

## The Price of Security Is Going Up

Your first paycheck in 1973 may be less than your last check of 1972 and/or less than you expect it to be.

The reason is an important change in the social security tax rates. The wage base, or taxable amount of your salary, was \$9,000 this year. For 1973 it goes up to \$10,800 and to \$12,000 in 1974.

But, the tax rates are going up as well. Beginning with your first check in 1973 (January 15th) you'll be paying \$5.85 in social security taxes for every \$100 of your wages. The Company matches this amount. You've been paying at a rate of 5.2% during 1972. The rates are fixed under law until 1977 but the wage base could go up again after 1974 if the cost of living goes up.

Here's how the tax table for social security looks under the new law:

Calendar Years	Employee Tax
1973 to 1977	5.85%
1978 to 1980	6.05%
1981 to 1985	6.15%
1986 to 1997	6.25%

The law provides that a portion of the tax goes for Medicare. So next year you'll be paying 4.85% of your salary for retirement, survivor and disability protection and 1.00% for Medicare.

If there is a bright spot to be seen in this it is that Congress did make sure, with the new tax rates, that the social security budget is balanced. Cheers!

## A Readable Reference on U. S. Airlines

*AIRLINES OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1914.* By R. E. G. Davies. Published by Putnam & Company Ltd., London and released in the U.S. by Rowman and Littlefield. \$25.

In basically chronological order British author Ron Davies has compiled a history of commercial aviation in the United States.

The thorough and factual presentation covers events from the first attempts to operate a passenger shuttle between St. Petersburg and Tampa in 1914, through the First Regular Airlines, right up to the present era of wide-bodied jets.

The substantial text, 745 pages, is well-illustrated with nearly 500 photographs of airplanes and airports as well as facsimiles of old timetables and advertisements. A profusion of maps, charts and tables also supplement the author's effort to tell this complex story in a narrative style.

Fundamentally Davies tells the story of the airlines in terms of fleets and routes and, as a history reference book, it is certainly worth the \$25 price tag.

Of special interest to Piedmont's aviation enthusiasts will be the well-documented section on the regional carriers. Piedmont's story is

dealt with adequately in this sequel to Davies first volume, *History of the World's Airlines* (Oxford University Press, 1964).

The source of our only disappointment in the book was the author's failure to picture for posterity the personalities responsible for the history of the U.S. airlines. He only briefly mentions a few of the best known pioneers of the industry. His subject was not a simple one, as he freely admits in the author's note, his major problem was to decide when to stop the research and finish the writing.

The foreword was written by Civil Aeronautics Board Chairman Secor D. Browne. Browne said that "many of us in air transport feel that running as fast as we can to stay in the same place may be our principal activity." Omitting personalities was probably Davies' only way of finding a stopping place.

Davies is currently directing market research activities for the Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, California.

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With an eye to increasing the awareness of the program to improve our baggage service, the New Bern station has come up with an eye-catching award which no one wants to win.

Their "Boner Bag" is an old suitcase painted like the one in Jack Brandon's cartoon (below).

When an EWN agent causes a bag mishandling his initials are added to the 'trophy'. It becomes his for a week, unless someone else goofs and takes it away. The agent with the "Boner Bag" must bring it with him everyday he comes to work and, of course, take it home with him every night.

The question of the day is "Who's got the "Boner Bag?" reports EWN station bag chairman Jim Deans.



EWN "BONER BAG"

### Interesting Interlining

## Latest Offerings Highlighted By Perimeter Fares

TWA (That Wonderful Airline) has announced its interline perimeter fare program for the 1972-73 season. The most significant changes are the effective dates for confirmed reservations, you can make them now through April 11, 1973. Also new this year is the fact that you can only make your reservations two weeks before departure instead of one month as formerly. These perfectly understandable adjustments are for your benefit and should make your TWA interline trip a very pleasant way to travel.

Available to all Piedmont employees and eligible family members the perimeter fares are simply constructed and they literally cover the world.

The Perimeter Fares from the U. S. are:

### EASTBOUND

Perimeter Fare No. 1: for \$89 per person, you can travel to any of the following cities from any TWA gateway: Frankfurt, Geneva, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Rome, Shannon, or Zurich. You may visit any number of cities, as long as you do not backtrack.

Perimeter Fare No. 2: Includes all destinations in Perimeter Fare No. 1 plus Athens, Cairo and Tel Aviv, for \$99.

Perimeter Fare No. 3: Includes all destinations in Perimeter No. 1 and No. 2 plus Nairobi, for \$149.

### WESTBOUND

Perimeter Fare No. 1: for \$89 per person, you may depart San Francisco or Los Angeles to: Honolulu, Guam, Okinawa and Taipei.

Perimeter Fare No. 2: All destinations in Perimeter No. 1 plus Hong Kong, for \$99.

Perimeter Fare No. 3: Includes all destinations in Perimeter No. 1 and No. 2 plus Bangkok and Bombay for \$149.

One of the most popular of the Perimeter Fares is TWA's around the world fare. Perimeter Fare No. 4 enables you to circle the world from any TWA city for \$199. The fare includes unlimited stopovers, special backtracking exceptions, free space — available U.S. travel and membership in TWA's 'Round-The-World-Club.

Perimeter Fare passengers are also eligible for exclusive discounts for transportation on Singapore Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Italia Airlines, British Air Ferries and Thai International Airways.

Besides the basic low-cost fares, TWA's interline marketing department has constructed 22 unique international tours, including such items as a "Fly Yourself Safari" — specifically for flight personnel who want to fly their own aircraft through Africa, and "Perimeter Q" — which is a cooperative plan between TWA and Qantas providing travel between California, Australia and Bangkok — either direction for \$169 roundtrip. Unique fly/drive plans are also available in the U.S. and Europe through the program.

Full details concerning the Perimeter Fare program, including information and reservation forms for all tours are found in TWA's colorful 44-page Perimeter Fare book, available through the TWA interline department at 605 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016.

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If you're thinking of getting away closer to home, the Yachtsman Motor Inn in Myrtle Beach has recently announced special reduced rates for all Piedmont employees. From now until May 15 only, the room rate, per day, for either single or double occupancy will be \$14. Identification is required when you make your reservations and also upon arrival. If you're a golfer you'll be interested in their special on greens fees, \$3.30 per person, per day, at one of the 17 courses available to Yachtsman guests. For further information or to make reservations write the Yachtsman Motor Inn, P. O. Box 426, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577.

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From January to April Lufthansa will have several Interline Week-ends in Europe at prices ranging from \$90 to \$135. Destinations vary from Munich and Frankfurt to Belgrade and Dubrovnik. For an application form and complete details write Lufthansa, Interline Department, 1640 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, L. I., New York 11554.