

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

ASHEVILLE — Reporter **Jerrie Cox**: The mass exodus of approximately 400 campers has left AVL at a peaceful rest. No more vipers, canoe paddles, foot lockers or tennis rackets until next summer. Official morale is exceptionally high, especially since we're now eligible for a steak dinner, our first! Among the dignitaries we welcomed this month were **T. H. Davis**, **C. G. Brown** and **Tom Cowen**. Vacations are still in progress. **Julius Dean** and his wife spent a few days in Orlando. **Merrill Oxley** and family enjoyed being at MBC. We welcome **Bob Alexander** who joined our gang May 25.



AVL's departing camper-passengers await their flight while sitting on the ground surrounded by months of carefully collected souvenirs.

BALTIMORE — Reporter **Howard W. Lewis Jr.**: Everyone was surprised when we saw in the last issue of the Piedmonitor that **George Scherer** had been promoted to lead agent, even the Manager. Lots of luck, George, and congratulations to you from all of us here. I hope George has better luck at this job than he did sailing a boat. It seems one of George's friends invited him out on his 15-foot sail boat one Saturday for a ride around the bay. Mother Nature called and George and his companion were thrown overboard. Luckily George was able to grab hold the side of the boat (George can't swim). Finally, two friendly boats came to the rescue and turned the boat right side up, to George's relief. George got home safe, but WET. Seasick Sam had a 15-foot rope tying his 22-foot craft to the pier. Not long ago the rope broke and the boat sank. Sam had the boat tied up so that when he went out he could pull himself back in everytime the boat got too much water in the bottom. This time he didn't pull fast enough and down she went. It was a good excuse for Sam to buy the new 25-foot Trojan boat he wanted. So now he has it and it is a beauty. He doesn't need a 15-foot rope to tie this one. About 50 feet of rope should do because it doesn't leak so badly and there's more time to pull it back to the pier. All kidding aside, Sam has a lovely boat that goes fast enough to pull a skier, but who wants to ski behind it with Seasick Sam at the wheel?

CHARLOTTE — Reporter **Louise Ramsey**: We have had several visitors this past month, **R. E. Turbiville**, **P. P. Jones** and **Tom Cowan**. We were glad to see y'all. Hurry back. Vacation this month was enjoyed by **Boyd Rutledge**. He and his family went to Ocean Drive where they suffered through the tornado. Boyd said it wasn't too bad, but enough so that he hoped not to experience another one so closely. **Louise Ramsey** and her daughter spent vacation time in Jamacia, BWI and they think it is the next thing to paradise. **Penny Combs** didn't need to go outside Mecklenburg County for her vacation. She has a nice cottage on the river that is all one could ask for. She has become so proficient at skiing that anyone is challenged to a race. **Johnny** and **Mary Newell** have been to Florida and to Washington, on different trips. **Johnny** said the beach at Miami was oolala. We missed the steak dinner again, but never say die! We'll keep trying and when we do win, there will really be a celebration.

CHARLESTON — Reporter **Ruth Shumate**: CRW is still going great with our boardings and continues to be big number two carrier for the air lines serving ole Charley West. To improve our efficiency, a remodeling is taking place in our reservations office. A new reservation table has been installed by carpenters **Bob Hill**, **Mac McCormick**, **John Blackwell** and **Daris Moore**. New telephone equipment is the next step. A few months ago when one of our telephone headsets "became ill," a C&P specialist informed Mr. Hill that the poor old thing was too old to make repairs and had become out-dated over the years. Thus a new program has been planned and everyone is excited about the future atmosphere of our second home. **Bill Hanson**, politician from Putnam County, has returned from the State Convention in Beckley with many tales and still a staunch party leader. CRW area has a county majorette festival each fall, with lots of pretty legs. This year the gals of Eastbank High School will be dressed as Piedmont stewardesses, skirts slightly shorter, and carrying Piedmont flight bags. With school starting and football season just beginning, we have many thoughts of the past. I, for one, will have a lump in my throat as my son, **Earle Haven**, will be starting the first grade. So will **Jim Birthisel**, whose daughter is a beginner. Time really passes us by!

