

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

(Piedmont Press Notes encountered a problem last month when there was more station news than space. Consequently items submitted by reporters at **FAY, PKB, GSO, CHO, BLF, CRW,** and **TRI** were not printed. Herewith, their news:)

**FAYETTEVILLE**—"We are proud to announce that we are among the stations receiving a free steak dinner," says **June Greer**. Manager **Bill Wooten** is back from vacation, she reports, ditto **Robert Jackson** and **Carl Bruden**. It's bowling time and the men are out there scrapping again. Operations Agent **Dwayne Jones** and spouse have been taking dancing lessons and have been "volunteered" to give a demonstration of their accomplishment at the next party.

**PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA**—Writes **Virg Flinn**: "PKB is getting ready for winter with a paint-up-fix-up month, all outside. Equipment is getting a fresh coat of Piedmont blue, waxing the old snow shovel and checking the tire chains. Our high intensity lights will be installed by the end of September. This will be a great help to winter operations. **Jim "Peachie" Kendrick** has returned to work after spending his vacation at his Atlanta plantation. Jim says he looks to the day when he can retire to Atlanta and just grow peaches. Those of you who like to hunt, don't forget the season's opening in W. Va. soon and there's lots of game in these hills. If you come up soon bring a paint brush — we can use some help."

**GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT**—**Don Tate** reports that things are once again looking a trifle normal since EAL resumed flights. "We have experienced almost a complete change-over of personnel here," he writes. "**Gene Shore** to **MBC**; **Richard Smith** to **DAN**; **C. R. Blackmon** to **LYH**; **Tom Crouch** promoted to Chief Agent at **GSO**; and **Lyle Cox** promoted to Chief Agent, a new position for our station. We have also welcomed new Agents in the persons of **Ray Lapairie**, **Bob Plummer**, **John Hanner** and **Ted Buchanan**. On September 2 we gratefully accepted our second steak dinner for increasing our boardings. All the Agents attending enjoyed it thoroughly with your reporter and **Ralph Cashatt** as usual eating everything in sight."



50 years of Piedmont service are represented by these Roanoke Agents, seen receiving their 10 Year pins from President T. H. Davis. Sporting the new emblems are (left to right) **W. R. Taylor**, **Bob Stepp**, **James Wilson**, **Bessie Zerbee**, and **Virginia Price**.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE**—Reports on new employees, transfers and vacations comprise this month's news from **CHO** via **Libby Reed**. **Don Pierce** has joined the staff and readily made a place for himself. **Leonard Martin** is missed after transferring to **ATL**. Manager **Dick Mahn** and family vacationed in **ILM**; the **Warren Foster** family in **Kansas City** and **Albuquerque**; **Al Norvelle** in **Lovington**; and **Howard Tail** in **Virginia Beach**. **Tommy Durrer** and his wife are expecting a visit from the stork in late autumn.

**BLUEFIELD**—Reporter **Joe Robertson** interrupts his preparations for ole man winter long enough to send the following: "Vacations are still in full swing—**Ted Farrington** and family just returned from **Florida** and **Woody Woodruff** headed north. A big welcome extends to our two new Agents, **Sonny Bennett** and **Gene Elmore**, both local area residents. We're proud of our other local personnel with Piedmont — **Dottie Elmore** and **Ella Shaffer** as Stewardesses, **Marie Leedy** as an Agent in **TYS**, and **Howard Thompson** as copilot. We want to express our sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Marion Wall** who passed away August 28. I'm sure many of you read her famous "Sky Lines" columns in the local papers. **Mrs. Wall** contributed more than any other individual to the building and expansion of the **Mercer County Airport** and we feel sure there will never be another individual so devoted and interested in aviation in this vicinity."

**CHARLESTON**—Record boardings have been made lately, with **CRW** in August missing 3,000 by just 90 passengers. **Ruth Shumate** says if 628 had gone to **BLF** and they'd had fewer mechanicals they just might have hit the magic mark. **Irene Kiser** spent her vacation lolling in **Florida**, and **Elinor** and **Bill Grubbs** took a brief trip to **BLF** for a steak dinner. Best get well wishes go to **Ronald Abshire** who's been showing up on the sick list lately.

