

## LEXINGTON . . .

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each member and to give recognition to the airline he represented.

Many compliments from all of the airlines were received and there is no doubt that we really have an airline we can be proud of.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the Interline Sales Conference of 1957 such a successful one.

## NORFOLK . . .

. . . R. H. Wylie

Newcomers to this station are Purser "Red" Stewart from INT and Purser trainee Johnny Johnson, former agent in RIC.

The City of Norfolk has started taking bids on the construction of two 180 foot wings which would extend from the present terminal building. They plan to start construction in January with a completion date of early 1959 being given.

The Aviation Club of Norfolk will hold a pre-Christmas dance on December 13 and everyone is invited. The charge is \$2.00 per couple.

Well, that's all from this end of the line, but before signing off, all of us here wish all of you on the system a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## RALEIGH-DURHAM . . .

. . . Jack Vann

New quarters for CAA Radio and the control tower are nearing completion and they expect to move into their offices on the second floor of the terminal building within three months.

## TRI-CITIES . . .

. . . Don Shonks

A record day was had by us on November 27, when we boarded 262 passengers. According to Don Edmondson, District Sales Manager. This is unofficial but as far as we can ascertain, it was the highest number of passengers boarded by any one PAI station for one day. If anyone else on the system has got us beat, please let us know.

I understand this was also a record day for the system. Congratulations are in order for PAI systemwide for their efforts to better themselves.

The deer of this area have had it made, so to speak, this year. We all sort of felt sorry for the poor deers when agents Sluder, Johnson, Pickel, Norris, Miller and Ward headed for the hills, but after a week of searching and hunting, then, with the exception of Miller, not even scratching a deer, we came to this conclusion - DEER ARE SMARTER THAN AGENTS. Dick Miller came the closest of all when he downed an albino deer in the hills of North Carolina. The brains here tell me that to get an albino deer is once in a lifetime chance and is quite a big honor. Dick shot the deer and it fell, but as he walked over to it, the deer received new energy and bolted off into the woods. Due to darkness he was unable to stay on the trail of the deer and was unable to pick up the trail the next morning. Statistics show that out of the thirty million deer in the states, there are approximately only thirty white albino deer, so you can see the honor in getting a completely white deer.

Hack Van Huss, a five year agent, was married on November 27 to a local beauty, the former Miss Elaine Carrier. All of us here wish Hack and his better half all the luck and success possible to newlyweds.

After months of studying and burning the midnight oil, John Owen and yours truly finally passed the commercial written exam. John has about five hundred hours of flying and is now getting ready for his commercial check ride. I have a lot fewer hours, but hope to make it some day.

By the time you read this we will have had our Christmas Party and headaches will have ceased. Plans at present are that it will be at the Frontier Club and we will have fried chicken. Sounds good, huh????? Will let you know the results.

Among our distinguished visitors this month was the lovely Miss Evelyn Fitzhugh of RIC; Ed Best, DSS from LYH, Rick Almond, SM from TYS; Messrs. Turbyville, McGee, Brown and Bradley from INT-E and many others. We certainly enjoy your visits and when you or yours come through TRI, we invite you in for a chat and a hand shake. Merry Christmas to all.

## BEECH SALES AWARD GIVEN TO PIEDMONT AVIATION

The Beech Aircraft Corporation in Wichita, Kansas has named Piedmont Aviation a winner of the highest distributor award for their outstanding performance in the sales of Beech Super 18 executive transports during 1957.

Mrs. O. A. Beech, President of the aircraft firm, presented a 21 inch color television set to Mrs. R. S. Northington, Vice President of Fixed Base Operations during ceremonies at the recent sales meeting at Wichita.

Piedmont is the Beech Aircraft distributor for North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

## T. H. DAVIS HONORED

President T. H. Davis has been elected to the board of directors of the Air Transport Association.

He was elected to the post during the annual meeting of the ATA at Washington, D. C. Mr. Davis has served on the ATA finance committee and is also a member of the ARINC board of directors.

## PAI MAKES NEWS IN READERS DIGEST

The following article appeared in a recent issue of the Readers Digest. The author, Mr. T. W. Hunter of Winston-Salem was \$100 richer for submitting his story about an incident that happened in his office. It was selected for "Life In These United States."

He wrote - "A young lady in our office turned to me in a state of high excitement, the telephone still at her ear, and shouted, "There must be an awful wreck at the airport - I'm calling PIEDMONT AIRLINES and all I get is a man praying." I grabbed the phone, listened a moment and then started to howl. New to our city, as well as in our office, she had, by scrambling the numbers gotten the Dial-A-Prayer-Service."

THIRTY: A nice age for a woman, especially if she is forty.

DREAM GIRL: One who can cause a fellow lots of insomnia.

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