

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

KNOXVILLE — Reporter Carl Simpson: TYS station personnel (agencies and crews) have donated \$3,020. to help build a new Blount County Children's Home. This is enough to build a room and furnish it. **Sam Vance, Ted Arnold and Sue Blackwood** took vacations during May. We welcome to TYS Capt. **R. L. Thomason**, FO **C. L. Martin**, FO **C. M. Peavler**, and FS **Elizabeth Schettler**. The TYS bowling team finished the season in sixth place. We did win the high game trophy. While BLF personnel were enjoying their steaks, **Marie Leedy** was here to help run the BLF station. We wish to convey our heartfelt sympathies to Capt. **R. L. Tomason** in the death of his son. Miss **Jerry Cox** from AVL was our only visitor during May.

CHARLOTTE — Reporter Louise Ramsey: Three new beauty queens have made their appearance in CLT by way of the **Sid Hall's, Joel Bruce's and Watson Furr's**. All three new arrivals — girls, of course, have our congratulations to them. The CLT circle is soon to be broken, as **Jean (Winslow) Pegrarn** departs for ATL. She is married to Captain Bob Pegrarn of Eastern, and transfer has been brought about due to the moving of the CLT crew base. **Jean** will be in reservations at the ATL field. Replacing **Jean** will be **Linda Lowder** of Delta Airlines-CLT. We are most fortunate in having Linda come with us after five years with Delta. Well, it has happened. The **Walch** family, all eleven, have braved the highways and tourist courts for their first trip to Winona, Wisconsin. The Volkswagon was filled to capacity, but you'll never find a happier group for a vacation trip. We wish them a wonderful vacation. Also vacationing was **Salem Beamer**, who went to St. Louis to see the Cardinals lose again. Better luck next year. **Madge Lanier** has moved again not married, just moved to the country and all its luxuries and conveniences. Watch that poison oak. It will take a weekend to visit her, it's so far out. I suppose by now you've figured that **John Newell** wrote this, but **Louise Ramsey** has been to another party and wasn't able to get the news out.

PARKERSBURG — Reporter Virg Flinn: Aviation dignitaries from pre-World War I days through 1965 were in PKB on June 2 for the rededication of Wood County Airport in honor of Gill Robb Wilson. Mr. Wilson, who is a native of Parkersburg, is known as the Elder Statesman of Air Power. He was four times president of the National Aeronautics Association; a co-founder of the Air Craft Owners and Pilots' Association; a member of the Congressional Aviation Policy Board; and founder and organizer of the Civil Air Patrol. He has been editor and publisher of **Flying Magazine** for many years and is currently chairman of the board of the Space Education Foundation. The program for the rededication had as principal speakers U. S. Senator Jennings Randolph and Governor Hulett C. Smith (W. Va.). Prominent among the guests who came from both coasts were aviation dignitaries aviatrix **Jaqueline Cochran**, barnstorming stunt pilot **Roscoe Turner**, and two of America's most noted test pilots, **Joe Walker** and **Pete Everest**. Guests from INT included President **T. H. Davis** and **Don Britt**, assistant to the president.

Mr. **Davis** presented to Parkersburg agents a framed certificate of appreciation for the part PKB played in boarding over a million passengers in '64. Vacations are in full swing again. **Vize Dotson** is enjoying country ham in Kentucky, **Jim Kendrick's** is looking forward to visiting his farm in Georgia, and **Roy Roberts** is just going to ride his new motorcycle.

TRI CITIES — Reporter Ray Norris: If you are wondering where to go on your vacation this year, it might be a good idea to consider good ol' TRI. This mountain air is the most invigorating thing you ever ran across, outside of our mountain dew. One little snort of corn and one little whiff of clear air and you can kick up your heels like a young colt. **Charlie Johnson** led the baby announcements with a baby girl. Then came along **Ben Pat Bailey** with

another girl. Not to be outdone, **Gerald Basket's** wife had a boy. About the same time that these two were at the hospital, a former employee, **Bob Good**, appeared with his wife who gave birth to a baby boy. And we aren't through. We still have **Jim Starr, Ray Williams, and David Lyle** yet to go in the near future. Never let it be said we didn't warn you. If PI ever opens any new stations in the next 20 years, we will have enough help to staff the place from TRI alone. We recently had a cookout on the lake here. **Boone Lake** is one of our newest lakes and very close to Johnson City. So, for you fishermen, hotels are easily accessible. Fishing is fair most of the time and **Charlie Johnson, Bill Johnson, Ray Williams, Leroy Pickle, Dick Miller, or Charlie Morrison** can tell you if they (the fish) are biting or not. Oh well. Even if the fish don't bite, the mosquitoes will, so come on up to TRI.

