

BECKLEY . . .

. . . Bob Wilson

We would like to take the time to thank CMH-C when we had Flight 15 operating with connections in CMH for their quick action on the off line requests for continuing space.

The new hangar is starting to take shape now and should be completed in another 5 or 6 weeks. Other construction under way is a new VOR station located on the field. The building is completed and the crew is now installing the radio gear. After talking to the CAA men doing the job, we find that the VOR should be in operation in a few months.

We would like to extend congratulations to our neighbor, Bluefield, on boarding 1,018 passengers in August.

Congratulations are in order for Agent Jack Guy in obtaining his weather certificate.

CHARLESTON . . .

. . . Ruth Miller

It's good to see Joe High flying again after his bout with the flu bug.

A gala Hallowe'en party was held on Friday, Nov. 1, in the Airport Club Room. Employees from all the airlines, local CAA and Weather Bureau enjoyed dancing until the late hours. The CHW station Christmas Dinner Party for employees, dates and families, will be held on December 20. Once again, everyone is awaiting the arrival of old Saint Nick.

Kanawha Aviation, our Fixed Base operator, was certified by the National Air Taxi Association. Manager and owner, Dick Stata says that a Piper twin-engine Apache, Cessna, two Tri-Pacers and a Super Cub are available for charter. Agent Frank Burns provides pilot service for them during his hours away from PAI.

Capital Airlines began their Constellation flights through here on November 1. Two flights a day are now scheduled to supplement the Viscount service. Eastern Flight 777 is now made up of Convair 440 equipment. All new fancy service, but wait till they see the F-27 Pacemaker.

CHARLOTTE . . .

. . . Al Shulley

Good news from CLT again. We enjoyed our largest increase in passenger boardings for the year to date. A record breaking total of 2,003 passengers boarded in CLT for the month of October, an increase of 44% over the same month last year. If this trend continues, which we feel certain it will, it promises a record year for CLT.

Your reporter spent his vacation in Maine and Pennsylvania hunting. Highlight of the trip was the tour of the Fairchild Aircraft plant in Hagerstown, Md. We saw the F-27 from the first rivet to the finished mock-up. It surpassed anything that I had expected and it certainly made me proud to say, "I'm with Piedmont Airlines."

If you can, go see the F-27. It's more than just another airplane to the people at Fairchild as evidenced by their enthusiasm. You'll need a letter of introduction from your supervisor since security regulations are very strictly enforced. Mr. Robert D. Cargell is the man at Fairchild who is responsible for the tours.

HUNTINGTON . . .

. . . Jim Dallas & Ardath Carter

After almost a year's absence, HTW reports in. Frank Stone, CAA, is the proud owner of a Dodge Station Wagon. The car is a beauty and Frank values it almost as much as his favorite 10 year old pipe.

Gale Burcham, our new agent, is in the clouds literally and figuratively. He passed his six month probation and celebrated by buying a small plane. His ambition is to fly for Piedmont some day.

The station agents in HTW are not only rich as can be seen from the above, but they are also talented. Walt Ryczek, Station Manager, starred in the Community Players production, "The Tender Trap." Rave notices are still pouring in.

Irene Blake, tanned and much relaxed from her two week jaunt to the West Coast is glad to be back at work. Irene says that the one armed bandits in Las Vegas were most interesting.

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LOUISVILLE . . .

Jim Hughes is about to take the fatal step. We understand that his fiancée, Therese McGee from Cairo, Illinois, is wearing a lovely diamond ring. The date has not been announced.

Two of our families can claim another tax exemption for the year. Dave and Helen Smith are the proud parents of a son, Michael David. Charlie and Jo Smith have a little girl.

Several months ago, Jim Rainey left for the wide open spaces in Texas. Dee Akard left SDF for the hills of Tennessee, transferring to TYS. To replace these two, we have Jim Thompson from LYH and a new agent Mac Moore.

Bob Gilbert, The "Kokomo Kid" has just returned from his vacation. Where? You guessed it, Kokomo. According to Bob, fishing and politics are just great back in Indiana. Charlie and Jo Smith spent their vacation in Columbia, S. C.

Sherley Brown, Jr. has been promoted to Lead Agent.

Our new terminal building is now complete and we welcome all NRSAs to visit us.

LYNCHBURG . . .

. . . M. F. Brown

Ken May was married to the former Miss Betty Ann Montgomery on October 25.

Ed Best, our District Supervisor, spent two weeks training with the Air Reserve at Clinton County AFB in Ohio. Clark Harvey transferred from DCA. He is a local boy and glad to be back amid familiar surroundings. Martha Brown spent her vacation in Los Angeles. LYH had an all time high for boarding passengers during the month of October - 1,505.

CAA has approved final plans for the new terminal building. Construction will begin by March 1. It will be of circular construction with plenty of floor space for all agencies. PAI will have about 1500 square feet and it will be at ramp level. We will certainly miss our beloved stairways.

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