

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

ATLANTA — Reporter **Lance Anderson**: We'd like to welcome new agent **Ray Cole** to ATL-O. Ray is replacing **Don Ames**, who left us to go to Tampa. We're all glad to have **Charles Price** back from the hospital. The highway is still empty of a Piedmont truck bringing our nose loaders. But we are waiting. **Benny Britt** has been coming in on Monday mornings with tall tales of his sky-diving (ripcord) experiences of Sunday afternoon. **Howard Bolen** bought a new Mercury and parked it in front of his apartment just before leaving for a vacation in California. He was sick when he came back, not from the flight, but because some one had demolished his car. We're sorry about that, Howard. Maybe Santa will bring you another one.

BALTIMORE — Reporter **Howard W. Lewis, Jr.**: We all would like to congratulate Grandpa Faucette. That's right, **Jim Faucette** is now a Grandpa. His son Richard, and spouse, presented Jim with a grandson. Our boardings here at BAL are holding up pretty well. Although we aren't breaking any records we are keeping up with our quotas. It seems after **Tommy Thompson** begged the Navy to let him join he is now 4F due to his bad hearing! This didn't stop Tommy though. He went back and begged some more and it looks like he's still leaving us in Feb. '66. We, here at BAL, would like to take this chance to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you get a chance stop in and see our newly painted office. For all you deer hunters, **Howard Lewis** shot an eight-point buck this year for the first time in four years.

COLUMBUS — Reporter **Shirley Sword**: All agents on duty on November 23, 1965 were guests of Lake Central Airlines on their new NORO 262. A flight around the city was most enjoyable. **Ray Campbell** is sporting calloused fingers with his new hobby of guitar playing. Never can tell we might have a new Elvis in the making! Recent visitors through our station were **Don Kirk** from ROA and **Patsy Blackmon** from LYH. **Joanne Short** has been busy making the CMH office festive for the holidays... We at CMH would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

FLORENCE — Reporter **A. L. Shoffner**: This is the season to be merry and full of joy! And we here at FLO plan to start the season off right, by taking and finishing out Christmas vacations, and then our Christmas party. Thus far it looks as if this will



At FLO, from left, Bob Bennington, Jim Fields, Phil Walton, Cecil Benton, Mickey Shoffner and Tom Adams.

be another record month for FLO. The amount of cargo and revenue that we've handled this month has far exceeded anything we've done in the past. All of us here at FLO seem to have the same Christmas wish! We all hope that Ole St. Nick will bring a nose loader. We wish each and every station on the system a very Merry Christmas.

HOT SPRINGS — Reporter **Sharn Perry**: "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11) Lest we forget there is Christ in Christmas. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2: 13-14) To all of you, from all of us — may your Christmas be the merriest ever and the New Year your happiest.

MYRTLE BEACH — Reporter **Frank Woodruff**: MBC is having one whale of a year down here boarding passengers. We had a 74% increase in November over November 1964 and now have a 38% increase for the year. **Tommy Hucks** is sporting a new GTO. **Harold Rowe** has been busy in his off time painting and polishing his Tri-Pacer. Everybody is busy Christ-

mas shopping and looking forward to a big holiday. **Wayne West** is still getting up at 5:30 a.m. trying to bag that deer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Y'all.

PARKERSBURG MARIETTA — Reporter **Virg Flinn**: The PKB agents enjoyed their visit to CMH last month. They spent a day there to familiarize themselves with the layout and airport. We hope to be able to give our passengers better service and the freight customers better answers to their questions. We also took advantage of the opportunity to ride jump seat and see some of the problems of the crews. We'd like to thank all the personnel in CMH for their cooperation in giving us the grand tour. Thanks also to the flight crews for explaining the gadgets and gauges. We had as recent visitors **C. G. Brown, R. E. Turbiville** and **Mitch Everhart**. Y'all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy (Break More Records) New Year!

PULASKI — Reporter **Glen Shanks**: Well, we finally got a replacement for **Ron Price** who transferred to ROA. He is **Cloyd Walters** and transferred from SHD. Welcome to PSK, Cloyd. I suppose the rush will be over by the time this is in print. Radford College, the second largest all girls college in the U. S., is located near here and many of the girls are taking advantage of Piedmont's service especially during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the end of the term. Talking about the rush, our reservations and operations rooms looked like a storage room in a warehouse for a few days around the first of the month. We had cargo stacked to the ceiling and all available floor space filled on several occasions. If **Ken Ross** thinks we're hinting for a cargo room, he is right.