RALEIGH—DURHAM — Reporter J. P. Wheeler: The addition of flights 652 and 629 on the April 25 schedule brought RDU back into the 2000 a month club. Things have really been jumping here since then, and sometimes they even get a little hectic. The cross connection between 652 and 50 includes a cross crew change on a scheduled five minute stop (Flt. 652) during the hottest part of the day. May was the best boarding month here since August of 1962 and only 400 short of the all time high. **Gene Shaw** came running back into the office one day after working 629 and 27, dirty, hot and sweaty, and shouted to **Carolyn Repass**, "Did you know that a last minute GSO passenger boarded 27?" **Carolyn** answered that she did but that she had been unable to advise anyone because the operation forms had already been carried to the ramp. Then **Gene**, still gasping for breath asked, "Well, did you grease mark his pencil?" **Hal Carter** was a welcome addition here. After SOP closed, **Hal** took his vacation and reported here to work vacation relief. Several here have taken advantage of Eastern's offer of passes to ride the Whisperjet RDU NYC RDU. Here is the way one of them describes his trip. We arrived at the airport, got on the plane, left at 12:30, got to NYC, had some refreshments, told a few lies, got back on the plane, and arrived home at 1700.

AUGUSTA — Reporter E. C. Reynolds: The Phantom rides again, and the boarding chart in Augusta is zooming upward. As car trading was the order of the day last year, it is now house trading — or building. **Jack Cluck** and **Van Berckman** have built theirs; everyone else is open to suggestions. At our last ('til the next) steak dinner, everyone seemed interested in the refreshment table. Augusta is expanding so fast that a hitch-hiker moved seven times in one day to keep out of the way of crews among the city limit signs. Air Explorer Squadron 1, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by PI AGS is, for the second year in a row, living on an island for a week and having a blast. Their advisor finally found the reason for their being so tired in the mornings. They were swimming a mile to the mainland on a night flying bikini hunt...what-ever kind of bird that is.

BALTIMORE — Reporter Howard Lewis: On June 1st, Baltimore had a fishing trip to Ocean City, Md., which was a big success. Those who attended, other than BRL agents, were **Don Sutphin, Buster Stover, and Bill Stafford** from DCA. All attending caught a good number of fish. I hear no one got sick, but **George Scherer** not only kept the fish wet on the way back to shore, but also kept himself pretty soaked. **George** had to dip water from the ocean with a bucket and throw it on the fish. While he did, the deck got wet and **George** did a couple of flip-flops. The gang brought back a little of over 300 fish, thanks to **Sam LaFollette**, better known as "Sea-sick Sam," and his continuous fishing effort. Not knowing what to do with all the fish, we had a fish fry at **George Scherer's** seven acre estate on Saturday, June 5. All from Piedmont BAL attended, plus a few from Lake Central Airlines, and, of course, Sea-sick Sam. We had refreshments including such essentials as potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad, tea, etc. Among the games played were horseshoes and badminton. We all ached a little on Sunday, but everyone had a good time. It seems that a few months ago, **Hank Eisenbath** went over to Tommy Thompson's house to borrow some cement to put around his drain spout. It was dark when Tommy gave the "cement" to **Hank**. **Hank** mixed the cement and poured it around the drain and also around the base of the house. Only a few days later did he notice that the cement was still wet. He promptly brought **Tommy** to look over the situation. As soon as Tommy saw the job **Hank** had done, he bent double with laughter. Because it was dark and mistakes will happen, **Tommy** accidentally had given **Hank** fertilizer instead of cement. What no one can understand is why **Hank** didn't notice this while he was mixing the "cement". Anyway, **Hank** has good grass around his house, under his house, and around the rainspout. By the way, **Hank**, cement is usually white, not brown. BAL welcomes **Allen Staley** to its operations.

