

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

WASHINGTON-O — There's been an especially busy stork around DCA of late, and one who's partial to the feminine sex, it seems. Agents **Buster Stover**, **Tom Pierce**, **Duane Carpenter**, and **Joe Notarincola** were all presented baby girls. Reporter **Ed Whittaker** adds, "I wonder what the stork's quota is for the other Piedmont stations in September? With the repaving of the ramp at DCA," he continues, "Operations Agents are unable to challenge ATL to another on-time departure contest. However, in six weeks or so (if ATL accepts) DCA Station Manager **Don Shanks** or Chief Agent **Tom Cleghon** will present a sword or other such weapon (such as five cases of beer) to ATL Manager **Bruce Parrish** to begin the duel. What do you say, ATL?" **Jo Anne Buckner** has returned to sunny Nassau to enjoy her vacation. Welcome goes to **Keith Higgins**, formerly with TWA reservations, who has joined the staff in DCA at the ticket counter. Boardings are above quota each day with Agents working hard to sell Piedmont.

CINCINNATI-C — **Marge Rieckhoff** brings us up to date: "We are all glad to have **Lois Jordan** back with us again after her stay in the hospital. Welcome is extended to **Mary Lee Thesing**, our new Agent. Much fun was had by all at our annual steak dinner. The food was delicious and we had a very good bartender in the person of **Ed Wisniewski**. We had a surprise visit from **T. H. Davis** recently, and also from **Bill Crowe**. Vacationers around here are **Ed Wisniewski** to Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and **Jan Tuemler** to Miami. Shortly, yours truly and **Babe Reder** will be enjoying the sights and doing the hula in Hawaii. Aloha."

ATLANTA-O — Manager **Bruce Parrish** held a supervisors meeting at his home recently and even included a meal. "I must say these cookouts are nice," notes **Tommy Young**. "I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time. Besides meeting and eating, games were played and I believe they shook off some of the excess freight around their middles. Agent **Dave Wilson** is getting married in October. There goes another one plunging off the deep end. Our deepest sympathy goes to Agent **Norman Hase**, whose father died the last of August. At press time a big basketball game was planned for October 26 between the PI-ATL 'Pace-makers' and the NW-ATL 'Orientals.' Piedmont is heavily favored, with such outstanding stars as **Crazy Legs Dickett**, **Sweetwater Robertson**, **Big O Heath**, and many more. More recent travelers are **Bruce McClung** and wife who vacationed in SFO. The Young's are having visitors soon from Scotland plus a brother and family from DCA."

CHARLESTON — This word comes from our lady in CRW, **Ruth Shumate**: "CRW welcomes a new Agent, **John Worley**, who hails from the Beckley-Bluefield section of West Virginia. He and his wife **Martha** were presented October 14 with the arrival of the third member of their family, a son. John says he looks just like his dad. We enjoyed another steak dinner at the Holiday Inn, with the Halloween theme carried out in place cards and favors. Special guests were **Tom Cowan**, **Ed Best**, and **United DSM George Jackson** and his wife. Recent vacationers include **Bill Grubbs**, who went home to Alabama; **Paul Kelley**, to parts unknown, and **Bill Hanson**, who took his family to visit CVG before their daughter began her first year in school. We regret the loss in our CRW family group of **Charlotte Fuda**, who has accepted a position as ticket agent with Pan American at Dulles. A coffee hour with cake was served her last Saturday of duty with Piedmont. The social hour was attended by other airline employees working through that day here at the airport."

BALTIMORE — We welcome a new member to the harried ranks of Piedmont reporters. **John Morris** has taken over those duties from **Bob Gilley**, who has gone military and transferred to the JAMTO office at Ft. Meade, Md. Business is improving at BAL, writes John, with boardings running ahead of recent months. He also sends a reminder that BAL and her "sister city" of DCA return from "fast" time to "slow" time October 27, and so will be on Eastern Standard Time till next summer.

RALEIGH-DURHAM — **J. P. Wheeler** sends us a progress report: "With vacations over we are settling down for what we hope will be a big fall season here. **Hubert Waller** was the last one to take his vacation, and he went on an interline trip to Texas. Our August boardings came within one passenger of tying the biggest month of the year. We dropped a little in September but with this area's colleges in full swing, we hope the student travel, football traffic, and athletic charters will pull us back up."

GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT — "Now that extensive resurfacing on the ramp and taxi areas has been finished," writes **LeRoy Benson**, "GSO Agents are happy that no parking problems exist at the gates. We have several new Agents here who would like to meet any and all Piedmont employees, so if you're in the area, please stop in and introduce yourself. We'd like to wish everyone luck on the new training program — may we all pass with flying colors. Greensboro has been honored by a visit from the National Repertory Theatre. These people are very capable and excellent performers. A total of three performances was given and the last was seen by Manager **R. V. Moore** who reports that it was an excellent production. At the end of their stay here they chartered a

Piedmont 404 and flew to Louisville. Happy Halloween to you all."

