

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

WASHINGTON — Reporter **Joe Dawson**: Holidays are here again! **Duane Carpenter** and his family visited Rome, London, and Paris for two weeks. He said he liked the food on the plane best. **Bob Stewart** and his family were in Florida for a week. Bob missed a catfish that he said weighed 12 pounds — said he could tell by the scales on it. We are organizing our own "stork club" here. **Glen Burton**, **Bob Stewart**, **Hank Lanham**, and **Joe Dawson's** wives are all expecting in September and October. We are sorry to hear that **Jack Gallagher**, lead agent—reservations, has resigned. He will be in the grocery business with his father in Ashland, Ky. For those who wonder what working in Washington is like, we have 48 flights a day and can use only one gate. We'd like to thank **United** for the big cake they brought to celebrate our 17th anniversary. They also gave the CTO a smaller one.

NEWPORT NEWS — Reporter **Dave Cooper**: It has been quite awhile since PHF last submitted any press notes, but that doesn't mean things have been dull. It simply means that we haven't had a reporter. To celebrate our Christmas raise, **Gerald Burton** purchased a new home, and **Ted McCann**, not to be outdone, will follow suit shortly. Along with the New Year came a brand new 1965 model agent. Welcome to the clan, **Henry Richardson**. The "flying fools" of PHF, **Wayne Richardson** and **Henry Richardson** (no relation) have both received their commercial licenses. **Harry Gilpin**, never having non-revved before, decided to combine his vacation and his first non-rev trip. To hear him tell it he never got to AVL, but spent his entire vacation being pulled. Yours truly, **Dave Cooper**, having completed two years at Old Dominion College in ORF, did not return this semester, but does plan to attend part time this summer. **Henry Richardson** and I have a bachelor pad that has become a home away from home for the single crowd here at PHF.

CHARLESTON — Reporter **Ruth Shumate**: CRW was pleased to host the meeting of station managers from the nearby cities last month. **Bill** and **Toots** are parents of nine collie pups — 7 males and 2 females. **Tom Cowan** is the grandfather, having given **Bill** the collie three years ago. The pups are all beauties; seven have identical markings. We miss station manager **Bob Hill**, who has been in Charleston Memorial Hospital. We hope he will soon be motoring back on the old hill. And then there was the electric toothbrush that went off in the suit case. It startled operations so much that the pretty young blond lady opened the bag to show the ivory cleaner. The incident caused no undue excitement, however.

COLUMBUS — Reporter **Bert Carlos**: CMH has its share of hospital cases this month. Agent **Paul Gustafson** is recovering from a shoulder operation performed February 5. Everyone here is hoping for his speedy recovery and wishes him all the luck in the world. Agent **Joe Frase's** boy, **Bryan**, has been in the hospital with a severe cold. It keeps **Joe** pretty busy going between the hospital and the airport. Agent **Shirley Sword** spent a wonderful week-end in Amsterdam, Holland, compliments of KLM. This was **Shirley's** tenth trip to Europe and she still looks forward to crossing the big pond. There are not too many places left in this world that **Shirley** hasn't been. Agent **Keith Douglass** is busy at night with the fire department of Groveport, Ohio. "Stanley" is a volunteer fire fighter in his spare time. **Ray Campbell's** wife started back to work after a two year break. **Betty Ann** says she wishes she had 48 hours in a day to get caught up on all her work. **Joanne Short** is approaching ten years with Piedmont. For this we congratulate her, but the greater achievement is that **Joanne** has never been off sick one day during that ten years. That record is pretty hard to beat. Manager **Wallace Kerr** says he will be glad to see winter come to an end in CMH and is looking forward to a long hot summer. CMH did it again . . . another steak dinner.

