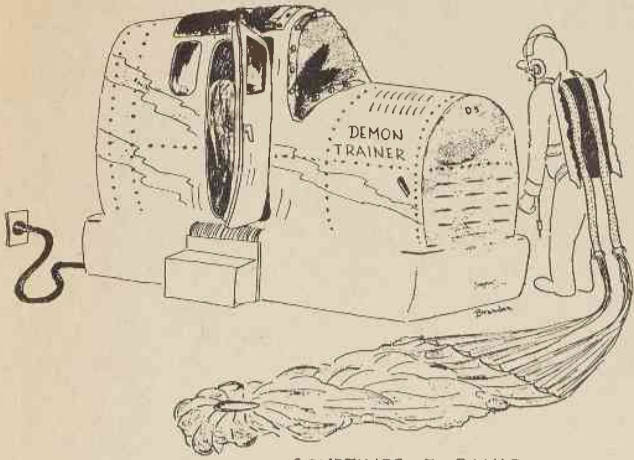


# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES



SOMETIMES I PANIC...

**DANVILLE**—DAN had a fine boardings party, says **Bill Pearman**, with visitors in the persons of **Andy Foster**, **Ken Ross**, "Turby," **Bill Clark**, and **Bob Reed**. Everyone had a great time, with much appreciation to **Lyle Cox** from GSO who helped out so all DAN employees could attend the dinner. **Lee Jayne** and **Jerry Cox** are going a-jettin' on UAL to San Francisco. **Joe Burton** has accepted a position with the U. S. Agriculture Department and best wishes are extended to him in his new job. **Joe** was a former Eastern employee and had been with Piedmont since the strike ended.

**COLUMBIA** — The scent of orange blossoms is in the air according to **Flo Merritt** due to the recent announcement of the engagement of Stewardess **Juanita Zimmerman** to **Joe Frick**. Final details are being completed, says **Flo**, on an all-out training program covering all phases of Piedmont operations. "A good example of 'operation-cooperation' can be cited from a situation that arose here recently," she continues. "U. S. Senator **Strom Thurmond** left the suit he planned to wear on a speaking engagement on the carry-on rack on Flight 67/28. When he contacted us the following morning, in hopes we could get it back to him as soon as possible, it was discovered the suit had already been forwarded to INT-LF. In vain, special efforts were made at CLT by **Johnny Newell** and **Gene Walsh** to make a six-minute connection with EAL to CAE. That plan having failed, the suit was sent via UAL to RDU and forwarded on EAL to CAE. A little over five hours after contacting us, Sen. **Thurmond** received his suit from Manager **Bill O'Bryan**. Special thanks also go to **Bruce Parrish** in ATL and **Bob Turbiville** in RDU for their help in making this an excellent example of company and interline cooperation."

**BALTIMORE** — **George Scherer** is subbing this month for vacationing **Bob Gilley**. **George** is having a rough time of it, to wit: "Thumbody stole the eth out of our typewriter, but thith will not thtop uth from thending our newth. On the firth of the month Piedmont at BAL hotthd the Lawrenth Welk Band from BAL to CLT. We muthd admit they were the fineth looking group of traveling muthitionth we have ever threen. While in BAL they broke the attendance record at the new Civic Center with over fourteen thousand fanth. **Will Blackmon** payed a vithon on the ninth, and we are alwath glad to thee **Will**. He buyth the coffee tho willingly. We thertainly hope everyone had a happy Eathter, and if anyone hath an old eth lying around, pleathe thend it firth available to Baltimore. Thure with I could find the perthon who thtole the eth . . ."

**RALEIGH-DURHAM** — Things have really been hopping at RDU, with **Duke** participating in the NCAA playoffs and all the college students in the area going home for spring holidays. **Hubert Waller** transferred to RDU from ISO, and found the pace a bit hectic. Reporter **J. P. Wheeler** quotes **Hubert** as saying, "I'm used to working at a hardware store. When a customer came in, he waited till you had time to come to him. It sure is different here!" **Gene Shaw** finally made his trip to Las Vegas, and a few days after his return he was digging in the files for a Credit Union application. **Jack Bullock** spent most of his holidays in Florida visiting his mother. **Tom Finney** and his wife spent a few days in their hometown of North Wilkesboro, N. C., then visited **Williamsburg, Va.** **J. P. Wheeler** spent his vacation differently by staying right at home with his steady companion, "ye olde paint brush."

