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Line's Busy

By DON BRITT

Greetings! This non-revver can join with the fare-payers in declaring that the "unusual" weather of the past few weeks has clobbered travel for me. However, I did manage to slip in a few trips.

Sherl Folger and Bob Lipscomb invited me up to the snow-covered Shenandoah Valley to attend a couple of interesting meetings. Sherl appeared on a Transportation Clinic panel at Staunton and did himself proud jousting with the railroad and bus company representatives.

Then, that evening we, along with SHD Station Manager Lipscomb, went to a meeting of the Verona Lion's Club where it was my privilege to give them a few thousand words under the general heading: Air Transportation. Then the snow came again! And we were forced into ground transportation home. Good trip, Bob and Sherl — in spite of the tons of snow and slush!

More recently I went to Hickory where, with HKY's Bill Isenberg, I called on many community leaders there. It appears as though, thanks to Bill and his station staff and in spite of the fact that many flights have been unable to land HKY this winter on account of weather, there is a fine spirit of cooperation between the HKY travelling public and Piedmont.

Folks there are most enthusiastic about the proposed new north-south routes through HKY if the CAB rules in favor of us. Truly HKY will then become an important "crossroads" for our system. Leaders in that area were top-notch witnesses for us during the Piedmont Area case hearings in Washington, for which we are grateful. Thanks to you personally, Bill Isenberg, for a good day!

After leaving HKY I grabbed 24 and rode east to New Bern where, with practically perfect weather, Dave Morrison and I dropped in on a number of EWN people. Among others we visited

Mayor Stallings, who at the moment is wearing at least three hats: mayor of New Bern, chairman of the airport commission, and candidate for the U. S. Congress seat vacated by New Bern's own Congressman Barden. Talk about busy!

Dave and I also ate some seafood and visited Barbour Boat Works, where we toured a brand-new ferry-boat getting make-ready for service on the coast this summer. I thought all ferry-boats were old or on their way out of service. 'Tain't necessarily so! Caught 395 and 27 home, and had a chance to speak briefly to Carolyn Repass and others at Raleigh-Durham between plane changes. My thanks to Dave Morrison and the gang at EWN for a fine, sunshine-y visit!

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An Open Letter To Piedmont Employees

The safety of flight crews and passengers is our responsibility as an airline. Since instruments are extremely important in aviation, especially for pilots who depend on them for nearly all their information, this places a terrific responsibility on us.

Whenever the word "instrument" is used, people immediately think of precision, cleanliness, dependability and accuracy. It is that reputation that those of us in aviation must retain, especially in the jet age.

Pilots flying jets as well as reciprocating type aircraft do not have time to cross reference instruments in their panel just to check for accuracy. The accuracy must be there. **Everyone concerned with the handling of instruments and other aircraft components must be aware that his job, regardless of how insignificant it may seem, becomes in the long chain of events important to the airworthiness of the aircraft.** Many lives and millions of dollars depend upon how thorough each man is in his particular job.



Capitol Comments

Durfee Likes History, Outdoors

By SHERL FOLGER

People in the airline industry know Jim Durfee as an able chairman. He is currently serving his fifth consecutive appointment as chairman. But what kind of man is he personally? Those who know him best say he is a humorous, jovial Irishman who dislikes interruption in his work. When interrupted he drops his Benjamin Franklin bifocals further down on his nose, takes a draw on his corn cob pipe and reluctantly turns to the new order of business.

Mr. Durfee is an extremely active outdoorsman. He enjoys long walks in his neighborhood around Westmoreland Hills, Md. When he has any lengthy leisure time he can usually be found in northern Wisconsin hunting, fishing and swimming at Congressional Country Club where he is a member. It is also understood by this writer that he cuts a mean figure on the dance floor.

History Hobby

Another of his hobbies, one which is highly interesting, is his comprehensive study of Abraham Lincoln and American history. Indication of this hobby is found in the picture of Lincoln which hangs in a prominent position on his office wall. He is currently a member of the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin. Mr. Durfee enjoys visiting the Civil War battlefields around the Washington area.

