

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

**NORFOLK** — The ground hog didn't see his shadow around ORF on February 2, reports **Bob Wylie**, with the weather there being so foggy lately you can't see anything very clearly. Congratulations are extended to F/O **John Best** and former Stewardess **Eberly Smith**, who were married the first of the year. ORF's bowling team is still in first place, says Bob, but is holding forth by a slim one-game margin. A recent holiday-er was **Larry Redden**, who spent several days in the Sunshine State. A future date to keep in mind — Norfolk's International Azalia Festival in April.

**CHARLOTTE-F** — "CLT has had another wedding," writes **Johnny Newell**. "**Bobbie Rippey** married Eastern Agent **Ray Holston** on January 26. They spent their honeymoon in Paris and had a wonderful time. Another "tripping around" is **Blanche Kuhlhoff** who is spending her holidays with her son and granddaughter in Madison, Wis. Look for an announcement from **Bill Dunlap** and **Salem Beamer** for spring. Our training program in CLT is off to a wonderful start, having had our last session in the training room at the airport. We are delighted with the new schedules for March, and are looking forward to the two F-27's back here and the new trip to CMH. **Jean Winslow** and **Madge Lanier** came back from Paris via Air France in great style. Soon the NRSA season will be upon us and we'll be looking for you all."

**AUGUSTA** — Manager **Dave Smith** has been experiencing those "moving headaches," but since he's now in his new home maybe they'll be over soon. Chief Agent **Jack Cluck** has started plans for his spring planting — apple trees and rose bushes. **Liberace** recently rode Flight 65 to ATL and had 931 pounds of excess. Anyone top this? A special event coming on the AGS scene — the Master's Tournament beginning March 31.

**RALEIGH-DURHAM** — This communique comes from **J. P. Wheeler**: "Old 40V looked mighty nice and shiny as it pulled up to the ramp here on the last scheduled DC-3 flight. It was good to have **Mr. Davis** and his group passing through that day. **Chester Nutt**, our Division Station Supervisor, found himself in a strange predicament a few days ago. While he was venturing out to visit his newly-acquired stations in the northern division, RDU had seven inches of snow and his trip was prolonged due to weather conditions in the "sunny" south. **Gene Shaw's** proposed Las Vegas trip was postponed due to a change in our dates for compensating days. However, **Dale Dean** got his as scheduled and he and Mrs. Dean took off for the West Coast. We were all saddened by the death of **Maurice Sinclair's** father. **Maurice** left Piedmont March 15 to take over his father's motel and restaurant business. Any Piedmont employee in need of food and lodging at Yaupon Beach, N. C., be sure to stop at the Coastal Motel and Restaurant and the red carpet will be rolled out."

**SHENANDOAH** — SHD boardings saw a high for February this time, due in part to new snow removal equipment and fewer idle days due to weather. (Ed. note—the boarding record mentioned for SHD last issue was for the month of January only, not for the year). **Roger Greenlaw** writes that **Buddy Robinson** is back from his tour of Germany and says it was a wonderful experience. Chief Agent **Jim Dallas** and his family have Air France passes and plan to visit Paris this summer. Agents **Guy Rawley** and **Doelph Pitcock** passed the five-year mark last month and are looking forward to their pins. This gives SHD an overall experience average of better than seven years per man.

**CHARLESTON** — "The change in flight schedules and a slight letup in bad weather helped CRW start the month of March out with a bang," writes **Ruth Shumate**. "Selling has been spirited by new papa **Bill Grubbs**. Mother **Elinor** had a girl, **Tammie Lynne**, weighing seven pounds, two ounces. The last flight of our faithful lady was met by all sorts of VIP's from CRW and the area. Never has any such event had so much good publicity. A special passenger out of CRW to HTS this month was **Miss Laura Young**, **Miss October** of Playboy Magazine. She arrived from CLE to board Piedmont — bunny suit and all. Our steak dinner will be held May 14. Special to this day too is the fact that it will be the 15th anniversary of service into CRW. Enjoyed visiting with **Irene Blake** who was enroute to NYC on an EAL plane that had a mechanical. It was one of our very busy evenings, and **Irene** came to the rescue and worked a few messages and answered some phones."

