

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

NEWPORT NEWS — "Uncle Sam's gain will be our loss," writes **Neal Dillon**, "as **Fred Smith** will be departing the latter part of the month for his army training. We sincerely hope Fred's stay in the army will be as benefiting to him as his presence has been to the staff at PHF. Replacing Fred will be **Curtis Wholley** whom we welcome to the station and look forward to working with in the future. In May PHF personnel were treated to their second steak dinner. The out-of-town guests included Messrs. **Ross, Best, Turbiville, and Clark**. Everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable evening."

LEXINGTON — Still another steak dinner the latter part of May has been reported, this time in LEX. Reporter **Bruce Ball** expresses the station's thanks to the helpers from SDF who filled in so everyone could attend. Dipping into the briny lately have been fishermen par excellence, **A. B. Casey, Reese Kenny, and Bill Heflin**. Bill has a new boat and many's the fish story that springs forth on its return. **Charlie Clemmons** is spending all his time grooming his lawn, says Bruce, but by the time it gets all fixed it'll be winter. A welcome back is extended **Ronnie Goolsby** who has returned from military leave.

CHARLOTTE — They're really going places at CLT and **Madge Lanier** brings us up-to-date: "Manager **Johnnie Newell** vacationed at home recently, and **Jean Winslow** spent a week at MBC and another week in New Orleans. The N. C. International Trade Fair was held in CLT April 27-May 4. Piedmont had a lovely booth set up and it was well received by the thousands who visited the Fair. DSM **Bill Crowe**, Manager Newell, and Chief Agent **Boyd Rutledge** attended the Annual Spring Outing of the Airlines Progress Committee, held at San Juan, Puerto Rico. I asked Mr. Newell how their trip was and all he could reply was 'sorry, no speaka de English.' Boyd says that for sure they know that 'Paree' means 'stop' in Spanish and 'No Entree' means 'do not enter.' Well—a good time must have been had by all. Yours truly will spend her vacation touring the New England states."

TRI-CITIES — "I want to tell everyone of the good time had by all at our last party," writes **Ray Norris**. "This was the steak dinner given us by Piedmont. I could go into details about everyone there but I don't think I will. I will say, though, that **Pat Bailey** had baby sitting problems, **Dave Lyle** had problems with his assistant in his one-man drama on company uniforms, **Gerald Baskett** had troubles with his articulation, and so forth. But we'll forget all that and say that a better steak has never been cooked. Since then we have had a picnic at Boone Overlook, and naturally it rained. Say — hope you took advantage of the UAL free pass deal during June. **Hugh Sluder, Jim Starr, Roy Merryman, Jerry Boyer, and Gerald Baskett** all took in a one-day trip to New York. Yours truly and **Dave Lyle** zoomed on a one-day trip to Los Angeles and back to NYC. One week later **Bill Johnson** and **Dick Miller** took the journey to LAX. **Jim Pickett** has returned from a trip to Europe and had a ball. The passes are the best fringe benefit Piedmont gives us. Just think what **Turby** would have to pay if they charged him for all his trips!"

NORFOLK — The main item from ORF lately is the Agents' annual deep sea fishing party. This year the group consisted of **Don Barker, Ed Dail, Larry Redden, Buddy Fleear, and reporter Bob Wylie**. They headed for the Gulf Stream, looking for blue marlin, but unfortunately the only stories are about the "ones that got away." Larry Redden hung into a marlin, estimated weight about 300 lbs., but after a feverish 45-minute battle, the fish ran under the boat and before anything could be done, chaffed the line and swam away free. The day wasn't a complete loss, though, as **Doug Twiddy** of UAL landed one weighing 186 lbs. Recent vacationers include Flight Attendant **Gene Riggs** and family who camped out in the north-west wilds of Washington state, and **Shirley Nobles, Karen Brown, and Bob Wylie**.

LYNCHBURG — There's another proud father around LYH as Agent **Gene Clay** and his wife celebrate the arrival of a seven lb., ten oz. boy June 13. The new ILS system should be completed and commissioned by press time, says **Frank Reynolds**, and according to statistical forecasts, LYH should have 85 per cent operation the year 'round. Social doin's include a cookout July 11 for personnel, hosted by Delta Airlines.

