

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT — Reporter **Leroy Benson**: GSO is sad to announce the departure of one of our best Agents. **H. Lyle Cox**, our former Lead Agent, has been promoted to Chief Agent for Hot Springs. We all wish him the best of luck. Agent **John Hanner** will soon be the father of a baby girl (he wishes) but the consensus says it will be a boy (his third). Yours truly has now finished all his college requirements and is just waiting until graduation exercises to receive his diploma. We're looking for a good month in both boardings and incoming passengers, due to the April furniture show in High Point. The new schedule change has flights coming through here in bunches, so we'll have to buckle down and work a little harder.

LYNCHBURG — Reporter **Frank Reynolds**: Agent **Tommy Tyree's** household was blessed March 29 with a six pound, six ounce boy. Both mother and son are fine. Agent **Ed Bosiger** just returned from a three-day jaunt to Rome. According to him it is nothing short of fabulous, except for the food and water, which didn't meet too well with this cornbread-fed Southerner. Business-wise LYH is fairing well. We expect to make our quota with ease, and we hope to be a strong link in the million passenger chain. Finally—we all had a fine time at the incentive dinner given for us.

LEXINGTON — Reporter **Willard Pendleton**: We have been without a Piedmonitor reporter here for a while, but I was recently appointed to do the job. Here goes my first venture into journalism. We have two new Agents here at LEX who have not been welcomed as yet into the Piedmont family. They are **Ronnie Goolsby** and **Harold Buffin**. Both are local boys and we're glad to have them at the station. A recent vacationer was Manager **A. B. Casey**, who spent a few days in Winston-Salem.

ATLANTA-O — Reporter **Tommy Young**: Well, hello again! Fun was had by all who attended the steak dinner held March 14 at the American Host Inn ballroom. Entertainment was furnished by the "Jolly Boys" of South College Park Kiwanis. Holidayers include Agents **Ken Duckett** and **Robert McClung**, with **Tommy Townsend** next in line. Wedding bells have rung out for **W. G. Robertson**, who was married March 26, and for Agent **Benny Britt**. We would like to welcome newcomers **Glenn James** and **Lamar Burnett** to our ranks in operations. If anyone on the system has an airplane stacker, will they please ship it comat to ATL, first available, and mark "must ride" on it? Looks like we may need it with the extra sections coming up!

BLUEFIELD — Reporter **Joe Robertson**: Our congratulations are extended to Agent **Kent Moses** and his wife on the arrival of their new son, **Richard Kent**, February 23. Kent is on military leave and is stationed at Fort Amador in the Canal Zone. His wife **Joanne** joined him last November but returned to the U. S. during the January outbreak of violence in that section. **Joanne** has an interesting story of their episode in Panama, and hopes that conditions may soon improve so that she and their new son might be able to re-join Kent there.

AUGUSTA—Reporter **Jin McNeil**: That time of year is here again when all the duffers grab a five iron and swear that Palmer doesn't have a thing on them. From April 5 through 12 all the greats and near-greats gathered at AGS to vie for the right to be the wearer of the coveted green jacket awarded the winner of the Masters Tournament. Practice rounds were scheduled for the 5th through 8th, with things getting down to business on the 9th. At press time all the AGS personnel were hoping that this would be a very much needed Vitamin B for "Boardings" shot in Operation One Million. Hope everyone makes it down to see us soon.

HICKORY — Reporter **Fred Classey**: As I write this we have finished March with an increase of better than 20 per cent over March, 1963. Keeping this in mind, and the fact that we had an increase of over 13 per cent in January, and over 28 per cent in February, we feel we're on our way towards another steak dinner. We are off to a good start, and with the spring furniture market opening the last of April, we are hoping for an extra good month. As yet, Agent **Jerry Mitchell** hasn't left to serve his two-year hitch with Uncle Sam, but he will probably leave the last of this month or the first of May. We will all miss Jerry here.

ROCKY MOUNT — Reporter **Frank Slone**: We just held our third steak dinner since coming to RMT. Those attending from out of town were **Chester Nutt**, RDU, and **Bob Reed** and **Bill Clark**, INT. Our thanks to **Dan Webster** and **Hollis Cook** from GSB for cover-

ing and making it possible for us to have a very enjoyable evening. At the rate we're going our fourth dinner will not be far away. During the first three months of this year we have boarded 421 more passengers than the same three months last year. We're still waiting the outcome of the Eastern North Carolina airport hearing. We hope we won't have too many more years here at the existing airport, since with the continued increase in boardings and freight, we're faced with a weight problem on several flights. Chief Agent **Henry Minnick** is getting his boat ready for the coming fishing season, and if the weather breaks you'll soon see the new fishing gear breaking out.

