

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

ATLANTA — March 25th was the big day here. Our new jet started its ATL-LGA schedule and all agents were wearing big proud smiles. PSA **Jack Cummins'** wife Sandra presented him with identical twin boys last month. Chief Agent-Res., **Bob Walls** is also the proud father of a new son. **Mary Weydert**, recent bride of Ray Warren, has resigned and is moving to Hawaii. Transfers from OPR to PSA are **Howard Bolen** and **Robert McClung**. We welcome new ticket agent **Mary Medeiros**. **Cathy O'Gorman**—Res., just returned from holidays in Miami, said she caught 30 fish. **Ruenell Lance**—Res., is back on duty after surgery.

BLUEFIELD — Reporter **Gene Elmore**: At last, Spring is here, or is it? We thought so with the temperature in high 70's for a while. Though recently it has dropped back to the low 20's. Oh, well, March will soon be over. We are itching for the new schedule to go into effect, as much as grandpa is to get out his red woollens. The public seems to be quite pleased, as are we, with the new schedule, what with direct service both to and from NYC and afternoon service to CRW and CVG. Holiday repayment time is in full swing with **Joe Robertson** taking time off to move in his recently acquired house. Anyone interested in learning to be a carpenter, painter, or plumber just contact Joe. We understand he has a free school going. **John Lawrence** is planning to just plain take it easy. Resting up for the busy days ahead, we suppose. **Milt Ward**, **Ken Moses** and **Gene Elmore** are anxiously waiting for the rains to stop and water to go down, so they can catch a few big ones or perhaps drown a few worms. **Noland Adams**, our most eligible bachelor, got a new Mustang. **Ted Farrington** is learning to play the guitar and it sounds as though Chet Atkins has a little while left yet as the king. **Sonny Bennett** has been "bulldozing" up the country side here like a ground mole. We think he is trying to level these mountains down a bit.

AUGUSTA — Reporter **J. R. McNeill**: Greetings, y'all, from the southernmost point on the system. We haven't been heard from for a couple of months due to our reporter, the illustrious "Phantom," leaving us for greener pastures. We are trying to get organized for the big push brought on by the Masters. Things get a little hectic this time of the year for us. We have had a lot of changes since our last missive to the Piedmonitor. First of all **Dave Smith** left us for bigger and better (?) things and is now manager in CRW. Our new manager is **Bob Bennington**, originally from FAY and later from FLO. **Cody Reynolds** transferred to FAY as their Res. Chief. We have two new agents, **Charles (Flash) Burgamy** and **Mike (Mighty Mouse) Plummer**. We are all excited about our new LGA service. NYC seems to be our most popular destination. Our terminal building is in the process of being enlarged and the new cocktail lounge is already open (eat your heart out, Cody). The PI personnel saw their first snow accumulation in AGS since opening here. Actually had enough to build a snowman if you stripped a couple of acres. **Jim Crank** is taking flying lessons and should have soloed by the time this is in print. **Van Berckman** and **Jim McNeill** are giving him a lot of moral support and encouragement. Both agree that Tuesday afternoon would be a good time for him to solo as Van is off that day and Jim is working a morning shift. They have recommended a NOTAM be issued, closing the field and clearing all airspace for a 30-mile radius. **Jack "The Tiger" Cluck** is taking holidays and catching up on some painting around home and working on a new Mickey Mousemobile. **Chuck Miller** remodeled his kitchen during his holidays. Seems as if no one leaves town on holidays. **Jim McNeill** spent his holidays helping son recuperate from tonsillectomy. Blue Cross—how sweet it is. Will close this out with riddle, courtesy of "Songbird." Question: What do monsters eat? Answer: Things. Question: What do monsters drink? Coke, cause things go better with Coca-Cola.

CHARLESTON — Reporter **Ruth Shumate**: Standing on that pretty "red carpet" in CRW is certainly an improvement from the ole concrete. The agents purchased red-tweed wall-to-wall carpeting for the ticket counter. The project was financed by our coke machine which dispenses the coldest cokes in the county. A big welcome to new agent **Jim Breeden**. CRW's station crew is all back together now. **Allen Perry** is back from a stay in the hospital, and the return of Ronald Abshire brought us all back into family ties. The "big" rains came and **Jim McCormick** and **Paul Kelley** were unable to get to work. Although their homes were not damaged, the roads were covered. You can believe that they were glad to see that ole Sun. Having completed the work on our upstairs, **Dave Smith** is planning to finish the remodeling in operations. We may not have that beautiful jet joining us for the present, but never let it be said that our offices aren't pretty or modern enough to accommodate the working of it. After all, the passengers can at least start their trip in CRW. **Tom Hicks** has soloed and we're real proud of him. Tom celebrated the same day we had birthday cake for Mac. Although the cake said "Happy Birthday, Mac", Tom said the flowers were his. February found **Irene**, **Sharon** and **Ruth** spending holidays at home cleaning

house. **Charlie Parsons** spent his holidays at home getting over the worst cold he's ever had. Anyway, cheer up, brothers and sisters, Spring is almost here and with the schedule change March 15th and those pretty airplanes, we can all sell and fly and enjoy living again. Drop in anytime.