ATLANTA-R — Reporter **Joyce Stokes**: ATL was very proud of its boardings in January, and had high hopes for the month of February, but ole' Man Winter was against us. However, from the looks of our fat future files we can look forward to some nice boardings this spring. Interesting things have been happening here at ATL beginning when **Alice Wingard** returned from a skiing trip to Gatlinburg sporting a beautiful charm bracelet. Racing enthusiasts **Jane Kinsey** and **Edna Wells** drove down to attend the "Day 500." Actually we think **Jane's** enthusiasm lies more in folk music, however. Chief Agent **Leonard Martin** plans to take advantage of the BOAC interline employees week-end to London. **Tracy Talley**, daughter of reservation manager **Robert Talley**, just returned from the hospital where she underwent surgery for a tonsilectomy.

CHARLOTTE-F — Reporter **Louise Ramsey**: Holiday repayments are still in full swing here at CLT. **Joel Bruce**, **Sid Hall** and **Jim Johnson** are the most recent lucky ones. All three said they were just going to lounge around the house instead of taking trips. Lufthansa had one seat left on its week-end trip to Cologne. Names were drawn from the CLT personnel, and **Bobby Harrelson** drew the lucky ticket. We don't believe either **Germany** or **Bobby** will ever be the same. **Madge Lanier** just returned from New York last week-end. She seems to be going up there a lot recently. The importance of correct city codes was brought forcefully to our attention last week. A nice lady transferred to us on her way to ILM. By

the time she arrived in **FAY**, she began to think that the terrain was not too familiar. She asked the flight attendant where they were going. When told their destination was **Wilmington, N. C.**, the lady nearly fainted. **ILG—Wilmington, Del.**—was her intended destination. Strangely enough, she had begun her trip in **New York City**. The **Berlin Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra** brought us some good business last month. We had three **Martin** charters to **ILM**. In spite of having just one English speaking person with the group, everything went smoothly. The only disappointed person was **Dwight Miller**. There were no female performers in the group.

HUNTINGTON — Reporter **Dave Morris**: HTS had its luau on February 3 at the Uptowner Inn with all the trimmings, including **Hawaiian Lei's**. Honored guests present were **Ken Ross**, **R. E. Turbiville**, **Ed Best**, **Les Watson**, **Mitch Everhart**, **Bob Reed**, **Bill Clark**, and **Paul Loar**. We wish to thank these gentlemen for attending our luau and hope we can get together again soon. Many thanks to **Bob Waugh** and the crew from **HSP** for filling in. **Don Turner**, **Bob Bosley** and yours truly spent a couple of days in **MIA** last month. We enjoyed some golf, swimming and the **Playboy Club** with its bunnies. **Walt Ryczek** and **Irene Blake** are taking off for **LAZ** on March 3 for a week at the expense of **TWA**. Some people have all the luck.

TRI CITIES — Reporter **Ray Norris**: Springtime . . . ah, yes, it's the best time of the year. The nice green grass growing, for one thing. It looks mighty good—until mowing time, huh? The **Ramp Roosters** lost to the **AA's** of res and ticket counter by a score of about 67 to 38. One reason for this was the procuring of two pros, **Bill Cash** and **Bob Shepherd**. Scoring with plays set up in advance, they held a nice lead through most of the game. Can you imagine these 5, 7, and 10 year men out playing basketball? This week the **AA's** forfeited to the **Roosters**. So a play-off is upcoming. **Bill "Ben Hogan" Cash** has teamed up with **Charlie "Carp" Morrison** and has perfected the ultimate in sporting equipment. When **Cash** drives the little white ball straight into the drink and has trouble finding it, he ties a line to his number 3 iron and, using **Charlie's** special bait, fishes and hunts at the same time. It hasn't been decided yet whether he needs a hunting or fishing license for this special sport. Results in golfing and fishing aren't too productive yet. But we all keep trying.

