

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

**TRI-CITIES** — Ray Norris ponders the problems of the operations test: "When did Piedmont have its first flat tire? What is Turby's birthdate? Well, maybe the operations qualification test isn't quite so off-beat, but boy, there are lots of things no one knew. Reading over the history of our company shows how it is actually growing. We have some really smart people in it, and things are bound to keep growing if they keep the pace they're on now. Want to give a slightly-delayed report on our holiday party. A good time was had by all, though a few were unable to attend. To those, we extend our thanks. It provided more liquid cheer for each of us. **Bill Cash** and his wife **Edith** made their debut. Bill is our not-so-new Manager. Edith just can't be from the north — she is much too nice to be a Yankee. Door prizes at the party gave **Ray Williams** a pass to LAX, and yours truly lucked up on a pass to BDA. If we could get some money we could use them. How about a loan, dear readers? Spring Fever has bitten a few here, namely **Bill Johnson**, **Charlie Morrisson**, **Ray Williams**, **Leroy Pickel** and myself. Pity those little fishes when this group gets started. The local Globe Trotters, **Charlie Johnson**, **Jerry Boyer**, and **Bill Cash**, are holding their own in the win and lose column. Jerry is good at popping the pill in the basket and Cash is good at popping his ankle. **Brad Moody's** team is going strong, downhill that is. **Leroy Pickel** is the proud father of a ten pound boy. Congratulations."

**PULASKI** — Everyone at PSK is licking their chops in anticipation of their steak dinner. Being a new station, says **Glen Shanks**, it took a minimum of 18 months to qualify, so they're really ready for the meat. Friends of **Ronnie Price** will be glad to hear he's out of the hospital now after major surgery and will soon be back in the swing of things. **Dan Love** has bought a house since the last PSK report and is getting closer to the airport all the time, while **Glen Shanks** is getting further away. Also since the last report, another Shanks has joined the Piedmont family. He is **Wayne Shanks**, better known as "Satch," and if you don't know him now you soon will. That boy loves to non-rev on those Pacemakers. Manager **Milt Ward** has been complaining of back trouble which he claims was caused from cargo handling. The station crew, though, says it was from playing basketball with the young men. The Dublin Ruritan club was successful recently in getting the national headquarters transferred from Wakefield, Va., to Dublin. The move is expected to be a good air traffic generator.

**WASHINGTON-O** — "Last year was a good year for DCA," writes **Austin Morrison**, "and it looks as if '64 will be even better. We boarded 12,757 passengers in January, '64, as compared to 10,036 for January, '63. We would like to welcome three new employees to DCA. They are: Communicationist **Jack Weichelt**, and Operations Agents **Bill Burger** and **Bryan Duncan**. Our best wishes and sympathy go to **Darryl Lloyd** and **Tony Steelman**, who recently left for a term with Uncle Sam. Also lots of luck to **Ed Whittaker** on his transfer to ATL. Proud parents at DCA are **Diane Poore**, **Frank Krinicki**, and **Jim Connor**. All the new arrivals are boys. Recent honeymooners include **Glenn Geyer**, who took his bride to LAX, and **Sue Kemper**, who went with her new spouse to Madrid and Rome. **Glenn Burton** and his family spent their vacation visiting in BLF, and **Fran Bruney** and **Kay Kratz** just returned from Nassau. They recommend The Cat and Fiddle and Paradise Beach to anyone planning a trip there. Congratulations to Capt. **Jack Pierce** who has been promoted to Division Chief Pilot in DCA."

**SHENANDOAH** — Agents and wives enjoyed another steak dinner recently at the Bell Mead Hotel. There was plenty of food, drink, music, and even a little twisting. Give **Doelph Pitcock** and **Roger Greenlaw** a little drink, says **Jim Dallas**, and they make the London Beatles look sick. Agent **Buddy Robinson** is looking forward to his transfer to Hot Springs sometime soon. SHD is looking for a record day on March 22. Most of the flights are already booked up and an extra section is scheduled for 784. Over 200 passengers are expected for that day due to schools letting out for spring vacation. Writes **Jim**, "We at SHD know that this station is little — but what a big punch we have in store for '64!"

**CINCINNATI-C** — This report comes from **Marge Rieckhoff**: "Well, cupid is making news around here, as there are two engagements to announce. **Lois Jordan** received a beautiful ring from **Floyd Smith**, and **Babe Reder** received her ring from **Bob Steppe**, formerly of CVG-F but now with Uncle Sam. Babe spent her holidays in Texas, and Lois will soon be off to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for some sunny holidays. **Janie Griffith** has been promoted from Lead Agent to Chief Agent."