**WASHINGTON-CTO** — Much happiness goes to our DCA-CTO reporter, who has recently changed from **Miss Sauser** to **Mrs. Peggy Edmondson**. **Peggy** writes that DCA seems to be a place of promotions

and transfers lately. **Bob Sudderth** is off to TRI as Sales Rep., **Jeannie Dial** has left for ROA, and **F. L. Burner** has transferred to ILM as Lead Radio Man. Get well wishes go to **Duane Carpenter** who recently had a stay in the hospital. Washington is proud of its recent on-time record of 72 per cent for the month of February.

**BLUEFIELD** — Reporter **Joe Robertson** took the week of the 15th to battle with the struggles of moving into his new house. Other vacationers include **Adron Woodruff**, who drove to Tampa in his new "U-2" and then flew to Los Angeles and back. **R. B. Bennett** took off to Tampa also to join relatives there. The BLF crew is quite proud of their new Class A station and invite everyone up to see them and their "air-conditioned city." With the spring travel season coming up they're looking to meet 1000 passengers a month.

**PULASKI** — Manager **Milt Ward** has rid himself of his dying Chrysler and replaced it with a new Rambler, reports **Glen Shanks**. **Glenn Walters** and **Ronnie Price** are back from their vacations. Both dreamed of far-away places but neither made it out of town. The wife of Agent **Dan Love** has returned from the hospital after undergoing an operation and is doing fine. **Glen Shanks** is still looking for a three-bedroom house to buy or rent and has a two-bedroom mobile home for sale. **PSK** saw a nice turnout for the last DC-3 flight and some good publicity from it.

**MYRTLE BEACH** — This news comes from our MBC reporter **Gene Shore**: "Everyone is down in the dumps over the February passenger boardings. We only boarded 159, which is really low we think. With beach season around the corner we are hoping to get our boardings up and are planning on records breaking this summer. With all the new motels, hotels, restaurants, and amusement attractions, we don't think anyone could find a more pleasant spot for vacation or weekend trips. For beach lovers MBC is the spot. The entire Grand Strand should be in swing by Easter weekend. We'd like to welcome new Agent **Wayne West**. He is a local boy and says he's proud to be in the Piedmont family."

**PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA** — The last flight of "Peggy Pacemaker" was celebrated with the presence of five Mayors from the five local cities served by Piedmont, says **Virg Flinn**. There were approximately 100 people at Wood County Airport for the event, plus many dignitaries from area businesses and Chambers of Commerce. The station crew is now in the process of celebrating their eighth year of service to PKB with a window display at a Parkersburg bank. Agent **M. L. Oxley** is transferring to AVL. His strong arm will be missed at PKB but all feel "Big Mo" will be of much use at Asheville.

**LYNCHBURG** — "The new tower at LYH is finally complete and in full operation," reports **Frank Reynolds**. "The old tower and terminal building are being destroyed. We here at LYH feel we have another record which will go unbroken for some time—that of moving 8800 pounds of cargo in a 24-hour period. It really took some doing, as all flights had to be reworked to accommodate on-going loads. Another record we're bragging about is a four-minute fuel stop for an F-27, which with all due respect we feel will go unbroken. Speaking of records, this northern district will certainly have its fill of beef if we can continue winning incentive award dinners. Just about everyone in this district won on the last round. We are glad to see **C. R. Blackmon** back at work after being out for a couple of weeks with back trouble. We'd like to welcome **Larry Fuda** to our staff. **Larry** was formerly with Alleghany. And another bit of good news — by the time this reaches the press, Manager **Ed Best** should be a proud papa."

**RICHMOND** — **Marie Prillaman** writes: "Anyone have any ramp equipment that needs painting? **RIC** does a real nice job, according to **Mr. Turbiville**. He should know. He stood back and watched the Agents here paint and repair two — yes, two — Hobart units, knowing all along we were to keep only one unit! Our office remodeling has been completed and looks good. Seems everyone here has buying fever. **Don MacPherson** and **Jim Thompson** are owners of new homes, and **Pete Grey**, **Gene Jarvis**, and **Bob Bullock** have new cars. Vacationers include **Don MacPherson**, who went to Florida and battled seven tornadoes; **Addie May Lammey**, who's off for Saranac Lake, N. Y.; plus **Bob Bullock**, **Ken Edwards**, **Tom Farmer**, and **Pete Grey**."

**ASHEVILLE** — Speed fans **Eddie Gabriel** and **John Queen** were off to the races at Daytona recently, reports **Naomi McGuinn**. Washington holiday-ers in-

clude **Parm Johnson** and his wife who had a reunion with his father after many years, and **Howard Meece** and his family. **Evon Whitacre** and husband **Bill** are making hasty preparations for a trip to Europe via Lufthansa. Manager **Jack Gwennap** has dropped a vice, says **Naomi**. He's smoking less and enjoying it less, and is now eating more and enjoying it more. Since he can't seem to grow taller, he's trying to get wider.