LOUISVILLE — Reporter **Jim Burger**: Everyone here, especially **Station Manager R. T. Powell**, is proud of our boardings for January. We had a 387 passenger increase over our January quota. Artist-pilot **William Rowell**, based in **ORF**, recently gave a violin concert here. He played in the **Louisville Orchestra** for three years and has given other concerts here. Lead Agents **Howard Hughes** and **Paul Masterson** are preparing for the 1965 training classes for **SDF** personnel. This should be very helpful to all concerned. **Ron Davis** took the big step into matrimony. He and his wife now live in their new brick home. We all want to wish them the best of everything. **Tom Duggins** has just completed another semester of night school on his way to getting a degree at **U. of Louisville**. **Ed Vinson** got so excited about going on his holidays he left his car standing in front of the main entrance to the terminal. Thanks to **Ron Shanks** and **Don Carlyle** shoving it to the parking lot, he was spared the two-in charges. **Bobbie French's** husband has his new landing strip and maintenance hangar ready for business and would like to see all you private plane owners come up. **SDF** personnel's flying club has about completed the overhauling of one of its planes. Word is that they have a plane for sale, too. **Lowell Beach**, captain of the **SDF** bowling team, bowled a 395 this past week to keep the team in contention for the "We Tried" trophies. The week before that, he had a 598 actual.

BALTIMORE — Reporter **John Morris**: **BAL** was off to a good start in 1965 by boarding almost 100 over quota in January. We didn't quite make quota in February, however, due to eight flight cancellations. **BAL** had its first incentive dinner March 16. This event has been anticipated here for many months. A large representation attended from the home office. Most of the personnel at **BAL** had a chance to work one or both **Southern DC-3** charters on February 26 and 27 when the **Clemson** and **U. of South Carolina** basketball teams were here to play the **U. of Maryland** at **College Park**. **Maryland** won both games this time. **Friendship Airport** continues to gain in air traffic, with a nearly 20 per cent increase in passenger boardings so far this year compared to 1964. Significant flights are scheduled for later this year by several carriers which will help interline business even more.

RALEIGH-DURHAM — Reporter **J. P. Wheeler**: **Carolyn Repass** is recuperating satisfactorily at home after her operation last month. We are looking forward to her return back to work. **Ed Riggsbee** and **Jimmy Richardson** planned a one day non-rev trip on **Piedmont** last month to see what the other half of the system looked like. They learned one big thing: it's very unreliable flying **Piedmont** on a class C pass. Their one day trip turned into a two day affair and the only place they got a good look at was **SDF**. They ended their trip by driving a rental car from **RIC**. We're sorry to see our sales representative, **Norman**

Coiner, leave us. Here's wishing him the best of luck at **TRI**. We're all looking forward to getting acquainted with his replacement, **Ray Mohler**. The big news around the airport is that **Harry Hailey** has sold his restaurant to **Dobbs House**. Mr. and Mrs. **Hailey** have been a fixture here for many years and they will surely be missed. Concrete plans for other terminal expansions are now being completed.

WILMINGTON — Reporter **Johnny Johnson**. This is a reminder that **ILM** is the place to come, especially during **March** and **April**. From **March 23** through **March 28**, the **Azalea** golf tournament, with prizes amounting to over \$40,000 will be held. The **Azalea** ball and parade will be on **Saturday the 3rd** of **April**. The **Azalea** festival will start **April 1** and continue through the 4th. The **Azalea Ball** and parade will be on **Saturday the 3rd** with an air show, featuring the **Thunderbirds**, on **Sunday the 4th**. There will also be a fly-in breakfast **Sunday** morning, so everyone owning an airplane fly on down and join the fun. **ILM** agent **Ray Parker** and **ILM** based **F/A Gary Willetts** have received notice from **Piedmont Airlines** that they have been selected to start flight training for co-pilot starting **March 15**. Everyone at **ILM** enjoyed the oyster and weiner roast given by the **ILM** maintenance department **February 27**. **ILM** mechanic **Lane Bordeaux** is now the proud owner of a **1961 Cessna 150**. **Piedmont's ILM** bowling team is now third place in the league.