**ROANOKE** — "ROA has been busy with the new year," writes **Jeannie Dial**. "**Joyce Reinhardt** just returned from California after a fabulous vacation, and I've been re-named **Ski King Dial** after my skiing trip to Blackwater Falls. No broken bones but plenty of bruises. We want to welcome aboard **Paul Shively** and **Sonny Smith** to our crew. If anyone wants any-

thing from Europe please let **Jan Kirk**, **Iona Carr** or me know. We'll soon be on our way there. Bachelorhood lost another member in the person of **Gerald Edwards**, who recently married. **Pek Martin** deserves a big congratulations for making Chief Agent of Operations. **Lottie McMahon**, **Don Vance**, **Don Holliday**, **Iona Carr**, **Joyce Reinhardt** and **Margie Franklin** took a trip to DCA to learn Family Plan ticketing. Did they learn anything, **Mr. Bates**? So far 1964 has been a good year for ROA. We were 1,000 over quota in January, and we hope to make this another record year."

**RALEIGH-DURHAM** — **Robert Turbiville** had a busy month, according to **J. P. Wheeler**. Bob received his 15-year pin, and a few days later was promoted to RDU Manager. Compensating days are under way, and being put to various uses. **Carolyn Repass** was spending her time at home; **Verne Crisp** was next and put in a lot of bird hunting; and **Gene Shaw** is next, and will probably continue the onslaught of the bird population.

**CHARLESTON** — This news comes from **Ruth Shumate**: "CRW has many busy Agents, both on and off work. Lead Agent **Bill Hanson** has gone into politics, and will run for the House of Delegates from Putnam County. The other day his daughter, **Diana**, rode the school bus and asked the driver if he was going to vote for her father. When asked what he was running for she replied, 'Politics!' Sales Rep. **Bill Grubbs**, wife **Eleanor** and little **Tammy** moved into a new house. They promise an open house in the spring that we're all looking forward to. It was a proud day for Agent **Philip Bostic** when his wife **Elizabeth** presented him with a baby girl named **Anitra Dawn**. **Mary Garnes** is sporting a diamond and says wedding bells will ring in June. All of us were pleased to hear **Jack Webb**, EAL/ATL, now has CRW in his district as Regional Interline Manager — Sales and Services. Some of us worked with Jack when he was a counter Agent here in CRW."

**BALTIMORE** — "Promotions are the big news from BAL this month," reports **John Morris**. "Congratulations to former Chief Agent **Hank Eisenbath**, now Manager, and **Jim Faucette**, now Chief Agent. **Tommy Thompson** left the cold by heading south to MIA for a few days. **George Scherer** and family are planning to move to a seven-acre 'estate' near Annapolis. This will enable George to grow a really big garden instead of just a medium-sized one. There is a new installation planned next to the operations office, since **Howard Lewis**, who will be a proud new papa soon, plans to use gate one on his initial training flight. Some type of barricade will have to be built to protect the office and personnel from a possible malfunction by the future fly-boy!"

**BECKLEY** — **Bob Wilson** sends this word from the BKW outpost: "It's been a long time since forwarding any news from BKW, and I know what Turby and Ken would say. So help me, though, everyone at BKW is really working, and with winter operation you really have to get down to work to get those passengers. Note please our 71.19 per cent increase (this makes two dinners). I guess the best news is that no one was off sick this winter — mountain air makes the difference. **Bob Harper** is sporting a new Volkswagen, and smoking a pipe, and **Jack Guy** will soon be sporting a new addition to his family."

**FAYETTEVILLE** — A new terminal addition has kept things jumping at FAY and by press time the crew there hopes to be settled in their new quarters. Reporter **Robert Beard** extends a welcome to new Agent **Benny Carter**, a local boy. Early vacationers include **John Lasater** and **Shelby Webb**. FAY personnel have gone crazy over foreign cars lately, and if anyone has a good deal on one, contact **Robert** (Fast-Talker) **Nunnery**. By the time this reaches print the crew will have enjoyed another steak dinner. They're off to a good start this year with January boardings 186 over quota. Congratulations go to **Jane Fryar** on her engagement to **Harold Elkins**. They have set April 18 as the big date.

**WILMINGTON** — This communique comes from **Johnny Johnson**: "Congratulations to the Piedmont bowling team — the M-404's — for winning the first half of this season. Members are 'Ten Pin' **Jones**, 'High Pocket' **Benton**, 'Split' **Leonard**, 'Gutter Ball' **Dolan**, 'Back Up Ball' **Raines**, 'Handy Cap' **Parker**, and 'Pin Action' **Huddleston**. The second half of the season doesn't look so good due to Al Huddleston being transferred to INT. ILM station personnel and families were guests at an oyster and weiner roast February 1 given by maintenance and radio personnel. Everyone had a great time. Would like for people to mark their calendar and plan to attend the Azalea Festival here, starting April 2 through 5th. We're looking forward to the steak dinner we're planning on having soon."