RALEIGH-DURHAM — Reporter **J. P. Wheeler**: As result of winning the United-Piedmont Interline Sales Contest this summer, the RDU station was treated to a steak dinner on November 18. Representing United Airlines were: **Jerry Morris, CHI**; **Fred Flynn, ATL**; **Tom Sheehan, RIC**; and **Walt Ketter, Manager** at RDU. **Sheryl Folger** represented our home office at the outing. The highlight of the evening was the drawing for an expense-paid one-week round trip on UAL to Hawaii for two. Due to circumstances beyond their control, Mr. and Mrs. **Major J. Herring** were late arrivals to the dinner and just as they were finding their seats at the table, it was announced that they were the grand winners. Major's famous after-dinner statement was, "I'm very grateful and I fully intend to take advantage of this opportunity." Also winners of positive space round trip passes to Hawaii for two via UAL were **Chester Nutt**, Division Station Manager, **Ray Mohler**, Sales Representative, and **Bob Turbiville**, Station Manager. All other agents are entitled to similar passes on UAL to any point in the continental United States. Recognition should also go to our two neighboring stations, ISO was second and GSB was third in the contest. A new comer to our staff is **R. G. Deean**, a native of Enfield, N. C., Dicky is a great outdoorsman.



RDU INTERLINE PARTY (l. to r.) Tom Sheehan, Major Herring, Mrs. Herring and Fred Flynn.

RICHMOND — Reporter **J. L. Thompson**: Probably one of the biggest commotions to occur at RIC in a long time happened not long ago. One of the local radio stations began their 0700 news report as follows: "The jet age is really coming to RIC in a big way. Piedmont Airlines has announced that they will commence jet service into RIC on their BAL-ALT flights within sixty to ninety days." Needless to say every PAI employee who heard this was completely dumbfounded. "Marty" **Martinez**, our sales representative, was shaving at the time and it was reported that disaster almost resulted, and several fork wounds resulted at breakfast that day. Everyone is anxiously waiting the first jet flight on PAI but we here at RIC had begun to think we had been by-passed on the latest goings on in INT. The most recent globe trotter from RIC was **Anna Metzler**, who spent several days

in Antigua, West Indies. From all of us here at RIC to all of you and yours throughout the PAI system, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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ROANOKE — Reporter **Don Conner**: Marriage has its drawbacks, one being that it has claimed our former reporter **Deanna Martin**. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome **Judy Smith** to our Reservations department. Judy comes to us after a tour of duty with Uncle Sam's WACS in Okinawa. She says the job here is a snap — it's the personnel that give her a fit! We noticed in last month's issue that one of our neighbors is going into semi-retirement for the winter. We would like to invite them down any Friday night, I'm sure we could find something for them to do. And I'll bet our neighboring LYH might enjoy their services on days when we were closed, huh, LYH? **Bob Stepp** has a new elephant joke. Check him next time you're in ROA. Well, back to the wagon, these shoes are killing me!

TRI-CITIES — Reporter **Ray Norris**: After the festive occasion of our Christmas party, we're looking forward to a New Year's celebration. Some of TRI's agents will be making resolutions to go with the season. **Charlie Jackson** vows not to kill a deer and then tease all the old pros that haven't scored in recent years. **Dick Miller** said he'd jump on the next deer instead of shooting at it. He did help load a nice one onto a truck, but that's another story. **Charlie Morrison**, **Leroy Pickle** and some others need some deer scent or some sort of lure to help their luck. If you need some rags to stuff Christmas dolls, see **Gerald Baskett**; he has tons of them for sale. **Helen Hopson** won a trip to Europe in a recent contest. She hopes to go sometime this spring. If you have any old unused money laying around after the holidays, mail it to her, she says. The trip is for transportation only. All they want for Christmas, say the res girls (and Crumley) is for the local colleges to get their reservations finished. **Gene Woods**, our communications agent, agrees. We sure hope to keep up the good work on all the passenger boardings. If you should need some legal advice, come see our boss, **Bill Cash**; he has just completed a stint of jury duty. Some of us are kinda glad we didn't have a case coming up at that time; he might have thrown the book at us. TRI wants to wish all our Piedmont family the merriest of holidays and may you all have the best of health in the coming New Year. Have fun, but be careful.

WASHINGTON — Reporter **G. A. Burton**: Most of the men in Operations managed to go deer hunting this season. **Ted Meredith**, in a hunting party of ten, reported a kill of seven. **Don Sutphin** hit it lucky this year and felled a 4-point buck. The rest reported "I shot an arrow into the air. It landed I know not where." **Austin Morrison** wanted a baby boy for Christmas; the stork delivered him the eleventh. **Richie Iden** was recently promoted to Lead Agent; his wife presented him with a baby boy to go along with it. Everyone is getting into the holiday spirit. **Tom Cleghon**, working at his part time job, burned up all the egg crates which were supposed to be returned to the warehouse. **Melvin Sim**, at another store, reported one of the cashiers sold a lady an artificial cake. **Gus Tomlin** and his wife Libby visited the Virgin Islands. It's nearing time for Santa to make his flight. In case any station receives a position report please relay the following message: "Request no ETA between 1700-1900 due to no gate space available and excessive ATC & ATFC." I am sure our ground crew will not have any trouble helping him unload. One shift alone handled 1400 pieces of cargo at 30,000 lbs. As everyone knows, DCA boarded 20,000 passengers in one month. We have been able to maintain this figure for three months in a row. From all the people here in Piedmont's passenger and cargo capitol, we sincerely hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.