FAYETTEVILLE — Reporter **Samantha Townsend**: First, let us welcome back our Station Manager, **W. C. Wooten**, who has been in the hospital for the past few weeks. During the past few weeks we have had several VIP's visiting with us. Such illustrious personalities included "Miss America," "Miss North Carolina Jr. Miss," the folk singer **Judy Roderick**, **Barry Saddler** and his green beret, **Wilson Pickett** and his guitar, **Calvin Koonce** of the Chicago Cubs, **Dee Dee Sharp**, an "exotic" dancer, **John Wayne** and his son **Michael**, and last but, assuredly, not least—three non-revs from Atlanta! Oh, yes, we might add that **John Wayne** will be here this spring to film, on location, **Batjac Production's** new movie, "The Green Beret!" All non-revs are cordially invited to stop by FAY for screen tests—appointments aren't necessary—just send an OSI. Also, in addition to marriages, promotions, vacations, holidays, a freight load of chickens, and a new freight room, we have three new employees. **Mrs. Patricia Byrd**, **Jim Cooke**, and **Robert Meason**. And for all you Civil War buffs, **Stonewall Jackson** has just joined the Piedmont troops! Well, until next time when there's more news and more time to type it, this is it. In closing we might add that we realize that we do not often appear in the Piedmonitor; however, we are really striving hard to make this a semi-annual, rather than an annual event! How's that for progress?

GREENSBORO — Reporter **Weldon Wallace**: Wedding bells rang in February for one of our agents. **Max Coltrane** was married to Miss **Diana Wood**, a former PAI stewardess. The wedding was in Prospect, Ohio, home of the bride. Max and Diana spent their honeymoon in Bermuda and have made GSO their new home. The company incentive dinner was held on March 10th. We were glad to have **Bob McAlphin** and **Wayne Pope**, from INT, to dine with us. We'd like to thank **DAN** for covering so well the night of our party. GSO may not get Boeing 727 flights, but a lot of talk and eyebrows were raised the first part of March when the big 727 with Piedmont markings made use of our airport for training purposes. We were lucky enough to have it overnight with us because INT weather was below minimums. **Hollis Cook** is recovering from a recent car wreck. Even though there was no serious injury, there were lots of stitches, scratches and bruises. **Hugh L. West** has just entered the hospital for an operation, but he should be back soon.

LOUISVILLE — Reporter **Bill Asher**: The ole Stork is hovering over the homes of three of the Piedmont families in Louisville. **Jim** and **Edie Burger** are expecting any day now! They are looking for a girl, but you know how that goes. Lots of luck! **Bill** and **Marlene Asher** are looking for a bundle of joy about April 15th. **Tom** and **Nancy Duggins** will be one step closer to having their own basketball team in June. **Tom** and **Nancy** have three boys now. After watching the Western-Dayton game on T.V., one of our senior agents, **Bob Gilbert**, thought he was a Junior Guard. He decided to show his son, **Bobby**, just how the game was played in the good ole days. **Bobby**, Jr. watched in awe as **Bob**, Sr. steamed around the garage. He displayed all the qualities he possessed in his high school days. He had all the characteristics necessary. The jumping ability of a worm, the agility of an elephant, and the speed of a snail. After swishing a few shots, **Bob**, Sr. got a bad break, his arm, right above the wrist! Being the loyal Piedmont employee he is, **Bob** picked the night before his vacation began to break his arm. The truth of the matter is, **Gene Durham** used **Bob's** driveway to demonstrate Swipe, and **Bob** wasn't used to playing ball on a clean floor! Louisville would like to officially welcome **Jean Eaton** back to the Piedmont ranks. Congratulations to **Howard Hughes**, who has just been promoted to SDF Chief Agent! Just goes to show that "Good things cometh to he who waits." Those who know **Howard** know that there was never a more conscientious, understanding, or harder working guy than **Howard Hughes**. We all consider it a real pleasure to work with someone with **Howard's** attitude. We are all very proud of you!! SDF had better sign off now, 101—er—401—er—471 is in range. Good ole schedule change!!

