



The first passengers to leave the new Newark airport via Piedmont enjoyed cake and coffee in colorful surroundings prior to boarding.



Checking in for the flight out Bruce Parrish, at left, was among the happiest 'passengers' to see Newark open for business. Eddie Jones, right, and Terry Thomas worked the gate check-in that first day.

Party for passengers marked Newark opening

Rather than presidents and vice presidents, press and prima donnas Piedmont promoted the opening of the new Newark International Airport with a party for passengers.

Both the outbound and incoming travellers were impressed, with the facility itself and with Piedmont's hospitality.

The first deplaning passenger, a ten year old who flies with us frequently, paused at the jetway entrance to audibly express his approval. His "W-o-o-o-w!" went a long way towards conveying the initial reactions of most

of the first day crowd.

For more than a week prior to the September 8 opening Tom Crouch, Eddie Jones, Bruce Parrish and the enthusiastic EWR agents had worked until midnight every night getting ready for the big day. On the night before the day of, they were still unpacking and settling in at 4:00 a.m.

When the Flight 70 arrived there weren't any door knobs and all the escalators weren't working but unabashed smiles hid any imperfections.

Terminal A, Satellite Two, Gates 25 and 26 are Piedmont's part of the new Newark Airport. The \$400 million complex, which will eventually have three terminals, all larger than the old Newark facility, took ten years to build.

Along with Piedmont, Trans World, United and Northwest were the first carriers to move in to Terminal A. Terminal B was occupied by Eastern, Allegheny, Delta, National, New York Airways and American several weeks later. Terminal C is scheduled for completion in early 1976.



Among the Company personnel on hand for the opening day passenger party were, from left, station manager Tom Crouch, director-operations planning Carroll Gambill, Pete Lindsey and Lee Gaither.



Stewardess Karen Thore, right, helped agent Mary Lang serve cake, coffee and juice to the first outbound passengers.

Manager's sons are star ball players

The scene is all too typical.

In walks a smiling man with pictures, clippings and a son who plays baseball. He's greeted with a series of muted groans.

One colleague leans over to another and whispers: "Oh no, not again."

Understandable. But if that proud father happens to be Doug Guin, it may well be worth your while to give a listen.

He has two ball-playing sons. But they're not typical — far from it.

One, at the age of 15, is the best hitter on a Colt League all-star team that won the state championship.

The other, a 13-year-old Pony Leaguer, took matters a step farther. He's not only the best hitter but the best pitcher as well.

The older is Monty, the younger Greg.

And while their accomplishments are legion, the boys did manage to cause a few problems for Doug and his wife Jane.

As the boys' teams advanced through the various levels of tournament competition, they wound up playing at the same time in different cities.

As a solution of sorts Doug, who is also president of the Warwick Moose Pony League, followed Greg. Jane attended to Monty and the Warwick Colt League.

Greg, who despite being a year younger than most of his fellow all-stars still led the league in every batting and pitching category,

he was nearly a one-man team.

A .533 hitter during the regular season, he was the team's most feared batsman. But it was as a pitcher that the young southpaw carried the Moose to a game away from the Regional title.

In the District tourney, he won three of the four team victories. In the State, he pitched two out of three wins.

And in the Regionals in Greensboro, N. C., Greg finally lost a game but not before he won two to put the Moose in the finals.

As for Monty, he was just the outstanding batter in the entire state tournament while playing outfield. He, like Greg, has been an all-star since Little League days.

And don't be surprised if Doug Guin comes back next year with a whole new batch of clippings and pictures.

It may be something you're just gonna have to get used to.

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Monty, Doug and Greg Guin