FAYETTEVILLE — Reporter **Robert Beard**: The last issue of the PIEDMONITOR had several mentions of stations setting passenger boarding records. Ole FAY has been busy too. June boardings were 4120 and we broke that in July with 4244 and it looks as though August has topped that. The highest boardings for a single day were 218. By the time this is printed FAY should have our Instrument Landing System commissioned. This will definitely be a big help in getting these early flights in on foggy mornings. We had a man walk up to the counter the other night off flight 68 and advise he just went to telephone some relatives he was coming to visit, and found that he was in Fayetteville, N. C. rather than Fayetteville, Ark., which was his destination. He originated in Freeport, Grand Bahamas. After a night in a motel we got him on his way to FYV. Several months ago we had the same thing happen but this was to a woman and two small children who had been traveling all night. They had originated in San Juan, P. R. These little deals certainly can get interesting. FAY would like to welcome new Res. Agent **Frances Shackelford** and also welcome back **Shelby Webb** who has been on maternity leave. Recent vacationers include **Bill Wooten**, **Robert Jackson**, **Carl Bowden** and **Horace Bryant**, who all stayed around home. I took a little trip down to NAS. **Bill Thompson** and **Robert Nunnery** are both proud fathers of little girls.

HOT SPRINGS — Reporter **F. C. Quesenberry**: Since the last word from this station, our noble reporter, **Will Radford**, became even more noble and surrendered his services into the awaiting arms of Uncle Sam. Alas, the task of reporting for HSP fell upon my shoulders. Will was replaced by **Harry Gilpin**, who transferred to the high country from PHF. We also lost **Larry Balser** to the sands of Florida. Larry felt that his frost-bitten hands, which he received here during the winter while attempting to dig his jeep out of a snowdrift, would fare much better in a warmer climate. He is now with National Airlines in Orlando. His vacant space was filled by a local boy, **Sharn Perry**. Sharn resides in Covington with his wife, Ella and son, Steven. Before coming with Piedmont he was a disk jockey with a local radio station; if his conversations over the long line seem a bit lengthy and hard to follow you'll know why. **Bob Waugh** has won a trip with AA and will be leaving soon on an expense-paid tour of the West Coast. Although **Lyle Cox** is loathe to admit it, he drew Bob's name from the hat. Even though you haven't heard much about HSP boardings in August, just watch our smoke in September. We expect it to be our best month yet.

MYRTLE BEACH — Reporter **Frank Woodruff**: We have been almost too busy this summer to have any extra news except passenger boardings. We are getting close to setting another monthly record in August. Our traffic will start slowing down soon with everyone going home to get the kids in school. We're sure sorry to see **Mike Bullard** go but guess he will have to get back to SOP to keep **Ezra Cook** company this winter.

RALEIGH-DURHAM — Reporter **J. P. Wheeler**: Manager **Bob Turbiville** took a week's vacation and returned to work sporting a new Volkswagon. He joins **Jim Richardson** and **Hal Carter** in the new car category. Both own Mustangs. **Gene Shaw** went to Nassau on vacation and the **J. P. Wheelers** spent a week at MBC. Meanwhile, back at the station the news came out that RDU had won its first steak dinner under the present incentive program. Everyone is looking forward to the big event. When all the figures are tabulated for August, we have hopes of getting an all-time monthly high in passenger boardings at RDU. The previous high was 2553 set in 1962 when EAL was on strike.

WINSTON-SALEM — From the editor's desk: This is my first edition of your paper and I've already started thinking about the October issue. I wrote the correspondents this week and I'd like to tell you all how excited I am about editing your publications. It is a big job and I'm going to need a lot of help from YOU! There is no way I can be everywhere all the time to find out all the things you are doing, so I'm depending on you to keep me posted, okay?

Anytime any of you have an idea about something you'd like to see in your paper, please let me know. I'd love to hear from you.

I have an idea that maybe some of you readers like to write too. Perhaps you write poetry while waiting for that last flight to come in or maybe there's a short story somewhere in the back of your mind. If you like to write, or if you know some of Piedmont's other employees who do, I certainly would like to see the kind of things you write. I think it would be fun to see some of your creative talent come out on these PIEDMONITOR pages. Even if you, or anyone interested in this sort of thing, don't want to sign your work, that's okay. But seeing your name on a by-line in print is an undeniable thrill.

I'll be looking forward to meeting you all face to face rather than between lines of type. Do let me hear from you about any ideas you may have for your paper.

INT has been a busy place since my arrival. **Dot McCuiston** has returned from her vacation in Europe. **Mrs. Lu Holder** is driving what she calls her "007" automobile. It is a new gold Chrysler, but she hasn't had the machine guns put under the hood yet. **Freda Zappia** has come back from her vacation trip into the wilds of South America. She has promised us a story on that for the next issue. One of the nicest "welcome aboards" I got after coming to Piedmont was a set of lovely book ends. **Mr. J. F. Rowe** in the INT Engine Shop plated two master rods from a piston engine and they look just great on my desk holding up lots and lots of PIEDMONITOR information.

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Rick Crouch, son of SHD station manager Tom Crouch, received the Eagle Scout award in August. During his years of scouting he has earned a total of 23 merit badges.