BLUEFIELD — **Joe Robertson** sends this word from BLF: "Uncle Sam has pointed his finger at our



station this month, this time requesting the presence of **Kent Moses** on June 12. We all say 'best wishes and hurry back.' Our welcome wagon rolls toward CRW this time, welcoming **Phil Bostick** to our staff to replace Kent. We think he'll enjoy the transfer to Nature's Air-Conditioned City, but this winter??? This country livin' with pig's tail, hog jowl's, etc., was laid aside to enjoy our steak dinner June 4. We made this a two-fold occasion, enjoying the happiness of our dinner with the sadness of Kent's farewell. We appreciate this from our company as well as the visits of Messrs. **Turbiville, Ross, Clark, Reed, and Best**. **Eddie Jones'** father, hospitalized in RIC for several months, has been transferred to a BKW hospital. His condition remains critical but it is much nicer having him closer to home."

ROCKY MOUNT — There are plenty of sore backs around RMT lately, according to **Frank Slone**, and they're due to the shipping of several tons of automotive fabric to Detroit each month. Anyone with nothing better to do is invited to come over and help load. They've boarded 34,458 lbs. AF and 9,496 lbs. AE for the auto industry. Frank and wife Pat recently jetted to SFO, and also spent part of their vacation with relatives in Ashland, Ky. Chief Agent **Henry Minnick** and his family spent their holidays in ROA, and Agent **Larry Cline** is making plans to tour Alaska.

CHARLESTON — **Ruth Shumate** says it's cold in them thar West Virginia hills. The temperature there one morning was the lowest for July since 1918. "There were big doin's," she continues, "when the State of West Virginia marked its 100th birthday. President Kennedy jetted in and made an address at the State Capitol amid pouring rains. He was shielded by a big umbrella, courtesy of PAI-CRW. The rain stopped in the afternoon for a parade lasting over two hours. **Jim Birthisel** spent some vacation time in Jackson County, and **Charlotte Fuda** enjoyed the sun in ILM and FAY. **Paul Kelley** attended a reunion of war buddies in CLE but is back home now cooking up a storm. An addition to the CRW airport is a barber shop, open during the day. It seems to be thriving. A station picnic will be held in the near future — that is if we have some picnic weather."

NEW BERN — Reporter **Jim Deans** tells us about a dedication: "Remodeling of the EWN terminal was completed and dedication ceremonies held June 20. Attending were city and county officials, and a large crowd of people from the area. **Don Britt** spoke in behalf of Piedmont during the ceremonies. Several Marine Corps helicopters were on display, and many hours of make-believe flight time were logged by curious youngsters. Highlighting the day were scenic flights over the area by a Piedmont 404. Capt. **Bill Kyle, F/O Bert Barnes, and F.A. Ronnie Vogler** made up the crew. Vogler won the pre-flight pool for the closest guess to the number of passengers we would carry during the day. Six flights were made and more than 200 persons made the trip. **T. L. Martin, and Bill Doland** took care of selling the tickets and a hot time was had by all. Well — it finally happened. After three girls, Lead Agent **Larry Wall** finally discovered the formula for boys. His wife presented him with a seven lb., 15 oz. boy July 7. All are fine, even dad. The beaches are fine so you'll come. When you do, be sure to ask **Bill Downs** how he likes camping."

RALEIGH-DURHAM — **Norman Coiner** and **Gene Shaw** had a fine time at the "Charlotte 600" race last month. Gene has taken his boat out of moth balls and is planning to give it a good workout at White Lake, N. C., during a week's vacation. **Bob Turbiville** and **Verne Crisp** had holidays recently, says **J. P. Wheeler**, but stayed close to home. **Carolyn Repass** got in two trips during her two weeks — one to MSP and the

other to ATL. **Gene Shaw** enjoyed a week at White Lake, N. C., serving a counselor for a gathering of the Future Farmers of America. **Wheeler** says he and **Gene** thoroughly enjoyed their visit to INT to receive their service pins, and would like to thank the home office personnel for being so cordial. "Our new man at RDU," writes **J. P.**, "is **Jimmy Richardson**. He's married, has two small children, and is a native of Raleigh. **Jimmy** is doing an exceptional job and we think we are lucky to have him with us." Deepest sympathy is extended to **Hubert Waller** on the loss of his father.