He is a devoted family man, living at home with his charming and lovely wife, Mona, and one son, John. He has another

son and a daughter who are married.

Everyone in the industry is saddened by the prospect of Jim Durfee's leaving the Civil Aeronautics Board. His nomination as an associate judge of the U. S. Court of Claims is currently awaiting confirmation by the Senate.

Marquette Graduate

James R. Durfee was born at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, November 3, 1897. He received his public school education at Huron, South Dakota. After military service



JIM DURFEE

... CAB Chairman ...

during the first World War, he attended Huron College and then graduated from Marquette Uni-

versity at Milwaukee with a bachelor of law degree.

Admitted to the bar in Wisconsin in 1926, he started his law practice in Antigo, Wisconsin. He was elected District Attorney of Langlade County for two terms (1928-32) and then returned to his private practice until 1951. During those years he served as president of the Langlade County Bar Association; in the Wisconsin State Bar Association as a member of its Board of Governors; a member of the State Committee on Judicial Selection; and chairman of the State Committee on Federal Legislation.

CAB Appointment

From 1951 until 1956 he served on the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. In 1956 he was appointed to the CAB by President Eisenhower. He was repeatedly named Chairman of the Board by the President for 1957, 1958, and 1959. His service as chairman is second longest among the twelve men who have occupied the post since the CAB was created in 1938.

Mr. Durfee served as State Commander of the American Legion in Wisconsin in 1943-44 and later on the National Executive Committee and National Legislative Commission of the Legion.

He was honored as Marquette University's Alumnus of the Year in June, 1957, and as the National Aviation Club's Man of the Month in February, 1958. He is a Republican. The Durfee's reside at Madison, Wisconsin, as well as in Maryland.



BLOCK TO BLOCK

With STAN BRUNT

The March 15 schedule change somewhat changed the personnel at some bases. Base bids are already in and complete, and it looks like **Darrell Gordon** is now living in Wilmington. **Johnny Broadstreet** is in Winston; **Tom**

Adams also returned to his former Winston base from Wilmington. **Bob Mann** has moved from Norfolk to Wilmington in the shake-up. This should hold everyone still for a couple of months anyway until the summer schedules come out. Possibly some more moving will occur then.

According to reports from Wilmington, **Tom Adams** before returning to Winston had a case of the flu. We are glad he left that with the boys in Wilmington because we had enough of it around Winston-Salem.

In previous Piedmonitors I have mentioned the bowling teams in DCA and, from information received from ILM, it appears that this bowling business is spreading around. **Ed Sullivan** is on vacation the last part of February and spent most of his time at a local bowling center practicing up. The Piedmont personnel at ILM have formed a bowling team and it has been said that most off-duty personnel can be found at the lanes. **Bob Courtney**, **Ed Sullivan**, and **Bill Dolan** especially.

While we are still on the subject of ILM people, there were rumors to the effect that **Bob Courtney** had transferred to ORF during February and some of March. I would like to use this column as a means of correcting this as Bob has not transferred to ORF, but spent nearly a half month in ORF due to all the lovely snow that visited Pied-

mont's system during February and March. While they were away a very unusual thing occurred at the Azalea Festival City — five inches of snow. That was quite a bit of snow for that area and it looks as if the Azalea Festival may be held this year without azaleas in bloom.

Washington is again in the sports news as PI employees are forming a softball team for this summer. **Dick Sorrells** and **Danny Lambert** are among the flight attendants who are out for the team. This means that those boys in DCA are real athletes. While all the softball and bowling teams are out playing around, **Jim Connor** is in a new business, selling pots and pans in his spare time. This bit of advertising will have a little fee attached to it, so if anyone is interested in pots and pans drop Jim a note. I am sure he will be glad to accommodate you. You know pots and pans are necessary.

Charters are still on the front page as there were quite a few during the latter part of February and the first of March. To mention a few, Piedmont was pretty well represented in New York at the NCAA Basketball Tournament in transporting the University of West Virginia and Duke University. Both West Virginia and Duke won at New York and were flown to CLT for the play-offs but both teams lost to New York University. We were

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