RALEIGH-DURHAM — Reporter **J. P. Wheeler**: RDU is still trying to recover from the loss of one of our most colorful Agents. Everyone here wishes the best of luck to **Tom Finney** on his promotion to Chief Agent at EWN. Just to keep Tom from getting homesick, we're sending EWN another Agent—**Hubert Waller**—who is due to transfer this month. **Bobby Eaton**, former Delta Agent at CLT, has replaced Tom here. March 26 was the biggest passenger boarding day RDU has had in years—boarded 116. On March 22 the airport was flooded with people greeting the Duke basketball team returning from MKC where they finished second in the NCAA finals. It was estimated that 5,000 were here to meet the Blue Devils.

KINSTON — Reporter **Lawrence Brooks**: March proved to be a big month for ISO. We boarded 714, the most ever to be boarded here in one month. Now with this record month behind us, and a quota of 750 for April in front of us, it looks as if our motto will have to be "Onward and Upward." Everyone has worked very hard to increase boardings and with the help of proposed limousine service between ISO and Camp Lejeune, we may set more records. We are all anxious for vacation time to roll around again. Chief Agent **Glenn Smith's** broken foot is now fit as a fiddle. **Keith Smith's** Volkswagon is percolating fine—he calls it his VFR. **Kinny Bird's** night life is as gay as ever, **Robert Pate** has finally settled down to the life-time job of being married, and yours truly has been drafted ISO reporter!

BALTIMORE — Reporter **John Morris**: BAL boarded 510 in February and 603 in March, going over quota by ten passengers and three passengers, respectively, for those months. **Howard Lewis** became a proud papa for the first time March 10 when his wife presented him with a daughter, **Susan Marie**, who weighed in at seven pounds, two ounces. We welcome **Carroll Della**, our newest Agent, who began work March 2. On April 2, **Abby Dalton**, seen on the "Joey Bishop Show", arrived here from LAX, and continued on Flight 809 to ILM, where she was the 1964 ILM Azalea Festival Queen.

WASHINGTON — Reporter **Austin Morrison**: The DCA area is expecting a record number of tourists this spring and summer. We boarded 1083 passengers over quota for March, an increase of 3163 over March of '63. We're happy to have **Don Shanks** back with us after spending some time in the hospital. We're also glad to have **Terry Heinmeyer** back after an auto accident. We'd like to welcome new employees **John Rose** and **Ed Brockmeier** to Operations; **Barbara Decker** to Communications; and Stewardesses **Jenny Bryan** and **Carolyn Ward**. We also welcome Stewardess **Zeta Hinshaw** who transferred from ROA. F/O **George Irwin** and his parents had a fabulous vacation in SJU. **George** suggests that anyone planning a vacation there contact **James Guzman** at the Caribe Hilton Hotel for reduced rates on accommodations. Another recent vacationer was **Carl Engh**, who went to LAX. New parents in our midst include **Becky** and **Jack Trollinger**, who have a son. Our best wishes go with **Larry Balsler**, who is leaving April 15 to work at HSP. Larry will be living at Clifton Forge.

NEW BERN — Reporter **Jim Deans**: A hearty welcome goes out to **Tom Finney**, our newest arrival from RDU. Our congratulations to Tom on his promotion to Chief Agent. We're due to receive still another transfer from RDU and expect him to be here and "saddle broke" by press time. We also welcome back Manager **Dave Morrison**, who returns to us after recuperating from surgery. And yours truly is back to normal after a bout with ulcers. We have earned another steak dinner with an increase of 32.85 per cent, and plans are to have it soon. Looks like those RDU boys have to transfer to EWN to eat steak. Y'all come to see us this summer. MBC ain't the only place with a beach, y'know.

FAYETTEVILLE — Reporter **Robert Beard**: We'd like to welcome our new Reservations Agent, **Elizabeth Odell**. Our thanks to the CAE, MBC, and SOP Agents who worked for us while we had our steak din-

ner. Attending from the home office were **Bill McGee**, **Bob McAlphin**, **Bob Reed**, and **Sherl Folger**. Recent vacationers among FAY personnel include **Bob Bennington**, **Bill Thompson**, **C. S. Melvin**, and **Carl Bowden**, all of whom stayed home and caught up on chores. Agent **John Lasater** will be leaving us soon to serve a couple of years with Uncle Sam. **Bill Thompson** and yours truly recently spent a weekend in NYC seeing the sights. A word of advice: if you're thinking of non-reviving out of DCA, forget it! We did, however, get to visit some stations on our system we had never been to, trying to get home out of DCA.