BALTIMORE — **John Morris** is subbing for **Bob Gilley** this month and writes that most of the personnel in BAL are taking part or all of their vacations now. Manager **Sherl Brown** and family recently returned from STL. **Doug Miller** and wife spent a few days in DEN, and **Bob Gilley** is sunning and fishing on the Bay. The staff there is planning a picnic in August for themselves and guests, plus a fishing trip on Chesapeake Bay for those who would like to try it.

CINCINNATI-CO — "Wedding bells ring August 17 for **Kathy Feldman**," reports **Marge Rieckhoff**. "Two other 'Piedmonitors' in the persons of yours truly and **Rose O'Hare** will be included in the wedding. After a leave of absence, **Joanie May** is back with us again. Her reason for leaving us a while was a bouncing boy born April 25. **Jane Griffith** just returned from vacation. Says she spent most all of it on the golf course. Much fun was had by all at our annual picnic June 29. **Tom Cowen** was here to help our baseball team, and many people from other airlines showed up too."

SHENANDOAH — Reporter **Roger Greenlaw** and his family recently enjoyed two weeks of beautiful weather while on vacation in Maine, and can report with pride that the fish were biting very well. Agent **Guy Rawley** and family spent a few days in Largo, Fla., and brought back reports of steamy weather. It's now the turn of Chief Agent **Jim Dallas** and family to go to HTS for a holiday, and for **Don Monroe** and family to be off to North Carolina and Florida. The SHD boardings for June of 1196 are a record for any one month since the station opened. So far in 1963 each month's total boardings has been a record for that month, with June topping them all.

HICKORY — Agent **Tom Pennell** and his wife have a new son, named **Stephen Hoyle**. He was born on his grandfather's birthday, and was named after him. By press time, says reporter **Fred Classey, Doyle Keever** and his wife should also have a new addition to their family group. Fred is planning to spend a weekend at MBC soon, resting and soaking up plenty of sun. Lead Agent **Gerald Cannon** and his family plan to spend a week or so in DCA and the rest of the time in the mountains. Congratulations go to **Gerald** on receiving his Ten-Year Pin recently at INT.

COLUMBIA — **Flo Merritt** sends this news: "Vacationers among the CAE personnel include **Gary Callicoat** and **Barry Hurley**. Gary and family enjoyed a trip to their old 'stomping grounds' in HTS, visiting family and friends. Gary reports one small mishap—a skinned elbow from, get this, sliding down a hill on a piece of cardboard! Talk about 'young at heart!' No reports from Barry yet as he just recently left our midst for the CRW and CVG area. CAE sends best wishes to all our PAI friends for relaxing vacations and a pleasant summer."

ASHEVILLE — A welcome back is extended to **Joyce Putney** on her return from a leave of absence. The reason for it all is little **James Terrell**, who weighed in at seven lbs., nine oz. Reporter **Naomi McGuinn** says the "poor little fellow looks just like his papa!" **Howard Meece** was the latest AVL'er to vacation, and he and his family went to MBC. Had a good time, despite the soggy weather. **Jane Kienker** hoped for better weather and took off for Florida. "Our most distinguished visitors for the month," concludes **Naomi**, "were **Turbiville** and **Pete Jones**. Enjoyed having them and welcome them back anytime."

CINCINNATI-F — "A good time was had by all at our recent picnic," writes **Elaine Sturr**. "The chicken and beer sure were enjoyed. **Tom Cowen** and his family and also LEX Station Manager **Casey** were welcome guests. We recently had some famous people to travel with Piedmont through CVG. **Jayne Mansfield** rode Flt. 58 to SDF, and the widow of **Noodles Huhn** arrived on Flt. 653 to participate in her husband's enrollment in the CVG Redlegs Baseball Hall of Fame. The Cincinnati station and our Manager, **Ed Laskowski**, are now movie stars. United Artists filmed a small segment about a special rare blood shipment that saved a child's life in DAN. Everyone watch **Lee Marvin's** television documentary, "Law-breakers," starting in the fall, to see this. CVG-F was saddened by the death of **Charlie "Dock" Hayden**, local AMF Manager, after 40 years of service."