**SHENANDOAH** — **Roger Greenlaw** writes: "March 20 SHD enjoyed its second station party in three months after boarding 41 per cent more passengers during the last six months of 1962 over the second six months of 1961. On hand from INT were **Ken Ross**, "Turby," **Bob Reed**, **Bill Clark**, and **Tom Cowen**, and from LYH, **Ed Best**. SHD broke all boarding records last month with 1178. This makes three straight monthly records broken this year and the 1178 tops all boardings since SHD opened in early 1960. We're wondering, by the way, if **Liberace** had his piano with him at AGS with that 931 lbs. of excess baggage. On March 22, SHD got ex. sec. 1784 in and out in four

minutes. In the process, 40 passengers and 73 pieces of luggage were boarded. (A record maybe?) Agent **Buddy Robinson** is riding in style these days in his new convertible, and yours truly and wife are building a new home and should be in by the first of June."

**CHARLOTTE-F** — Gadabouts **Jean Winslow** and **Madge Lanier** report their trip to Paris was fabulous, despite the lateness of spring. CLT was a very happy station to go over quota by more than 160. It was the best month in some time. The staffers say they'll be in there pitching in the UAL contest, as Hawaii should be the very best place for a summer vacation. Deepest sympathy is extended to **Blanche Kuhlhoff** on the death of her husband, and to **Barbara Rippy Holston** on the death of her mother.

**ATLANTA-O** — After a long and hectic winter, Chief Agent **J. R. Comer** is going on his holidays the middle of April, shortly after Agent **K. R. Duckett** takes his time off. Reporter **Tommy Young** welcomes new Agent, **Tommy Townsend**, who started the last of March. After a station meeting April 6, says **Young**, everyone feels considerably more well-informed. DCA-O and ATL-O have a hot contest going between them during April. The station having the most delays at the ramp is the loser. ATL will be in there fighting for the winner's slot.

**TRI-CITIES** — **Ray Norris** catches us up on TRI's latest news via the following: "By the time you read this little article all the folks at TRI will have had a big, juicy steak and all the trimmings. This steak deal is worth working for! We sure hope your station wasn't affected with the flu epidemic like ours. Everyone was out at one time or another but we managed to keep the birds flying. Holiday time is almost over at TRI now. I'm not sure what everyone did as some are afraid to confide in me, but here goes. **Jerri Cox** and **Jerry Boyer** went to Florida—separately, I might add. **Bill Johnson**, **Charlie Morrison**, **Leroy Pickel**, and **Ray Williams** all took a turn at spring fishing. **Hugh Sluder** took it easy, as always. **Roy Merryman**, **Pat Bailey**, **Howard Galloway**, **Gerald Baskett**, and **Bob Crumley** stayed at home. Bet their wives were glad to see them come back to work. We were, I know. **Helen Hopson**, **Jennie Fincher**, **Carolyn Pearson** and **Jane Day** didn't tell me what they did. Maybe they were afraid I'd print it! **David Lyle** stayed at home and beat rugs, and **Paul Puckett** tried to sell one of his two houses. **Brad Moody** is planning a trip to California soon, and I believe he's going to look up **Wyatt Earp** and challenge him to a gunfight. Sure hope **Jimmie Pickel** doesn't drown in one of those public bathhouses in Japan. By the way, if you get the chance, come on by TRI. We would very much like for you to buy us a cup of coffee. All visitors buy us coffee, right, Turby?"

**CHARLOTTESVILLE** — "Congratulations go out to **Ken Lucas** and family on the expected arrival of the stork May 1," writes **Don Pierce**. "They had a wonderful shower recently and they're really on their way. **H. K. Trail** recently spent a few days with his parents in West Virginia and also made a trip to INT to get acquainted with Piedmont operations. Since the arrival of **Tommy Durrer's** little daughter, there have been a few mornings that he's looked a little sleepy-eyed, but I think he's working into the routine. **Dick Mahn's** coming down with the mumps has put a scare into several of the Agents here including yours truly. If we request help, you'll know why!"

**PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA** — A farewell party was given **Merriell Oxley** at **Vize Dotson's** house, writes **Virg Flinn**, complete with a cake in Piedmont colors and inscribed "Good Luck and Best Wishes to Mo." He was presented a case for his camera and supplies. PKB visitors for the month past include **Ken Ross**, **Will Blackmon**, **Bill Clark**, and **Ed Best**. **Virg** calls on all fishermen to come up as the big Ohio is full of nice ones and they seem to be biting.

**ATLANTA-R** — Atlanta has really seen celebrities during the past month, and the Masters in AGS brought many famous golfers to the ticket counter. **Bernie Blair** says many Agents got to work with, and got a look at **Palmer** and many other players. **Ferrante** and **Teicher**, the stars of "Car 54, Where Are You?", and **Miss USA** all flew to ILM for the Azalea Festival. The going-away party for **Iona Carr** and **Peg Pequinot** was great. They'll be missed, and ATL's loss will be the gain of ROA and CVG. Coming from TPA is **Ann Haskins** as a new Agent.

