

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

**ATLANTA** — Reporter **Betsy Cooper**: ATL-Res welcomes new agent **Kathy O'Gorman** whose husband is an Atlanta based Delta pilot. We're glad to have **Vickie McGowan** back after a leave of absence during which she added a son to her family. **Anita Carlton** enjoyed her vacation in Florida, plus a skiing week-end in Maggie Valley. **Alice Mahan** also tried her skiing abilities at Gatlinburg. **Lance Anderson**, who has transferred from operations to the ticket counter, is Patient Service Chairman of the Atlanta Airport Branch of the American Cancer Society. **Joyce Stokes** is his assistant under **Mr. Parrish**, who is the Branch Chairman. Our branch is made up of 12,000 employees of the airlines, city airport employees, Air Mail, Air Express, Air Freight companies, Dobbs House and the other facilities at the Airport. This is the first and only branch airport cancer organization in the country under a trial program of the American Cancer Society in Atlanta.

**BALTIMORE** — Reporter **Howard Lewis**: Even with all the snow we've been having we still boarded over our quota for January. At this point February is looking like a good month too. George's Sled Run was opened Saturday, February 5, and it's a lot better than last year. Skiing on water skis in the snow seems a little rough though. **Howard Lewis** and **Tom Thompson** found this out in short order. Speaking of **Tom Thompson**, he's out of the Navy now. It seems he never got to go. The very day he reported for duty, he was discharged, medically, he says. They said he doesn't hear too well???? We gave Tom a going away party, presents and all. Now we don't know how to get them back. Guess we'll just have to raise his dues when he returns to work. Sure hope he'll hurry, we need the money. **Hank Eisenbath** is expecting a little package at his house sometime this summer, maybe two little packages. Lots of luck and we hope its triplets!!!!

**BLUEFIELD** — Reporter **John Lawrence**: Station Manager **Eddie Jones** goes to Hawaii one day and LBJ goes the next. We're wondering just what they had going over there. The President only stayed four days and when he returned all we heard was Viet Nam. Eddie hasn't gotten back yet, but when he does he'll probably have more to say about grass skirts than the situation in South East Asia. The weather has slowed up our passenger boardings, but not Air Freight or Air Express. In the first ten days of February we boarded 30,000 pounds. The weather hasn't hurt our bowling team either. After 24 games in the second half of the season we find ourselves in first place with a two game lead.

**CHARLOTTE** — Reporter **Louise Ramsey**: We realize it isn't nice to say I told you so, but we just must. CLT has won a steak dinner! We all worked mighty hard for the occasion and we're sure to enjoy every minute of it. During the big snow a Braniff jet made an unscheduled stop at CLT. It was one of their new planes, light green in color. The attendants didn't get off so we didn't get even a peek at their colorful uniforms. The welcome mat is out for our two new employees. **David Long** of Charlotte is our full time agent. **William Helms**, also of the Queen City, is a part-time agent. Messrs. **Brown, Davis, McGee, Clark** and **Jones** were recent visitors. We enjoyed having them and hope y'all will come more often.

**NORFOLK** — Reporter **Cynthia H. Norton**: Valentine's greetings from ORF. It looks like a busy month for Cupid. We'd like to welcome our new employee **Chiyoko Pietruszkiewica** from Honolulu, Hawaii. Chiyoko was very impressed with all the snow we had. Also a long overdue welcome goes to **Bob Cole**, a retired Navy chief, filling the position of radio technician. **Margaret Calhoun** became Mrs. Donald Judge late in January. Major **Jim Humphreys** just completed two weeks active duty with the USAF. Station Manager **Art Whittaker** is hobbling around with a cane



FAA's Convair 880

as a result of a near slip on an icy road. The recently formed Tidewater Interline Club had a dance sponsored by Northwest Airlines on February 26. The Grand Prize is two round trip tickets to Tokyo and six nights complimentary visit at the Tokyo Hilton. We're all hoping a PAI employee will be the lucky winner. In the picture is the FAA's Convair 880. It is the largest and heaviest jet to land at ORF. The FAA was conducting tests on Wallops Island and refueled here with Piedmont Aviation at the Fixed Base Division.

**MYRTLE BEACH** — Reporter **Frank Woodruff**: It's almost spring again along the Grand Strand with temperatures in the 60's. We had one morning of snow and ice down here this winter plus a lot of rain. We hope all the mountain folks are out of hibernation now. Our Vortac installation is coming along fine. It should be in operation within a couple of months which will save a lot of time on inbound flights in bad weather. The car trading bug has hit here. **D. K. Jones** got a Mercury station wagon and **Harold Rowe** has a new Jaguar. Howard says it's for his wife, but he seems to be driving it most of the time. We're in the process of getting our holiday time out of the way before summer gets here. Harold took his days off in the middle of January; **Tommy Hucks** is off this week and **Wayne West** will be away the latter part of the month.

