

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

**ASHEVILLE** — Reporter **Beckie McCulloch**: Shades of blue are now gracing our walls here in AVL due to the masterful painting of several of the agents. A welcome change from the green, the pale shades of blue offer brightness of the oncoming spring and summer. **Mr. Gwennap**, Station Manager, is now enjoying the convenience of a well deserved private office with the same blue decor. Our "Spy in the Sky" has choice photos for reprint of the 727. For further information, please contact Chief Agent **J. W. Dean**. Another musician is on the scene here in the form of new agent **Clay Ledford**. Clay is guitarist for the Dixie Ramblers — country hoedown, anyone? Friendly competition is the name of the game these days between **Judy Baldwin** and husband **Bill** who recently went to work next door (United). With a newly re-decorated office, private office for the boss, and jet service to and from Asheville we are looking forward to a very profitable and enjoyable summer. It's Summer Camp time again so Non-Revs — "SEE ASHEVILLE NOW!"

**BALTIMORE** — Reporter **Bill Burton**: Spring has many effects on people. The most outstanding inclination of the Baltimore Piedmont crew is the vigorous drive for outdoor sports. Boating seems to be the high spot. **Tom Thompson** drove to Virginia and returned with a 16-foot runabout, making a total of three 16-footers at BAL. The other two belong to Lead Agent **Howard Lewis**, and our newest agent **Ken Boggs**. We are planning a "Boat-a-Rama" beach party at the end of May, with water skiing, boat racing and pleasure rides for the kiddies. Running a close second to boating is sports car racing. **Howard Lewis** and **Tom Thompson** drove down to Florida for the big Daytona 500. They returned with some great photos of the race but disappointed because the weather wasn't up to par. **Bill Burton** challenged **Howard Lewis** to a race. **Howard's '66 GTO** against **Bill's '59 Rambler**. He backed down because he knows you just don't mess around with a Rambler. It's painting equipment time again. This always seems to stir up a bit of enthusiasm within the Baltimore gang. It sort of makes you take notice of all the hidden artistic ability we Piedmont-a-tors have. Had a "Get Together" at **George Scherer's** (Chief Agent) home March 25. All but one showed up. We won't mention any names but no one talked to **Bill Burton** for two days.

**CHARLESTON** — Reporter **Ruth Shumate**: Wanted!! A return match with basketball team! Those CRW Piedmont Rocket basketball players are ready and anxious to travel. We have bowlers, too, 'cause didn't **Phil Bostick** and **Bill Hanson** win trophies last year? But they want you to invite the basketball scorers or come up to CRW for a real game of excitement, spirited by **Dexter Conrad**. Spring is finally here, we hope. **Dave Smith** is ready to go-go-go play golf as soon as the spring thaw is complete; **Mac** will probably lead him astray as he was quite the golfer last year. The season also finds painters **Jim Birtisiel** and **Ronnie Abshire** redecorating to please their spouses. Those ball games in CVG still tend to tempt **Perry**, **Bostick**, and **MacCormick**. Perhaps they'll get there this year. Spring, yea—planting flowers and **Darris Moore** says you get a cold to last all summer. **Irene** is looking forward to future trips to North Carolina and Florida. And speaking of painting—**Charlie Parsons** has really out-painted himself on the ramp equipment. He has had paint from ear to ear. **Jerry Young** and Sales Rep **Bill Grubbs** had the first sun burn of the season. New Agent **Jim Breeden** is enjoying the pretty weather, ignoring those bad stories about adverse conditions and looking forward to next winter. Quiet about it all is **Paul Kelley** who seems to have a bad case of "spring fever." Spring-time means Girl Scout Cookie Time for the **Bill Hansons**. **Bill** has spent his vacation delivering his daughters cookies. Our office had 100% buyers. **Tom Hicks** can fly longer hours now that the days are longer. **Ken Harrison** is sporting a new car. Glad some people received tax returns. As you all must know by now West Virginia will soon be able to sell that "high-spirited" stuff legally, private clubs and all. Licenses will be issued by May 1st. So when you come to ole' Charley West, remember we are not backward.

**CHARLOTTE** — Reporter **Louise Ramsey**: CLT is still here even tho' it's been several months since we've had any news and several changes have taken place. **Joel Bruce** left us for GSP. Since that is closer to his family we forgave him and had a party to give him a big send off. Hope his head wasn't as big as the party! We've welcomed three new agents to CLT—**Cecelia Travis**, **Archie Baker** and **Cam McRae**. They are catching on to airline ways rapidly. "Paul Newman" **Hinson**, alias John, is taking his holiday repayments sunning in Florida. **Gene Walch** isn't going to let Robert Kennedy get ahead of him. Jane is expecting their 10th child next month. We're going to draw a name out of the hat—Gene says he has run out. The pictures of the Manhattan Pacemaker certainly look good! We'd sure like to see it first-hand here in CLT. **Blanche Tedder**, her husband and daughter have gone to California on vacation. **Penny Combs** is ready for

summer; her cabin on the river is open for company, so y'all come.