ROANOKE — Reporter Deanna Martin: Vacations have been the highlight of this month. Agent Bowers enjoyed the cool mountains of New Hampshire while **G. Wingo** soaked up sun along the coast. He started at ORF and ended up at ILM. The office has been buzzing since **Joe Lucas** and **W. Nester** returned from



CAE airport officials accept a barometer given by Piedmont Airlines at the dedication of the new airport terminal there. Left to right are **Monroe David**, airport manager; **Don Britt**, PI assistant to the president; **T. H. Davis**, PI president; **C. M. Compton**, chairman of the Richland-Lexington Airport Commission; **Gayle Grygo**, PI stewardess and native of Columbia; **Forrest K. Abbott**, member Richland-Lexington Airport Commission and chairman of the dedication arrangements; and **Oliver J. Wolfe, Robert F. Pulliam, and E. M. Woodward**, all members of the Richland-Lexington Airport Commission.

LAS with tips on how to beat the one-armed bandits. They tell us their time grew shorter as the money grew in abundance. Not everyone has been living the life of leisure. Agent **Nester** graduated from business college, and **Iona Carr** and yours truly have finished a semester and are ready to start another. Anyone with questions concerning management, interior decorating, political science, or psychology, just contact us. We may not be able to solve any world-shaking problems, but we have a grand time discussing our courses. We are glad to report that a new part-time agent, **Tyler Pugh**, is replacing **Woody Nester**, who has become a full time agent in operations. DCA has accepted our golf challenge and a tournament is scheduled in ROA on June 22nd with a return match in DCA about two weeks later. Do we have anyone else interested?

COLUMBUS — Reporter Joe Frase: Well it's beginning to be that time of the year again when everyone is planning a vacation, or going to the beach every week like **Shirley Sword**. **Shirley** has been flying Piedmont every week this past month. Station Manager **Wallace Kerr** returned last week from a three-day journey to Seattle. He along with the other CHM station managers were the guests of UAL. They went to Seattle to tour the Boeing plants. According to **Wally** (and the literature he brought back with him) Boeing has quite an operation out there and turns out a nice product. **Ray Campbell** is presently on vacation and all I know is that he was going to the sunny south for a week. **Joanne Short**, I'm happy to report, has survived from all the excitement of receiving her ten-year pin, and is going for ten more now. We all want to wish her the best of luck. **Joanne** also won the PI CMH golf tourney held last month. **Bert Carlos** is preparing to go on vacation in a couple of weeks or so, I don't think **Bert** has quite made up his mind where to go. He did mention something about heading south for a couple of days to visit the home office. **Stan Douglas** has been putting in some long hours down on the farm and doing some home repairs. The rest of us can sure tell it. I'm happy to report that **Paul Gustafson** has returned to the regular line of duties. As you remember **Paul** pulled his arm out of place and was in the hospital for a long time recovering. **Paul** says it's nice to be back and we are glad to see that everything is coming along so well. I myself just returned from vacation a week ago. I didn't have anything planned and it's a good thing because my wife took care of that for me. I sure was glad to get back in the swing of things. That should just about do it for this time except for inviting everyone up to spend a spell with us. I realize that with only two flights it's hard to come and go, but don't let that worry you. If you get up and can't make it back there is plenty of room at all of our homes, and you are welcome anytime.

NORFOLK — Reporter Bob Wylie: Summer is finally upon us and the fishing season is getting into full swing. The main catches at this time are flounder, croakers and blues. Hot weather has also brought out the pleasure boaters and a few ardent scuba divers. If you happen to be riding out by the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge and see what appear to be sea monsters, have no fear; it will probably be Capt. **C. L. Bunch**, F/O **John Richardson**, or agent **Steve Watkins** trying out their wet suits and aqua lungs. Vacations are in full swing. Agent **Bill Halsey** just returned from an eight day interline tour to Hawaii, sponsored by United Air Lines. Station Manager **Art Whittaker** and his wife spent a week in Switzerland and Portugal in May. Reservation agent **Margaret Calhoun** and Stewardess **Gail Avera** spent their time off in Hawaii. Capt. **G. H. Wilson** and his family leave this week for Las Vegas and a tour of the western states. Even with most of our Navy customers out at sea in or around either Viet Nam or the Dominican Republic, we managed to set an all time record boarding in May. If the Navy had been here we would have another steak dinner for sure. We boarded 300 passengers in May.



Gill Robb Wilson is surrounded by well-wishers following the rededication of Wood County Airport in his name. Left to right are **Virg Flinn**, Agent PKB; **Richard S. Cotterman**, president of the Greater Parkersburg Chamber of Commerce and master of ceremonies for the dedication program and dinner; President **T. H. Davis**; Mr. **Wilson**; **Paul Stewart**, manager of the Parkersburg Chamber of Commerce; and **Vize Dotson**, PKB station manager.