LONDON-CORBIN — There's been a special amount of interest centering around the airport, lately, says **Jim Minnix**. A \$100 thousand bond issue goes on the ballot in November for a proposed extension and resurfacing of the runway. With new industry locating in LOZ the prospects for more revenue are greatly increasing. Fishing is improving and deer season opens in November, so grab your gear and come over, says Jim, it all looks good.

COLUMBUS — **Ray Campbell** sends us this information: "Manuals and meetings are the topic now at CMH. Good luck to everyone — here's hoping we all qualify! Vacationers on our agenda include **Bert Carlos**, who spent his off days in Grand Rapids and Ada, Mich. **Joanne Short**, like all the other girls here, has another one of those long, enchanted tours planned, right down to the day she returns. First to LAX, then to LAS, and winding up in FLL. **Cloyde Walters** and family will be spending his vacation in PSK with his brother, **Glenn Walters**, who by the way is a Piedmont Agent there. **Barbara Baur**, who will be leaving us soon, was given a surprise going-away party. The station personnel gifted her with a layette for her little "you know what," due to arrive for Christmas. We're sure going to miss her. CMH ramp equipment can be classed as best on the system. Those responsible are **Joe Frase**, the "Spray Gun Kid," **Cloyde Walters**, and **Keith Douglass**. You think you have better-looking equipment? We challenge! Our ending compliment this month goes to the maintenance personnel responsible for the overhaul on Martin aircraft No. 421. A grade of excellent, well deserved, to the right people."

NEW BERN — The EWN group enjoyed their steak dinner greatly a few weeks ago and are already bucking for another one. Thanks are sent to **Tom Dudley** for covering while everyone else attended. **Tom** and **Larry Whitley** had their chance at steak after Larry's vacation. Advance thanks are accorded **Ray Hill** for offering to cover during the next dinner. "The military standby fare sure helps boardings," continues reporter **Jim Deans**. "For the first 15 days of October, EWN averaged 46 passengers per day, an all-time record for our station! It's a good bet though that ORF hates to see Flight 68 leave New Bern on Thursdays and Fridays with 20 or more standbys on board, destined to be pulled at ORF for their confirmed passengers. But, we put them on and send them as far as we can — sure hope they have good train service out of ORF."

CINCINNATI-F — We bid a fond farewell to two who have been called to serve Uncle Sugar. "Our Employee Club," writes **Elaine Sturr**, "held a steak dinner September 21 to say goodbye to **Jim Vilella** and **Bob Steppe**. Both were recently called to join the ranks of those protecting our country. They were presented transistor radios. The dinner was also our steak party for going over quota. Our bowling team is doing pretty well. They have moved into third place. We're now planning a Christmas party at Town and Country on December 21. Turkey and roast beef will be served and for after-dinner enjoyment, there'll be dancing."

WILMINGTON — Reports **Johnny Johnson**: "A two-day fishing trip was enjoyed by Agents **Ed Kerr**, **David Raines**, and **Ray Parker**. They reported catching quite a few nice mullet and blue fish. Manager **S. Y. Pierce** led a group of hunters in a war recently, against doves. At least we had reports it sounded like a war on the opening of hunting season, but we don't think there were very many dove casualties. Chief Agent **Ed Benton** at press time was busy getting his work schedule covered so he and his family can go to the state fair. Agent **Jack Jacobs** is undecided whether to get married or have his car painted. Flight Attendant **Gary Willets** is the proud owner of a Cessna 140 he just bought, and F/A's **Tate and Garrett** have their Stinson repaired and airborne again after the damages caused by severe winds. Stewardess **Marshburn** reported she has placed an order for a new car. Said she was tired of having to stand fire guard everytime she turned the heater on in her old one. Seems it's been catching fire of late."

ATLANTA-R — Four new Agents have joined the ATL clan and are welcomed heartily by **Joyce Thompson**. The new faces belong to **Rebecca George**, **Nancy Davis**, **Marie Sweat**, and **Margaret MacKinnon**. The ATL-R bowling team is going great guns and is presently tied for first place in the league. Recent vacationers include our reporter **Joyce** who planned to rest in the country, and **Bob Walls** who went to Kentucky. (Joyce, by the way, sent us a story concerning a little mixup on baggage, but on checking Turby's column we found he'd beat us to it, and so the story appears there.)

ROANOKE — "ROA is losing two of its favorite people," writes **Jeannie Dial**. "**Don Sutphin** is leaving us to transfer to DCA as Chief Agent of OPS. **Bess Zerbee** is retiring from Piedmont — first Agent to retire of their own free will. To wish them well we combined our incentive award party with a farewell party. Thank you, PSK and LYH, for covering the station. We also recruited some new people lately. They are **Bill Carico**, **Earl Crouch**, and **Gerald Edwards**. **Capt. Gene Melson** is a proud papa once more with the arrival of Gene, Jr. I heard that quite a shock was

given a recent beauty contestant in MIA when a piece of mishandled luggage was delivered. It seems some station had placed the bag tag on a box of white mice in traffic? Wonder what station generates a lot of mice traffic? PSK, maybe???"