CHARLOTTE — Reporter **Louise Ramsey**: Manager **Johnny Newell** has two reasons to strut around here. He is going to be a grandfather for the second time, and his youngest son won second place in the music competition sponsored by the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs. Speaking of grandparents—**Margie Lanier**, CTO Agent, is going to be a grandmother for the first time, and the news shook her so that she became a blonde in a matter of a few hours. **Aaron Davis** and **Bobby Harrelson** are upholding Piedmont's honor by being two of the better bowlers on a team not composed of airline personnel. Just goes to show that heaving bags develops muscles. Holiday repayments are going full swing. **Gene Walsh**, **Boyd Rutledge**, **Dwight Miller**, **Bobby Harrelson**, and your reporter are enjoying their time off.

RICHMOND — Reporter **J. L. Thompson**: Springtime in RIC and more vacations. **Don MacPherson** took a few days to visit the TRA-PIE area. **Addie Lammie** was off to see the sights in SDF and OWB, and yours truly had a busman's holiday and spent some time in BLF. There's a new epidemic going around here—I think the proper name would be "newcar-itis." Those sporting new cars are **Tom Farmer**, **Bob Bullock**, and **Gene Jarvis**. Sure hope it isn't contagious. Not to be outdone—**Wayne McKinney** has just purchased a new pickup truck. Well, as the saying goes, "you just can't hide money!"

COLUMBUS — Reporter **Ray Campbell**: Starting out with our biggest news highlight, **Bert Carlos** is now married to the former **Myra Stevens**, a local girl. They spent their honeymoon in FLO. We welcome her to our Piedmont "North Polers Club." CMH's highly experienced travelers were on tour as follows: **Joanne Short** spent her holiday in Nassau, while Manager **Wallace Kerr** and **Jackie Fuller** had a weekend preview to the N. Y. World's Fair, compliments of TWA. **Cloyde Walters** and family are very excited about his transfer to SHD. We'll miss him and would like to tell the personnel at SHD that they're getting an outstanding Agent. An interesting note is that **Nancy Douglass**, **Nancy Frase**, and **Nancy Gustafson** are all expecting a blessed event in the future. I guess **Keith**, **Joe** and **Paul** at least will have an idea for a girl's name, as they all have wives named Nancy. Former CMH employees also have news. **Barbara Baur** is now the mother of a baby boy, and **Jan and Mike Hollern** are moving to Grand Rapids, Mich., where Mike has accepted a position as Manager of Emery Air Freight.

CHARLESTON — Reporter **Ruth Shumate**: CRW passenger boardings for Mar. were just short of quota. We had many over-flies due to bad weather, but still finished second in boardings for all the airlines here. We were visited recently by Messrs. **Davis**, **Brown**, **McGee**, and **Britt**. They were here for the dinner given in honor of **Charles Hodges**, who was retiring from office in the Chamber of Commerce. Executives from all the airlines were present. We'd like to welcome **Charlie Welch** to our group. He has worked for Lake Central, and his experience lends a glad hand to our busy schedule. Since American Airlines is now offering free trips to LAX, our Agents have been making many plans. **MacCormick**, **Settle**, and **Perry** are among the first to take advantage of the flight. Can't fail to mention that CRW has painted and cleaned all offices, book cases, carts, etc., for spring cleaning. The painting crew really did a fine job.

NORFOLK — Reporter **Bob Wylie**: Time, March 3; Place, Shore Drive Inn; Event, a night long-awaited by the ORF station. We finally won a steak dinner. As near as we could figure, 1952 was the last one we had, which is a long time to go hungry. Maintenance and radio personnel also attended, giving us a grand total of 49 people. The prime attraction of the evening was a novel singing group called "The Crabs" — Piedmont's answer to the Beatles. It was made up of **Paul Wyatt** on violin, **Larry Redden** on banjo uke, **Bob Wylie** on five-string banjo, and **Tom (Ringo) Newell** on drums. The music wasn't the world's best but I thing they were entertaining. One thing for sure — no one went home hungry or thirsty. Many thanks to Agents from PHF and ECG for taking care of the store while we were gone. We had another record month in March, missing 3,000 passengers by only three people. We intend to top this figure in April. ORF's 11th Annual International Azalea Festival is April 22 through 26. It's held in the Botanical Gardens adjacent to the airport, so come see us.