective March 1, and his duties were assumed by P. E. Carter, INT First Officer.



PAI WILLIAM TELL BAGS TWO RAMS

Reid Cook, Lead Mechanic for Piedmont at the INT Maintenance Base recently went bow and arrow hunting on a wild and uninhabited island off the North Carolina coast with R.A.Griffin and R. G. Russell, also in the INT Maintenance section.

The hunt was held on Baid Head Island, which is approximately an hour's boat ride from Wilmington, N. C. The island has no human inhabitants, but is well populated with wild sheep, pigs and goats which roam this small area.

The archers represented Winston-Salem's HLEKATCHKA ARCHERS, and this group drove to Southport Friday night and caught a boat to Bald Head Island at 10:00 A.M. Saturday. Reid Cook bagged two 200 pound wild rams and the total kill for the trip was

four wild pigs, in addition to the two rams. Mr. Cook advises that one head weighed 39 lbs. and had horns with a full turn and a quarter of a second turn. He is having the heads mounted and has skinned one ram to make a throw rug.

WATSON RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Mr.L.A.Watson, Supt. of Communications, INT, was recently awarded an Honorary Degree as an Associate in the Science of Aviation Electronics and Communications by the Central Technical Institute in Kansas City, Missouri.

This Degree is conferred upon various individuals who meet certain minimum requirements and is a service provided by the Institute to show recognition to individuals who have made substantial contributions to development of the technical or operational aspects of electronics and communications in Civil and Military Aviation.

UAC GOOD CUSTOMER OF AIRLINES IN '56

(East Hartford, Conn. 2-27-57)
United Aircraft Corporation spent more than \$1,775,364 as a customer of commercial airlines in 1956, William P. Gwinn, president, said today. The sum covered air passenger travel, air freight, air express, air mail and air parcel post.

Air passenger travel by the corporation, its three divisions, and its subsidiaries, amounted to \$1,153,429 while an additional \$529,241 was spent on air freight and air express. The corporation paid \$92,694 for air mail and air parcel post service.

Mr. Gwinn noted that the air miles traveled by United Aircraft Corporation personnel on corporate business during the year would be equivalent to the airlifting, for example, of the residents of West Hartford with its population of 50,000 from Bradley Field in northern Connecticut to Washington, D. C., an airline distance of 330 miles. As it was, company representatives traveled more than 17,000,000 passenger miles and conducted business in virtually every country in the free world. The necessity for speed made air travel essential and it enabled representatives to fly to and from their destinations with incalculable savings to the corporation in both time and money.