LYNCHBURG — Reporter **J. Hunt**: LYH here, even after the new schedule as of March 15th, with jet service and a different working schedule. With the working schedule change the first question now is, are you late or early? Congratulations to **Larry Fuda** on his promotion to Lead Agent. **Guy Linn** is back with us after working at DIA. We have a question for you, **Guy**—were those go-go girls too much or was it the big city and bright lights? **Fran Dresser** has returned from her vacation with a smile and a tan. She sailed from Orlando on the SS Miami to Nassau. Her only comment was "Although I did get a little high,

I'd rather fly." **Louis Horn** and family spent vacation time in Kentucky. We often hear about that moonshine in Kentucky—was it bright??? Our recent incentive dinner was a big success. The Luau Hut, a Polynesian restaurant, was the scene for our celebration. **E. P. Bosiger** did a great job in showing off his Karate (chop-chop stuff.) At least that's what everybody seemed to think it was. If not for ROA employees, **Trish Gray**, **Freda Higgenbotham**, **Donald Martin**, **Dick Morgan**, **Guy Mowbray**, **Gerald Wingo** and **Jim Tingler**, some of us would not have been able to attend, and we sure do thank y'all. How was your trip back to ROA? **Adrian Woodruff** has gotten the ball rolling. As of March 16th we have a bowling league. The jet has brought much excitement to LYH. Now the question is if ROA closes and the jet lands in LYH, where will we park the other aircraft when the jet is on the ramp? Spring must be here in LYH—new blue paint is now being put on the equipment.

MYRTLE BEACH — Reporter **Frank Woodruff**: Looks like we are going to have a good spring and summer with all the advance bookings coming in. We are getting geared up for the extra push. We have just had a most enjoyable incentive party at the Hawaiian Village. **Ed Best**, **Pete Jones** and wife, and **Bill Dolan** were our out-of-town guests. We were certainly glad to have Mr. Best down for the first time and we are always glad to have Mr. Jones and Mr. Dolan down. We would like to thank the boys from FLO for covering for us. **Mike Bullard** has just returned from vacation and Chief Agent **D. K. Jones** is now resting for a few days. We have been having some wonderful weather and it won't be long until that water will get warm. **Frank Woodruff** got a chance to see the big jet on the pre-inaugural flight and was duly impressed.

ROANOKE — Reporter **Don Conner**: Most of the ROA news for the past couple of weeks has centered around the new equipment which has been gracing our station. Woodrum Field looked like a Piedmont family outing March 4th, as just about every ROA employee turned out to see the arrival of the B727 Manhattan Pacemaker. For those who had waited so long for Piedmont's entrance into the jet age, this was truly an occasion. Four days later, many of us turned out again to greet the FH-227. ROA was awarded the honor of originating the first FH-227B flight that same day, piloted by Capt. **Berkeley** and F/O **Foster**, and hosted by F/S **Jessup**. The new FH-227, named the Buckeye Pacemaker, is the third Pacemaker so named. Its predecessors were a DC-3 and later, a M404. With all this new equipment passing thru, many of our passengers were getting confused as to just what was what, so when the B727 began its familiarization runs we were able to straighten out some of the confusion. On March 11th we displayed, by coincidence, a sample of each type aircraft we operate, all parked side by side — something which will probably not happen again for quite some time. We certainly hope our negatives of this occasion turn out suitable for all to see. Along other lines at ROA, everyone seems to have the urge for going places again. **Mary Parks** has just returned from PHX. **Don Martin** and **Rodney Bowers** jetted over to London for a few days. **Donna Silcox** and **Sandra Fore** are presently in London. (No, they couldn't go with Don and Rod.) **Mickey Overstreet** and **Don Vance** just got back from a quick trip to Las Vegas. **Gabe Agra** and family were last seen making a mad dash for Flight 789 en route to Los Angeles. Also traveling, is former agent-accountant **Woody Nester**. In keeping with his policy to send local boys as far away as possible, Uncle Sam has just shipped **Woody** to Ft. Ord, Calif. We noticed that TRI was plugging their bowling team last month. Well, believe it or not, in spite of 46 daily flights, we have a bowling team too; and they are in second place, after battling up thru the ranks from a rather impressive fifth. Hey, TRI, how about a roll off? Those of you in the CVG area should try to make it to the race track in April or May and watch **Barry S.**, the pride of **Harold and Cindy Norton's** stables. Don't place bets, just watch.

WASHINGTON (DULLES) — Reporter **Ron Rush**: Still more news from "The Gateway To The World." With the starting of the operation of the B727 Piedmont is truly in the Jet Set. If you haven't seen it yet you should make a point to do so, it has to be one of, if not the prettiest, aircraft flying. We would like to welcome a couple of new employees to the Dulles-PAI family, **Jesse Ritter** and **Sharon Coign**. We have one employee here, (I won't mention any names, but his initials are **Dennis Shea**), who has really been keeping the roads to Pennsylvania hot. Would you believe every weekend? Strange things must be happening there. There have been two transfers lately. **Guy Linn** returned to LYH and **Keith Grimmitt** went to BKW. Good luck, **Guy** and good luck, **BKW**! If you know of anyone who wants to buy a brand new (well, almost) 1929 Model A Ford, **Ron Rush** recently purchased one and is having the time of his life with it. **Jackie Gurkin** will no doubt be needing the headshrinker soon; she has recently been seen sitting in the office at the ticket counter making little designs on the side of her head with a pen. Would you believe that an aircraft returned to the ramp here with a feathered prop and an agent said, in all sincerity, that we would have to change the engine because the prop was turned sideways? For more information contact **K. G.** at **BKW**. Dulles is again going to break quota. We should board about 600 passengers this month.