

BECKLEY . . .

. . . Bob Wilson

Our station manager C. F. Field recently obtained his weather certificate.

Piedmont Airlines is now getting some additional advertising over Radio Station WJLS. The station calls for the local weather conditions at the field and then reports it through the courtesy of Piedmont.

Merry Christmas to all.

CHARLESTON . . .

. . . Ruth Miller

As usual CHW has been busy beginning the Holiday Season. Visited with Turby on a short visit here and it was also nice to talk with W. A. Blackmon and Preston Lincoln between trips. We felt quite honored by the visits of Messrs. Tom Cowan and Ed Best.

The usual custom between CHW and HTW - work each others stations on the night each holds his station Christmas party, will hold true this year too. It's loads of fun doing it - hoping to catch yourself on the TT before signing CHW to a booking from HTW. And of course not to forget calling Flight 37 departing for HTW and CVG. Oh, well, we have many funny quips to remember, those of us who have traded. Then after the station closes we go to the party - it's truly a sleepy bunch to open up their own station the next day.

A new face at CHW airport is in EAL Communications. Eleanor Lemley Hager, formerly of PAI INT-C, now married to Mike Hager (CHW CAA employee) is Eastern's newest radio operator. Their other gal (I'm sure you all know Eleanor Crist) are both named Eleanor - so when a crew says Good Morning, Evening or Night, "Eleanor" on the radio, he's not kidding.

We hope to have pictures from our Christmas dinner dance, Dec. 21st for our next issue of the Piedmonitor.

Also new at Kanawha Airport is the appearance of Greyhound Rent-A-Car Service. Their counter is just across from our ticket counter. They took down the public pay telephones on the wall, and thus the new car rental service is in business. (More

pocket change for the airline agents on days off to drive cars back to CHW).

The Holiday Season is here
Ole' Santa's visit is near
Agents with pencil in hand and phone sets in place

To get passengers home - PAI sets the pace
Hoping the good weather will last
Ole' man weather, please wait till they're home before the wintery blast.

The skys all a-glow and hearts are light and gay
Waiting to see Christmas trees in colors array.

The Pacemakers engines roaring a good Christmas beat
The Pilot's steady hands knowing the schedule they'll meet.

And back in the hangars the mechanical crew knows

If all goes well, they'll be home in bed before the ole' rooster crows.

The executives work - PAI service they sold

Full passenger lists, own successful story is told

The dispatchers keeping each flight on its way

Not to forget SC "WHO" gets the seats - they have they say.

The work of these crews being very well done

The station agents work has really begun.
With shoes all polished and uniforms bright
They work on and on thru the glorious night.

And down the line I somehow know
There's the Station of CHW - I've seen it grow.

This coming April I'll begin my sixth year
To everyone I really feel quite near.

The agents I work with can't be beat,
They're hard working - agreeable - their appearance is neat.

There's Bill Cash, our Station Manager as well as friend

Ed Smoot to help you at all times, his back he will bend

Not to forget Paul Kelley ready to follow the trend.

John Comer has a smart and witty mind
Ronnie Abshire to one and all is kind.

Irene and Ann work the ticket counter with me

Frank Burns with clever cartoons to fill our hearts with glee.

There's Bill Hanson, a new father of a sweet baby girl

And don't forget Math Student Settle, his

mind in a whirl.

Jim Birthisel & Jospending their first Christmas as man and wife

Bill Scott driving his '58 Rambler - new light of his life.

Jim McCormick, a father to be
Says, "Please make it a boy for me."
And Jim McNeill whose last name I never can spell

Orville Larch, a new agent, whom we all like so well.

And last but no means least, Carl Lipscomb with a shy little way

Newest agent in CHW, we hope he will stay.

May the New Year have a lot in store
As the old year goes out with a roar.

I've grown to like all these people, you see

Together we've studied, we've worked, we've played so merrily.

So thank you for letting me render this poem - not so great

God Bless you all, not only on Christmas and New Years, but on every date.

CHARLOTTE . . .

. . . Al Shulley



Mr. P. P. Jones, Station Manager and Division Station Supervisor.

"Pete", as he is known by everyone, was born in Pennsylvania 31 years ago. Upon graduating from high school he entered the Air Force and completed his tour of duty in Germany as an aircraft engine mechanic. Discharged from the service and tiring from the "52-20" club, he entered Central Radio and Television School at Kansas City for training in Airline work. Completing the course in January 1948 he was hired by Piedmont and started his Airline career as a station agent at CVG February, 1948. Transferred to IMN in July 1949 as station manager, Pete remained there until June 1956 when he transferred to CLT as station manager and Division Station Supervisor of IMN-FAY - SOP -MYR -CLT -HKY-AVL

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