**HOT SPRINGS** — Reporter **Sharn Perry**: What can one say about Hot Springs that hasn't already been said more profoundly (or should that be profanely?). It seems rather egotistical to imagine that everyone on the Piedmont system would enjoy hearing about Chief Agent **Lyle Cox** swiping all the money (five pennies) in the "Toupee for Lyle Fund," and buying a candy bar to eat with his diet drink. Let's face it, no one outside of HSP cares whether Lyle gets any more hair or not. And naturally everyone has heard the rumor about the topless stewardesses we're getting this summer, so there's no point in bringing that up any more. Really, when all superfluous items are omitted, what is left? We could say "Hello down there. How are you?"; but we don't know you and you don't know us, so what's the use? **Sharn Perry** may decide to visit some of the stations on our system this summer — if the denser air of those lower elevations doesn't kill him.

**LOUISVILLE** — Reporter **Bill Asher**: The Piedmont decorators have been going gung-ho at SDF. Our Res room has new wallpaper and paint. **Howard Hughes** worked up the most unique color scheme in town. The principal colors are cinnamon and a yellow-green, accented with blending wallpaper. The chief decorators have been **Mr. Crouch**, **Howard** and **Ronnie Shanks**, who had the able assistance from other agents. The SDF maintenance boys have been remodeling too. Chief mechanic **Gene Durham** now has his own office. Talk about down-town!! **Mary K.** has been seeing quite a bit of down-town, incidentally; we hear it is with a certain Mr. Jim. Seems like it all started at the SDF station party, which was delightful. We would like to thank Messrs. **Turbiville**, **Cowen**, **Hudson** and **Parrish** for attending our Incentive Party. We hope to have the pleasure of their company again real soon. Congratulations to **Jim** and **Edie Burger** on Sherry Lynn. Eight lbs. 10½ ozs. of crying joy!! We're all sorry about **Tom Duggins'** resignation from the PAI ranks.

**MYRTLE BEACH** — Reporter **Frank Woodruff**: We're still holding to the 40% increase in boardings with another 40% in March. We keep looking for direct or direct connecting service to LGA and maybe we can get some of the CHS and ILM boardings. **Wayne West** almost had to wade in the other day after a log knocked a hole in his boat. Everyone is busy getting their yards in shape, by planting grass and watering. It hasn't rained lately. It will be good to get 250/227 back in with service to N. C. areas. The spots are biting now and the fishing is improving day by day. The Ocean Forest Hotel is again offering lower rates for PAI employees this year. If you would like to come down, just write Ocean Forest Hotel, N. Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, S. C. 29577. The motels will not accept booking without deposit but we will be glad to get availability if you let us know.

**NEW YORK** — Reporter **Eddie Jones**: New York — New Jets, certainly a great mark of progress for our company! We do wish to offer our compliments to those preparing our 1966 Annual Report. The cover surely bears the beauty and distinction, so worthy of binding the contents of such a noted milestone in our company. Business continues to grow for us at LaGuardia as 3,661 passengers boarded here during March. Our April quota of 4,500 is just for records — we have high hopes of exceeding the 5,000 mark with the help of the "Manhattan Pacemaker." Just dreaming and hinting for the future, we think that with the help of the next 727 Pacemaker coming out of the Carolinas soon we could exceed the 10,000 mark before summer ends! We welcome our new maintenance chief at LaGuardia, **Gus Tomlin**. Gus comes to us from Washington National. We can only describe this move as DCA's loss and our gain. Gus is making lots of progress in setting up one of the neatest shops on our system, despite our current shortage of operating space. We wish him lots of luck in obtaining additional mechanics. Do we hear any volunteers? I'm sure that everyone is watching our jet operation with a bit of admiration and challenge. I find it most interesting in chatting with various other airline officials in several recent meetings that we are not the only ones with this watchful eye! It appears that industry itself is most interested in seeing how our jet will operate with our scheduled ground time. Seems all you folks downline are doing a tremendous job in helping to prove to the industry that we are capable of such an operation. We certainly recognize the assistance of Eastern's personnel here at LGA in assisting us with this operation. Just the other night, **Eddie Potulin** and his crew turned the jet around in just 17 minutes. We had over 70 passengers off and boarded 75 outbound, parked him at a new gate as experiment and smashed a window with the jetblast — all in just 21 minutes! Noticed any BIG Piedmont badges lately? Am sure you could see a few at LGA as many of Eastern's operations and ramp service personnel have "made their own"

from our latest supply of baggage stickers! Looking forward to seeing you visitors in New York since the weather is getting better.

