ROANOKE . . .

R.S.Stepp, agent, received his five year service pin on July 7. Worthy of recognition at this time is the fact that he has had no cause to be absent from his job since he joined Piedmont – perfect attendance for five years. CONGRATULATIONSI

TRI-CITIES . . .

. . . Don Shanks

WE MADE IT 11 WE MADE IT !! Those have been the words we have been hearing. Yes, after almost ten years of service in the TRI area, this station finally broke the 4,000 passengers per month barrier. Our unofficial records show that we boarded 4,170.

After many months of trying real hard, beating the bushes for those extra passengers and months of Sales Training courses, we sincerely hope that when the official returns come in we will have made the 4000 mark. We should have that report before this goes to press. We believe that we are the first on the system to make this goal. We could not have done it had it not been for the little extras that other stations have given us, because as you probably know, INT figures about 33 percent of the passengers we board are transfer passengers. So all of you had ahand in helping us make this goal.

Vacations are continuing here at a very rapid pace. During the month of June, Bill Hamilton, Glen Shanks and Hugh Sluder had the honor of two weeks of loafing. Bill spent some time visiting in DCA Glen worked on his house and then off to BNA for a few days. Hugh, so far has been catching up on his farming, and trying to coax those old hens of his into lay ing a few eggs.

As of now, our softball team has a record of 9 wins against 6 losses. Altho this doesn't sound too good, it is holding down second place among about eight teams. Bill Hamilton was recently elected Manager of the team and is doing a real good job.

The Takes are really booming around here at this time of the year. Yours truly and Bill Johnson have a small sports runabout now, and having a lot of fun. Had Don Woods, our very capable station manager, out the other day, and he really looks like a daredevil skimming up the lake. Brad Moody, Chief Agent, is checking on a 12 foot Chris-Craft Kit, which he hopes to build. If anyone can, Brad should be able to do it. Jim Pickel is one of our more adept frogmen here. They tell me he is one of the best skilers on the lake.

SHEETMETAL NEWS . . .

Vacation time found Bill Ramey moving into his new home (he won't be rested from that till next vacation time)....Rex Bradley moved his family to Winston-Salem from Reidsville June Langford was another eager beaver, he was caught painting his house with both hands.... George Bodenhimer took his family to visit friends in Charleston, W. Va....Harold Wooten is our champion home gardner, he let his wife stop canning beans and corn long enough for a drive with relatives down to Myrtle Beach Paul Swaim preferred Virginia Beach Howard Robbins likes Carolina and Ken Miller baked his hide at Morehead. Ken spent a few chilly nights in the Blue Ridge Mountains and says you can't beat that for solid comfort.

Cliff Harrell is at Morehead. He starved himself for a week before going because he heard that there was a restaurant down there where you stuff yourself with all the sea food you can hold for a flat rate.

Burt Robertson and Gene McBride loafed around the house for a week just waking up long enough to eat.

Oh yes, Willie "Fireball" Pauling, our cleaner, went to Washington, D. C. but won't say what for ?????



FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR FAMILY

PICNIC ON AUG. 24

Piedmont employees and their families are looking forward to the annual company picnic which will again be held at Camp Hanes on Saturday, August 24th with planned activities to begin at 1:00 PM.

As in the past, this event has been designed to please and entertain the whole family with emphasis on swimming, boating, refreshments and plenty of good food. There will be competitive games for both young and old as well as softball, tennis and badminton. Prizes will be given in many of the special events.

Stan Brunt, Supt. of Passenger Service and the perennial chairman of this event, says that the menu will include barbecue, chicken and all the trimmin's.

Out-of-town employees are urged to advise Stan Brunt, Supt. of Passenger Service, of their transportation needs so that adequate coverage for all flights can be anticipated.

Assisting the chairman in planning the picnic were the following: A. H. Burton, Supply; George Hendrix, Maintenance; Louise Christenbury, Operations; Kem Naftel, Fixed Base; Jim Bradley, Traffic; Jack Brandon, Irwin Apple, Stations; Henry Wood, Accounting; Roy Pruitt, Print Shop; Jim Messick, Radio Shop; Lib Tatum, Communications; and Captain Forrest M. Shelton, Pilot.

Although one recalls that the weather last year was far from favorable, we have taken care of this year's event by placing our order for good weather well in advance. So ya'all come and plan to have a real enjoyable time.

SON OF INT EMPLOYEE MAKES GOOD SHOWING IN SOAP BOX DERBY

Jeffry Lynn Johnson, 10 year old son of J.W. Johnson, Winston-Salem Maintenance Foreman went into the semi-finals of the Class B Division (11-12 year olds) in the annual Soap Box Derby in Winston, Jeffry was the youngest entry in the event and was nosed out in the semi-finals by Don Miller who went on to race against the Class A winner and finalist, Bobby Setzer.