BLUEFIELD — **Joe Robertson** briefly sets aside his chores of getting ready for winter to bring us up to date: "We hate to admit winter is so near, but here we are shining the snow shovels and painting the ramp equipment. Vacations are still in full swing. **Ted Farrington** and son stayed home and worked on a two-car garage for winter protection. **Eddie Jones** was standing by for Ted's return, with plans for a trip overseas with his mother. A big welcome extends to our once departed Agent, **John Lawrence**, who has returned to BLF from CAE after two years. We were glad to have **Kent Moses** and his wife down to help us enjoy our steak dinner, but we were sad to see **Phil Bostick** and his wife go to CRW to work. Your reporter and his wife intend to take advantage of the Free Trip to Miami offer by United sometime the middle of November. I certainly want to thank **Ed Jones** and all the other fellows here for being so thoughtful. We've really been out shaking those bushes this month, and already we are well over 100 passengers above our daily quota."

SHENANDOAH — **Doelph Pitcock** just returned from a week in Florida and according to our SHD informant, his wife had a hard time getting him home again after seeing all those bikini-clad dames. **Don Monroe** and "Big Daddy" **Lipscomb** also took some time off but their destination remained a secret. Construction on the runway and ramp is making good progress and things should be in good shape by mid-November. **Roger Greenlaw** is industriously helping the contractors build his own house and has been putting in eight hours at the field and another six at the house site, which could make for a pretty pooped condition. Everyone at SHD is braced for the onslaught of students during Christmas holidays, so get ready."

HUNTINGTON — "HTS had its award dinner September 10," writes **Irene Blake**, "in Luau style with Hawaiian dress. We sure have some natives here. **Ed Best**, **Bill Clark**, **Bob Reed**, and **Paul Loar** were our guests. CRW Agents covered the station for us and we thank them. **Dave Morris** and his wife spent their vacation in Nassau. **Don Turner** and his wife are out west, yours truly went to New England, and **Bob Bosley** and family went to ROA and points south."

HICKORY — At deadline all HKY staffers were getting braced for the Furniture Market rush with the hopes that all flights will be on time and quota will be exceeded by a wide margin. **Tom Pennell** and his family recently finished up a vacation, reports **Fred Classey**, and spent most of the time painting and doing work on the house. **Doyle Keever** is next and starts his vacation next month, with **Jerry Mitchel** planning his for December.

FAYETTEVILLE — This word comes from **Carl Bowden**: "We're glad to announce that **Gary Coker** is recovering satisfactorily and will probably be back to work in a few days. Gary has been out since September 17 due to an automobile accident. Construction has finally started on our terminal building. When completed it will give us more working room, which we desperately need. In the last issue of The Piedmonitor I mentioned we hope to board 3,000 passengers before summer was over. Well for the first time we did it—3033 to be exact, for the month of August. I believe the fish were safe while **Robert Jackson**, **C. S. Melvin**, and **Horace Bryant** were on vacation. They spent their time at home catching up on chores."

ASHEVILLE — **Dan Blocker**, the Hoss Cartwright of television, was a recent visitor in AVL. He went to Ghost Town as an added attraction there. The town is located atop a mountain with a western street complete with saloons and the like, including shoot-outs with bank robbers. Now that vacations are over, says **J. W. Dean**, Agents are working hard at those boardings. Each month estimates are made of the number of boardings, and last month an Agent hit it right on the nose.

RICHMOND — The latest RIC doin's come via **Marie Prillaman**: "The biggest news this month is the construction of new high-speed taxi strips, to be completed by the end of November. They will cut down taxi time and provide more on-time arrivals and departures for us. We'd like to welcome **Winn Raines** who'll help answer the screaming demands of our traveling public. Along with saying hello we are saying goodbye to **Ken Edwards** who left us to join EAL October 15. Not many of us speak a foreign language but **Addie Mae Lammey** is taking lessons the hard way. She finally got a passenger from Japan to his destination recently after a few 'ah-so's' and 'uh-huh's.' I'll say she did rather well — she's now fanning herself with an original Japanese fan. **Gene Jarvis** and wife are finally vacationing after being bumped off three flights before ever leaving RIC. Boy, these MBC passengers are giving us heck. **Bob Query** is back from two weeks of hard labor at home, at least so he says. **Margie Gorman** of the CTO has announced her engagement to **Tom Elliott** of RIC. We all wish her the best of luck and happiness."

NEWPORT NEWS — "Manager **Doug Guin** represented Piedmont and the peninsula area in Chicago," reports **Neal Dillon**, "at the annual convention of the National Defense Transportation Association. Doug says it was a fine trip to the windy city. The staff here would like to welcome **Will Radford** and **Boyd Walker**. Walker replaces **John Lasater**, who transferred to FAY."