**PULASKI** — Reporter **Virgil Spradlin**: Station Manager **Jim Faucette** has just returned from two weeks on Virginia's east coast; he was helping Uncle Sam get organized. He has to keep check on the Air Force personnel about once a year. Evidently they didn't feed him too well, because when he got back to PSK he was ready for some good home-cooked meals. **Glen Shanks** took a ride on Piedmont's pride and joy, the Manhattan Pacemaker the other day. He says that it's almost as fast as his Honda. The only problem, he says, is that when you are non-revving, sometimes you have to get home the best way you can! Maybe that's Glen's side of the story, but we think he just didn't want to get home too quick. **Dan Love** might have put him to work carpentering in his basement. This summer-like weather seems to please **C. O. Walters**. He says it makes the fish bite quicker and trying to hook them, more pleasant. We hope he has as good luck catching the fish as he did with the deer last season. We'd like to welcome the troops from all around to drop by and let's get acquainted. In closing, Confucious say, People call it "take-home" pay because there is no other place you can go with it.

**RICHMOND** — Reporter **J. L. Thompson**: The spring thaw has finally arrived. The sap is rising again, the frogs are beginning to peep and we have come out of hibernation! No, we haven't been sleeping, by any means, but with winter operations, extra flights, increased revenue and several new agents in training, our time has been pretty well used up and another edition of the Piedmonitor is here before we know it. New members of the RIC family now include **Jane Thomas**, who was with EAL for a hundred years; **Arnall Haden**, **Jerry Farris**, **Don Cheatham** and **C. G. Phipps**. They didn't come all at the same time, but over a period of the past five or six months. However, all are most welcome. Recent travelers from RIC have included **Bob "Batman" Bullock** and **Jerry Farris**, who took advantage of the UAL Interline trip to the West Coast. **Tom Farmer** flew himself and a few of his racing fan friends down to Sebring for the sports car races. **Don MacPherson** has just returned from his annual Easter pilgrimage to Bradenton-St. Pete and Tampa. **Don Cheatham** flew co-pilot with a charter group from DCA to the Bahamas with several intermediate stops and **Addie Mae Lammey** is currently on vacation, destination UNK. **Jerry Barger** spent a week in the INT area visiting with his parents. **J. L. Thompson** just used up a week catching up on some unfinished fishing and loafing left over from last year.

**ROANOKE** — Reporter **Don Conner**: Zzzzzz . . . splash! Hi, everybody. We're just sitting here on the creek bank reeling in a few big ones and reminiscing about the events that have taken place back at the home place prior to fishing season. Now if we can just get **R. C. Cromer** to hold this line for us, we'll catch you up on the latest ROA happenings. Zzzzzz . . . splash! Atta boy, R. C., Suurrrp! We sure earned this vacation, what with our record Easter boardings and all. Daily boardings of 601—646—752—528—596. March 22-26 was quite tiring. The 752 passengers boarded March 24th set a new ROA record. We also became the first station to fill the "big 'un" to capacity, doing so on March 23rd by boarding 57 locally and then having to send an air taxi to AVL. Zzzzzz . . . splash! Zzzzzz! Get 'm, Art. Way to go, sport. Must be at least five inches. Zzzzzz . . . splash! Suurrrp! Pardon the interruption, folks. Let's congratulate **M. E. Smith**, who was recently promoted to Lead Agent in Res. Replacing him as passenger service agent is **Frank Carroll** who just may find a home yet, if he changes departments enough. We added **Ralph Keye** to our sales department to fill Frank's vacancy. Zzzzzz . . . Hey, that's a whopper, Bob! Must measure at least an inch . . . between the eyes. Zzzzzz . . . splash! Suurrrp! **Gerald Wingo** has been laid up awhile with back trouble. He's the only man we know who can hurt his back on an inside job. Anyway, he managed to get out of the hospital just in time to admit his wife. Their new daughter, Sharon Denise, was born April 5th. That's why Gerald's not with us fishing today. He's too busy with the washing and ironing. **Bill Jenkins** and his wife christened their new son Gary Wayne. Zzzzzz . . . splash! Uncle Sam, who has been fishing in Piedmont's pool for a long time, finally hooked elusive, ole red-eye **Bob Linkous** for six months active duty. Replacing Bob on the ticket counter is none other than the grand ole Guardian of the Coffee Fund, **Guy Mowbray**. Coffee's on the house now, folks. **Ray Welch** missed today's action. He's too busy rehearsing his lobster commercial for TV. Due to the strike, he wasn't allowed to appear at the Academy Awards presentation. Guess you know about **Carlyle Kemp** and **Trish Gray** running off to SFO for a gala weekend. No, they didn't get married, and anyway, they're both over 21. Furthermore, they were chaperoned by **Aileen Aldridge**, who may be over 41 for all we know. From our vantage point here among the cattails and alders, we can see **Shelby Hale** sunbathing in front of the trailer she has purchased on Smith Mt. Lake. Funny that she doesn't invite us up. "Hey, R. C., why are you giving me the pole back? Oh, hello, Mr. Game Warden. License . . . what's that? See you folks next month, we hope!"