

## BECKLEY

Bob Wilson

The magic word for the month of February of 1958 was SNOW and more SNOW. For 14 days the temperature stayed below zero and in that time snow of approximately 4 to five inches with drifts up to 3 to 5 ft. The road at the gate of the airport to the terminal building was closed and the only way to get here was by a make shift highway, and that wasn't easy.

A few of you must wonder what goes on when flights are not operating and the weather is bad. Well, the first thing is to wake up and see how much snow you have to dig out in order to get the old bus going, then comes the best part - trying to get the engine to turn over. This operation not only requires a good battery but a strong and sound mind as 50% of the time it doesn't work. Then, trying to get to the field and, if you don't know it - all airports in West Virginia are located on top of a mountain. This of course is no problem as you already have prepared yourself with the necessary tools, which include snow grip tires and chains, shovel, trunk full of sand with salt. After topping the mountain and letting the hitchhiker out (forgot to mention that is the other equipment you shanghi in order to get to the top). So, after that, the road is level and then the drifts come, and come and come.

You open the office and sign on CKT, with gloves on of course as the terminal building temperature is 30 degrees. After melting the ice in the coffee pot and having a cup of instant, the day starts.

During the month of February all equipment has been checked, the baggage cart given a couple of coats of paint, the office painted and all wood work cleaned. And that my fellow employees is what goes on when the weather is bad at Beckley, W. Va.

Bob Wilson's new home should be completed in the next couple of months and it is all electric - even the heat.

The terminal building at BKW is in the process of a re-paint job. The hangar is completed except for windows and the new VOR is on test and should be completed in the next three months.

The two local newspapers are giving the people in the area the daily flight progress on the flights for the winter operations - that is the flights that overfly due to weather, field conditions and non-revenue.

We now have AVIS U-Drive-It at the field as well as in town.

## CHARLESTON

Ruth Miller

CHW has had its share of bad snowy weather for this winter, although it certainly hasn't lowered the spirits of the regular party people. Bill Scott had a "going away" party in his home for Jim McNeill who transferred to INT Feb. 1. It was a surprise to Mac and from all indications a good time was had by all.

About twelve of us went bowling on Jan. 25 and although most of us had never bowled before, we had a "slamming" good time. High scores for the evening were made by Bill Scott, Jim McNeill and Bill Cash. Bill Hanson is a fine bowler and almost gets down on his knees when he lets go of the ball (says just praying that he'll get a strike or a spare). We girls did right well too.

Enjoyed a visit from Tom Cowen, CVG. We all were able to brush up on proper procedures and obtain answers to many of our questions on SIRP, NOSHOPenalties, etc.

Vacations are beginning and Frank Burns is next. We believe he plans to spend most of his time flying as he does on all his days off. He pilots for Kanawha Aviation Air Taxi Service and gets in a lot of hours... just can't stay away from the airport.

Always enjoy the NRSA visitors and especially those who come HOME for a visit with their families. Visits with many this month included Joe High, Jack Kelley, Russell Grass, all First Officers for PAI, and Evelyn Fitzhugh-RIC and Mrs. Jim Kendrick-PKB, visiting her aunt. (Just a note: if you haven't seen the Kendrick's little daughter, you have missed something. All the passengers comment on her. She's very friendly, and right after Christmas she traveled with her doll, and both doll and little girl are truly lovely.

CHW has many interested in sports. There are always discussions about the games be-

ing played: Baseball, football, basketball, just name the sport. Cash, Comer, and MacCormick will miss kidding McNeill about W. Va. greatness.....how happy they were he wasn't here to kid about the Duke-W. Va. basketball game. Every Tuesday evening after work, several of the boys go to South Charleston for a basketball workout with one of the local church teams. The Cash family, Bill and Edith, both play on the St. Albans PTA Men and Women's basketball teams.

We're all looking forward to spring and summer, and the coming F-27. It's true 1958 holds much in store for all.

## CHARLOTTE

A. J. Shulley

Charlotte does it again by breaking quota by 141, going over January a year ago by 100. This is a new record for any Jan. and if we keep up this pace, it looks like a busy year for all of us.

Sometimes being helpful can be embarrassing and there is nothing in the manuals to take care of the situation. Not long ago, a young lady at the counter was asked by a dutiful agent if he could be of any help. With a sheepish grin, she remarked, "No, thank you, I've already been helped" and turned away. It was then that he noticed that the stork would arrive most any day.

Another unusual experience was the case of a passenger, Mr. Ball, giving up his seat to an invalid standby passenger and in so doing delaying his own itinerary. It just proves that people can be most wonderful in an almost impossible situation.

Mother nature dealt us one from the bottom with the recent record snowfall. Plenty of fun for all, and Operation Snowdrift gave us all a lot of experience. We can now honestly sympathize with our brother agents in the mountains and northern stations.

## INTRODUCING CHARLOTTE STATION PERSONNEL

J. D. West was born in Monroe, N. C. in 1923 and after schooling in his hometown, went to N. C. State. Following this, he joined the Air Force in 1942 and after re-  
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