**TRI-CITIES**—These musings come from **Ray Norris**: "It would be easier to write station news if something spectacular happened. We have all the everyday things. For instance: **Hugh Sluder's** appetite for four



pieces of pie after a full-course meal; **Don Woods** working hard in his office; **A. L. Brown** trying to drum up trade; **Howard Galloway** not getting his fuel report from the hangar on time; **Jennie Fincher** physically but not mentally back from vacation; **Brad Moody** keeping the bowling team going; **Charlie Morrison** killing off the squirrel population; and **Paul Puckett** typing passenger schedules. These are not very outstanding things but it does make work at **TRI** real interesting. Come by and see for yourself."

**COLUMBUS**—**Bert Carlos** sent in his last article for a while as he marches off to spend six months with his Uncle Sam. **CMH** got their steak feed October 13 at a new restaurant in town. **Bill Cash** spent his recent vacation at home, much to the delight of his family. A welcome is extended new Agent **Keith Douglas**, who came to Piedmont after working in **CMH** with **Eastern**.

**LYNCHBURG**—The station has reached 100 per cent in the United Fund drive, according to **Frank Reynolds**. The **ATL** personnel should be commended, says **Frank**, for the help and cooperation they extended those attending the airline ball where everyone had quite a blast. The new **LYH** tower is nearly finished and should be ready by December. The station has passed air mail and express boardings figures for the past year with air freight close behind. Congratulations are due the **C. R. Blackmon** family since the doctor says **C. R.** should be a pop for the second time when this goes to press. Get well wishes go to **Joan**, wife of **Levy Heath**, home after recent surgery.

**BALTIMORE**—Writes **Gary Schuman**: "From the number of get well cards and wishes received, I'd say everyone on the **PAI** system is rooting for a fast recovery for Agent **Robert Gilley**, who was injured in a ramp accident October 3. We wish to thank all of you for your kindness. **Bob** is doing very well and we expect him back on the job sometime in December. **Don Shanks** had a recent surprise party and present were all the **BAL** gang plus **Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clark** from **DCA**. A Piedmont Employees Club is being formed here with election of officers to be held at the next station meeting."

**DANVILLE**—Congratulations to **Linda** and **Jerry Cox**, proud parents of a boy born October 8. **DAN** is now handling Eastern business, and two former **EAL** employees, **Joe Burton** and **Leon Jayne**, have joined the group. "We enjoyed our steak dinner last month," writes **Bob Price**, "and we are looking forward to our next one. Our new terminal was dedicated this month and was described as one of the finest in Virginia. We again went over our quota for boardings this month, and expect to do the same in the months to come."

**LOUISVILLE**—Reporter **Howard Hughes** does the honors and brings everyone up to date on **SDF**: "The stork has left another bouncing bundle at **Mechanic Earl Tompkins'** house, and is scheduled soon to return to Agent **Mack Moore's** house. From there he will make his first visit to **Carol** and **Paul Masterson**. Agent **Bob Gilbert** and family are back home in **Indiana** on vacation. Our summer picnic was a huge success, thanks to **LEX**. They came over and worked for us while we all had a grand time. Our food was so good, thanks to all the ladies, that we didn't have enough left to offer the **LEX** Agents a sandwich. We hear **Mr. Turbiville** would love to have a spaghetti dinner. Now we won't feel badly when he comes to **SDF**. We're so poor we'd be doing a big trick to pull that off!"

**SHENANDOAH**—Several records have been set of late at **SHD**. They have set a record for total boardings in one calendar year as of October 1, and exceeded the air mail record by 3,000 pounds and the air express by 7,000 pounds. **Doelph Pitcock** reports the Piedmont Bowling Team is leading the league and is headed toward the Championship. Correspondent **Roger Greenlaw** notes recent visitors **Pete Ginter** of **Lufthansa**, and **Ed Best**, **Les Watson**, and **Mitch Everhart**. And he says if all goes well the outer marker should be completed by the end of November.

**KNOXVILLE**—Two employees have been added at **TYS**. **Marie Leedy**, new to Piedmont, and **W. D. Mer-**

**cer**, a transfer from **ATL**. **Sam Vance** and **Norman Miller** were presented their Ten Year Pins by President **T. H. Davis**, reports **Carl Simpson**. Stewardess **Eberle Smith** is now recuperating after an accident injuring her eye. The airport expansion project has been completed with **TYS Mayor John Duncan** cutting the ribbon to dedicate the improvements. Manager **Ted Arnold** and **Carl Simpson** are making a good will trip to **LOZ** so **Roy Caldwell** and **Jim Minnix** can attend their steak dinner. **F/O Gene Sharp** has completed training and is now on regular trips, and **Bob Connor**, formerly with **EAL**, has joined Piedmont ranks with Maintenance.