**CHARLOTTEVILLE** — A warm welcome is extended to new reporter **Don Pierce**, who writes that by exceeding their quota by ten per cent or more during the past six months, another steak dinner is in the making for CHO. For February they exceeded quota by 200 passengers, an excellent start on the current period. **Lance Anderson** is congratulated for his completion of two courses in first aid, making him a qualified instructor. Because of his work he's been voted into the local Rescue Squad, quite an honor. Deepest sympathy is extended to Manager **Dick Mahn** and his family on the loss of **Dick's** father February 10.

**HICKORY** — Reports **Fred Classey**: "Hickory welcomed a special guest recently. **Cleta Covington** paid a brief visit to interview **HYK** personnel and photograph those Agents on duty at the time. Those not on duty were interviewed by telephone. For the interview the question asked was 'What do you think has been the greatest milestone in Piedmont's history?' **Tom Pennell** recently sold his house in Lenoir and moved to Hickory where he is now much closer to work. **HKY** was 26.34 per cent over passengers boardings for the last six months of 1962 as compared to the same period in 1961. All of us here hope we can top that for the first six months of this year."

**CINCINNATI-F** — Our CVG reporting duo, **Elaine Sturr** and **Bob Steppe**, send congratulations to **Stan Gartner** who is now the very happy father of a baby girl. The Piedmont Employees Club there recently held their annual election and steak dinner and designated the following as officers: President, **Jim Vilella**; Vice President, **Rose Ann O'Hara**; Secretary, **Jan Tuemler**; and Treasurer, **Bob Steppe**. **Steppe**, incidentally, on February 19 bowled a 644 series. Holidays are the topic at CVG, with **Steppe** and **Al Anness** going to Florida, **Villella** going home, **Charlene Seaver** journeying to Iowa, and **Elaine Sturr** off to New York.

**ROCKY MOUNT** — **Frank Slone** says "hats off" to the local high school basketball team for winning the Class 4-A championship. The school also won the football 4-A honors, so it's a champion all around. **Slone** had a hand in the win, since he has been coaching the local city recreation department basketball team, which finished first in regular season play. **Joan**, the wife of Agent **E. B. "Bo" Fields**, gave birth to a seven pound, five ounce girl March 10. They're both fine, and even the father is expected to survive. **RMT's** special dinner was planned for March 13, with everyone looking forward to it.

**COLUMBIA** — "We regret to say the March 1 schedule change meant a reduction in personnel," writes **Flo Merritt**, "and **Ashlyn Hammett** and **Bill Taylor** will soon be rendering their service for Piedmont in FLO. Recent holiday goers have been basking in the Florida sun with **Flo Merritt** and son in Clearwater and **Joe Frick** in Ocala. Manager **Bill O'Bryan** and his family returned recently from ROA. **Barry Hurley** and his family are getting settled in a new home. Belated congratulations to Agent **Gary Callicoat** and his wife **Kirsten** on the arrival of their daughter, **Whitney Lynn**, November 17, 1962. Construction has finally begun on the lengthening of runways for the long-awaited new airport."

**ATLANTA-O** — There's a new arrival at ATL in the person of Agent **D. A. Wilson**, who transferred there the first of March from CMH. **K. W. Dennis** has returned from his holiday repayment and advises that his wife is glad to see him back and out of the house. **ATL-O** has taken on DCA-O, says correspondent **Tommy Young**, in an on-time departure race. This is to see which station can have the least ramp delays on all flights during April. Sounds like a good contest!

**ATLANTA-R** — This communique comes from **Peg Pequignot**: "Vacations and transfers are the two biggest news items this month. **Louise Ramsey** was the lucky recipient of a five-day trip to Rome, compliments of TWA. **Carol Watts** journeyed to gay Paree on the Air France interline weekend tour. **Leonard Martin** has been getting up unusually early recently to give those new golf clubs a workout. We have two new Agents in reservations. **Bernie Blair** has transferred from ATL-O, and we welcome **Levy Heath** who has transferred from LYH. **Iona Carr** is returning to ROA and yours truly is going back to CVG-C. We exceeded quota again in February. We boarded 3619—219 over quota. We're working hard for a steak dinner sometime soon. Sincere sympathy is extended Agent **Mack Culp** on the recent loss of his father."