**CHARLESTON** — A steak dinner is all planned by staffers for May 14, writes **Ruth Shumate**. She continues: "Celebrities traveling through CRW for the month included **Dave Tork**, champion pole vaulter, whose equipment presented quite a problem in loading on the flight. **Emmett Kelly, Jr.**, son of the famous clown, and quite a showman himself, rode Flight 635, sat right up front, hobo suit and all, and hammered a nail in his shoe during a brief stop-over in CRW. Returning vacationers include the **Phil Bostics** who visited relatives in Hawaii. Plans are well underway for the christening of the West Virginia Centennial

airplane April 28. Well-known statesmen will be present, and we are looking for a day of sunshine. Effective June 15 we lose another reservations office to a central office. American reservations will move to CVG. We are well acquainted with all the Agents and we'll certainly miss them. The local Elks Club chartered a flight for April 20 from CRW to FWA and return, for the national bowling league."

**KNOXVILLE** — This word comes from reporter **David Anderson**: "Several TYS employees are still in the process of recuperating from a bout with the flu. **Sam Vance** was out sick a week with the 'bug' while Manager **Ted Arnold** and Agent **Carl Simpson** each missed a couple of days. Agent **Albert Duckett** seems to have timed his vacation at exactly the right time. Trout season opens the very day **Albert** starts his holidays! Many new faces are being seen around TYS these days. **Mary Robbins** and **Judy Canaday** have joined the Stewardess staff here while **Marlene Robinson** is our new Res. Agent. **Don Patterson** began work in the maintenance department, joining **Bob Klempt** and crew. The golf bug has really hit hard in TYS. Everytime **Capt. Roy Brown** and **F/O Derald Stovall** come to the field for a flight, the only thing they carry is a golf bag. Must be real work for these boys!"

**LOUISVILLE** — SDF followed the current trend and had a fine steak dinner recently, with all the staff present. Love is in full bloom there with the marriage of Agent **Ron Shanks** to **Dottie Hooten**. A bachelor party was given for **Ron** and he was given a silver knife so, according to **Howard Hughes**, "if the going gets too rough he will at least have a weapon." Manager **Reggie Powell** is taking his vacation in the Tar Heel State. "We have over-boarded our quota each month this year, so far," says **Howard**. "Our new flights are doing well. We wanted three new Agents and a conveyor belt for the additional flights but got **Bob Bradford**—6' 7", 200 lbs.—instead! **Bob** transferred from SOP."

**RICHMOND-F** — **RIC** would like to do a little bragging, so as chief reporter in charge of boasting, **Marie Prillaman** notes that the station has been over quota every month this year, with business getting better every day. The CTO there recently sponsored a "TBM" contest for the Agent calling in the most TBM for the week. The prize—a shiny silver dollar. **Tom Farmer** was the winner for not only the first week but the second as well. Vacationers include **Jerry Barger**, **Jim Thompson**, and **Marie Prillaman**. **Addie May Lammy** just returned from hers, black and blue after a skiing trip.

**FAYETTEVILLE** — "Vacations have started in **FAY** with several already completed," reports **Carl Bowden**. "Most of the people spent their time around home with the exception of **Connie Zick**. **Connie** and her husband reported an enjoyable trip to Milwaukee, with only one hitch. They were pulled off at TRI due to load and arrived at Milwaukee a day later than planned. We'd like to welcome aboard two new employees, **Reece Bullard**, and **Shelby Webb**. A cookout was held March 23 to honor three of our staff who are leaving. They are **Dwayne Jones**, transferring to MBC, and **Opal Kuker** and **Connie Zick**, both of whom will await additions to their family. Our bowling team is well on its way to winning a trophy. The league we're in is giving a trophy for the low team and without a lot of improvement, we're a sure bet to get it. Ask **Robert Beard** what his high game is. We enjoyed **Cleta Covington's** brief visit here March 9 — hope we didn't break her camera!"

**LYNCHBURG** — The big news in the **Ed Best** family is the birth of a seven lb. daughter. Mother and daughter are fine, and the only one who seems to be suffering is **Ed**. Agent **Fran Dresser** just returned from her holidays, which she spent just a-restin'. **Frank Reynolds** says that those who haven't been to LYH in some time wouldn't know the place now. The old building and the hill on which it was located have finally gone. Work on the ILS progressed and should make the June deadline. The staffers racked up a record month in boardings for March and almost doubled the assigned quota.



**AH-ONE, AH-TWO, AH-THREE** — **DSM Bill Crowe** poses in Charlotte with some real cuties. They're the **Lennon Sisters**, who arrived in CLT April 1 with the **Lawrence Welk Band** via Piedmont 404 charter from Baltimore. The group broke all attendance records during their appearance, and taking another look at the **Lennon Sisters**, it's no wonder!