**PARKERSBURG** — Reporter **Virg Flinn**: Our airport crews came through again during the recent snow which paralyzed so many airports in the eastern states. Our field was never closed because of field conditions. The estimated total cost in equipment and manpower was more than \$2,100. More than 500 gallons of gasoline was used in snow removal equipment. One runway was plowed three times within 28 hours. We were honored to have **Bill Clark, Bob McAlphin, Ed Best** and **Paul Loar** at our incentive dinner in January. We think Ed should start a dancing school if he ever decides to go into business on the side. Agent **Charlie Hall** was recently honored as Jaycee of the Month in Williamstown. He received the award for his work as Christmas Tree Sale Chairman.

**RALEIGH-DURHAM** — Reporter **J. P. Wheeler**: We are all looking forward to another steak dinner and are right proud of that 31% increase for the last six month period of last year. Our congratulations to AGS for their 51% increase. We feel like we contributed a little to it. Everytime those EXSECS were set up to leave AGS about midnight for DCA the RDU station stayed open till the wee hours of the morning as a possible refueling stop. Lead agent **Verne Crisp** is recuperating from an operation. You just don't know how much you miss a man like "Sturdy Verne" until he is away from several weeks of irregular operations like we have had in January and February. **Major and Shirley Herring** made their trip to Hawaii in January and had a wonderful time. The RDU staff has been bolstered by the addition of **Sandra Rodden**. She is the same **Sandra Rodden** who worked for PAI at FAY for about three years. She and husband Ty, an EAL ticket counter agent at RDU, are now living in Raleigh.



— For All You Non-believers —

**RICHMOND** — Reporter **J. L. Thompson**: Even though the Ground Hog saw his shadow it looks as though Spring is just around the corner and none too soon. We hear the slogan up north is "Let's go South

for a skiing week-end". The past few weeks in the Capitol City of the Confederacy have been ideal for winter sports. With more than 18 inches of snow we were just about out of commission. Things are looking up right now for another good year, another record we hope. For the benefit of all you non-believers we photographed the old gentleman in the red suit (picture below) when he stopped at RIC to refuel on his return trip.

**ROANOKE** — Reporter **Don Conner**: We would like to congratulate **Sharn Perry** on his last column. It was both enlightening and amusing. We also applaud the latest HSP invention, an automatic device that dials INT-O each morning and says "HSP is closed. Personnel unable to reach field. This is a recording..." In order to keep up with CVG in the off-line travel department, we sent a few of our agents on trips this month. **Fred Goad** went to Miami, **Ronnie Price** to Dayton, **Paul Shively** to Wichita and **George Hutchinson** to New Orleans. **Radney Bowers** and **Don Holliday** just returned from a week-end in Los Angeles where they both failed their screen tests. Hats off to new agents **Dan Campbell, Donna Silcox, Sandra Fore** and **Mickey Overstreet**. Our snow story concerns the passenger who called during the January blizzard, with winds at 45K and visibility zero. He wanted a helicopter to pick him up at home and bring him to the airport to catch a plane. It takes all kinds!

**TRI-CITIES** — Reporter **Ray Norris**: First let us say that we are not lost or dead here at TRI. The reporter has only been lazy and hasn't sent in any news lately. His reason is that we have all been good and have no news to relay. We have had one of our incentive parties and it was very nice. A few of the folks had trouble getting their hats on the next morning and the cat made an awful lot of noise when he walked; but that is to be expected. Just think (**Turby**) we have two more of these ten percenters coming in the near future. What with all the snow tumbling down in one storm right another, our boardings have suffered something awful. One bright spot though, most all the help has been able to negotiate the icy conditions and get to work pretty nearly on time. At ten below zero **Brad Moody** had trouble starting his four wheeler. **David Lyle** is so far back in the mountains he uses huskies and a Royal Mountie costume to slide his way out. **Helen Hopson** spent two or three days with **Carolyn Pearson**. Both gained some weight. A steady diet of cheese and beer will do that. Helen tried to do the Watusi in the parking lot while a nice coat of melted snow was on the ground. She ended up doing the swim. Luckily she wasn't hurt too badly. She did go around for a while like Old Mother Hubbard with a cane. The snow is the only thing known to slow down **Jennie Fincher**. No speeding for her on those icy roads. **Jane Day** turned blonde over night; her husband says she may be having more fun, but he sees no difference in blondes and brunettes. She still burns toast. **Bill Johnson** has been oiling his fishing tackle. If he doesn't use it any more this year than he did last season he might as well put it back in cold storage. For some reason our leader **Bill Cash** has been off during the heaviest snow and has been paying **Jerry Johnson**, our meteorologist, to let it snow only at this time. **Jean Woods** rode to work with **Moody** and **Cash** during the snow. This was nice for her except that going home they invariably left an hour after her quitting time. **Jerry Boyer** and his fairly new bride jetted off to Florida during his days off. We're wondering why he didn't have a sun tan? **Bob Shepherd** (a wolf with Shepherd for a name) made the rounds in Las Vegas during the annual airline party. He then breezed over to Hawaii and proceeded to get bombed out at the beach by the wind and the rain. The elements are against you, Bob. And to all you bad, bad people, watch out or the Batman will get you.

## PUZZLE ANSWER

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