**ATLANTA-O**—"We have added a new position to our operations here," writes **Tommy Young**. "Due to the work load on the supervisors we now have an acting Lead Agent. His job, when neither of the regular supervisors is on duty, is to give us supervisory coverage at all times. He is **Norman Hase**, who came to us from **NW**. Our blessings go to him and brother, he'll need them. I don't know where all the upline stations get all the air mail, freight, express, etc., but if you could see some of the flights you'd think it was a mule train for sure. With the October 28 schedule it looks as if we'll have to rent a stacker for our aircraft here. We hope to continue then as well as we've done before. Just squeeze in. Our Great White Father here is still kicking in case anyone is wondering. We really put him through the mill sometimes. 'He good boy...'"

**NEWPORT NEWS**—New office space at **PHF** is almost finished, complete with new reservations table and headsets. Agents from **ORF** were over October 17 to sub while the crew enjoyed steak. At the **ATL** airline ball, reports **Fred Smith**, were Manager **Doug Guin** and Agent **Henry Poole**. **Doug** took a vacation and after **ATL** visited relatives in **Shreveport, La.**

**RICHMOND**—Vacations are about over, says **Marie Prillaman**, with **Gene Jarvis** the only one lucky enough to visit the Seattle World's Fair. **Jerry Barger** took his holiday in the Carolinas. **Mr. and Mrs. Bob Query** became the parents of a girl in September. Recent visiting celebrities in **RIC** include **Danny Thomas**, **Raymond Burr**, **Robert Cummings**, **Ray Charles**, and **Pearl Bailey's** dog.

**COLUMBIA**—The following comes via **CAE** correspondent **Ashlyn Hammett**: "All of the Agents here are very happy for **Flo** and **Herman Merritt** who have a new baby boy. Recent vacations include Manager **Bill O'Bryan** who visited **Richmond**, and Lead Agent **Johnny Lawrence** who went to **BLF**. We're all proud of the display **Joe Frick** has in the **Belk's** Department store window for the Piedmont/**TWA** window display contest. **Joe's** providing stiff competition for other entries and we're all rooting for him. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Bob Gilley** of **BAL**."

**ATLANTA-R**—**Peg Pequignot** says their biggest news item was the annual airline ball held October 6. Over 1200 airline employees attended with Piedmont represented by 75 people from all over the system. **Bill Robertson**, **ATL-O**, won a trip to **Bangkok** or **London**, whichever he chooses. Vacations are underway in the reservations department. **Louise Ramsey** spent two weeks in **N. C.**; **Bob Walls** and family went to **SDF**; **Robert Talley** spent his vacation moving to his new home; and **Iona Carr** took two weeks of just plain "R and R." **W. D. Mercer** has transferred from **ATL** to **TYS** and all the staff send him best wishes.

**ASHEVILLE**—"A man chases a girl until she catches him," writes **Naomi McGuinn**, "and 'tis true. Res. Agent **Joyce London** did just that with **Julian Putney**, and they were married October 5. A grand time was had at the **ATL** ball, especially by **Jane Kienker** and yours truly. Our Manager **Jack Gwennap** had a few days of vacation recently. We found out he was only resting up for the dilly of a station meeting we had afterwards."



Oversold by 4,660 — What a load factor on this flight! Sightseers lined up several deep at the open house in **Baltimore** held during the **Skyshield** military exercise. Piedmont's 404 proved a popular exhibit with the line of prospective viewers at times extending 200 feet from the gate entrance.

**PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA**—**Virg Flinn** reports: "We wish **Bob Gilley** a speedy recovery and hope he is soon back at work. The station meeting this month was held at the airport with a theme of ramp safety and better passenger service. Our thanks to **Mrs. Dotson** for very fine pie served afterwards. Wedding bells will soon be ringing with bachelor **Charlie Hall** planning a late November wedding. No facts and figures yet but from the sore backs it looks like the best month in air freight yet."