**ASHEVILLE** — **J. W. Dean** sends greetings from the Land of the Sky, and a welcome to two new ex-

emptions born in January — **Ivonne Maria** to the **Hector DeLara's**, and **Tommy** to the **Merrill Oxley's**. **Dean** is becoming proficient in scuba diving and will give anyone lessons as soon as the ice melts on the local lakes. The AVL staff followed the recommendation of Surgeon General **Luther L. Terry** recently and all had their smallpox vaccinations renewed. Good idea. **Bill Talbert** recently won a national award for one of his bird dogs and received a mention in 'Sports Illustrated.' **Eddie Gabriel** and **John Queen** went off to Nassau to get rid of their mid-winter blues, and **Jeri Bly** of the CTO enjoyed a week on Little Cayman Island.

**KINSTON** — Friends of Lead Agent **Glenn Smith** will be glad to know he's doing fine and expects to be back at work very soon. Glenn broke his foot December 21 while deplaning cargo off the nose stand. ISO went for broke, says **Wade Allen**, and copped one of the steak dinners, soon to be enjoyed. The whole staff worked hard and brought the number of passengers up 49 per cent. A job well done.

**HICKORY** — Reporter **Fred Classey** is due for 30 days active service duty in March, but before leaving he wrote the following: "HKY started out the year a little slower than anticipated, largely due to the many flights which overflowed because of adverse weather conditions. We're hoping this month will be a little better. One very good piece of news for us here is that we've won another steak dinner, and will have it in the near future. Our only single station Agent, **Jerry Mitchell**, is going to leave us soon to serve Uncle Sam for about two years. He really had quite a choice to make — whether to spend a two-year hitch with Uncle Sam, or get married and be hitched up for the rest of his life! He's leaving around the first of April."

**PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA** — Writes **Virg Flinn**: "The crew here is looking forward to the dinner we won through the incentive program. Looks like we're well on our way to another one as last January we had the most boardings for one month in the history of the airport. The new operations office is now complete and the reservations office ticket counter has been redecorated, so it looks like a new station here. Sure is nice to get out of the old cheese box. AVL Manager **Jack Gwennap** was a recent visitor. Jack says he feels like he came home, as he opened the PKB station nine years ago."

**LYNCHBURG** — "We at LYH know we're not alone in wishing **C. R. Blackmon** the very best of luck as Station Manager," says **Frank Reynolds**. "We would also like to welcome to our group **Lewis Horn**, newly employed here February 3. Our station in '63 obtained an increase in passenger boardings of 18.1 per cent over last year, with a very good increase also in the air cargo department. With the ILS now in service we hope for a better overall percentage for '64."

**RICHMOND** — This news comes from **J. L. Thompson**: "Holiday vacations are beginning and some of our people are really taking advantage of their off-line pass privileges. **Tom Farmer** recently returned from a weekend tour to Paris, and short as it was he reports he had a very fine time. **Wayne McKinney** and family spent their holidays in the mountains of West Virginia. **Wynn Raines**, hubby **Ron**, and daughter are in Wisconsin for winter sports but unfortunately **Wynn** reports that lack of snow has held up many of them. **Pete Gray** used his time off to take in the sights of Mobile and possibly enjoy the Mardi Gras celebration that takes place there every year. **Gerry Barger** spent a few days visiting at INT and the rest here. On Flt. 630/16 Feb. we had the pleasure of boarding 13 musical participants on their way to Williamsburg for the filming of two Hootenanny shows, taking place at William and Mary College. The shows are tentatively scheduled for April 18 and 25. We will soon have our first steak dinner, and our congratulations go to all the other stations who are enjoying the dinners as well."

**COLUMBIA** — And now we hear from **Flo Merritt**: "We expect to see a couple of new faces among our CAE personnel. As this edition comes to print we increase our staff by one in preparation for taking over our fueling March 1, in addition to a replacement for yours truly, who plans to retire to be a full-time housewife and mother. CAE hasn't set any boarding records yet, but we're sure we must be holding some kind of record for enroute engine changes, just recently completing the fourth one over the past few months. Dormant talents have recently come to life as several of our crew combined their efforts and designed and built a useful addition to the operations counter."

**ATLANTA-R** — Writes **Joyce Thompson**: "ATL is still here after being invaded by soldiers January 5. That was our record day, with over 400 boardings. A big welcome goes out to **Vickie McGowen** who is a whiz on the TT. Many of us spent our raises on new cars, including Chief Agent **Robert Talley**, **Ginger Jones**, **Levy Heath**, and yours truly. **Jane Kinsey** and **Rebecca George** have been spending time in Florida with their chief interest yatching and flying. **Jess Cantline** is spending his holiday in ROA visiting his wife, who was injured in an automobile accident in October. We were glad to have **Louise Ramsey** visit with us recently."