WINSTON-SALEM — Reporter **J. D. Storch**: **Don Johnson**, in the fabric shop, may become a millionaire soon. They found gold on his father's farm. He will probably have to give up selling used cars now. **Jerry Angel**, timekeeper, is a happy and sleepy fellow. His wife gave birth to an eight pound girl **February 28**. Being a timekeeper he predicted the time it would be delivered. He's getting good at it—only missed by three days. **Wilma Cook** and **Betty Fulp**, **INT-T**, made a respectable showing recently at the **N. C. State Women's Bowling Tournament** in **Hickory, N. C.** Their team, sponsored by **Cook's Warehouse**, placed fifth in the "B" division. **Dixie Holt**, **INT-O** and **Margaret Herman**, **INT-A**, plan to attend later. **INT** is proud of the efforts of **Lamar Miller**, from the radio shop, who is also the training officer for the **Pilot Volunteer Fire Department** in **Thomasville, N. C.** **Miller** was first on the scene recently, and was responsible for rescuing a mother and her three children from their burning home and for administering artificial respiration. The father did not survive the fire. Executive planes in the hanger last month were those of **Brighton Engineering Co.**, pilot **Charles Clay**, **DC-3**, for periodic inspection; **Chatham Manufacturing Co.**, pilot **Dale Balzer**, **DC-3**, for periodic inspection; **Nello Teer Corp.**, pilot **Rodney Hudson**, **Lobe Star**, for periodic inspection; **Pennzoil Corp.**, pilot **Curley Korb**, **DC-3**, for 100 hour inspection; **Kroger Co.**, pilot **Julian O'Neal**, **DC-3**, for engine change.

ROANOKE-F — Reporter **Don Holliday**: The topic of discussion in **Roanoke** these days is travel. Everyone seems to be planning a trip or has just returned from one. **Jeannie Dial** made the **Rio** scene and said she spent a very happy week with her brother and sister-in-law. Also, two ladies from our downtown ticket office, **Mrs. Virginia Price** and **Mrs. Shirley Quinn** have just returned from a trip to **Europe**. **Sue** and **Roger Blankenship** spent their holidays in **Orlando, Florida**, and purchased a boat while there. This should make **Rodney Bowers** very happy since he plans to teach water skiing this summer and needs as many friends with boats as possible. **Bill Carico** has recently returned from **Tampa** and **Miami**, where he spent a few days of leisure and skin diving. **Iona Carr** is now educating herself in the art of interior decorating. Who will be her first victim? We would like to welcome back **Paul Shively**. We're glad to see him in good health again. **Don Vance** has purchased a set of golf clubs and plans to join the ranks of golfers here in **Roanoke**. Believe, me, most of our golf is just that—rank. **Betty Cox** has recently returned from her vacation in **North Carolina**. She really misses life on the farm. Here's a cops and robbers news flash: someone stole the safe from **Scotties** (the debriefing lounge in **ROA**). He has our sympathy plus our money.

FAYETTEVILLE — Reporter **Robert Beard**: Believe it or not, **FAY** has a "tug." Well, it's not actually a tug, it's really an electric cart. But it seems like a tug to us. The only bad thing about it is that we agents don't get to drive it much between the hours 0830 to 1700 **Monday** through **Friday**. **Faye Curd** recently flew to **Europe** via **Lufthansa**. **Faye** says the flight was very nice but the stay in **Germany** too short. **FAY** would like to welcome new operations agent **Lewis Clyburn**. **Lewis** is married, has one child and hails from **Proctorville, N. C.** Thanks to **PAI** for another very fine incentive party. Everyone had a grand time. We're sorry that no one from the home office was able to attend, but we understand since it was **Saturday** night.

ROANOKE-O — Reporter **Diane Martin**: **ROA** male agents seem to be starting a new physical fitness program by taking up basketball. The guys have really been working out on their spare time. Any challenging stations? Welcome to our new agent **Lawrence Sutphin**, hope he likes **ROA**. A welcome is also needed for a 6 lb. 10 oz. boy born to the **John Huggetts**. Due to an unfortunate accident **LYH** has borrowed a **ROA** agent—**Dick Morgan**. Agent **Morgan** will return to **ROA** after completing his temporary duty in **LYH**. According to **Ed Best** we should place a want ad in the paper: wanted immediately—good car, cheap, for **ROA** station manager. Could this be a hint to **Mr. Gibson**?