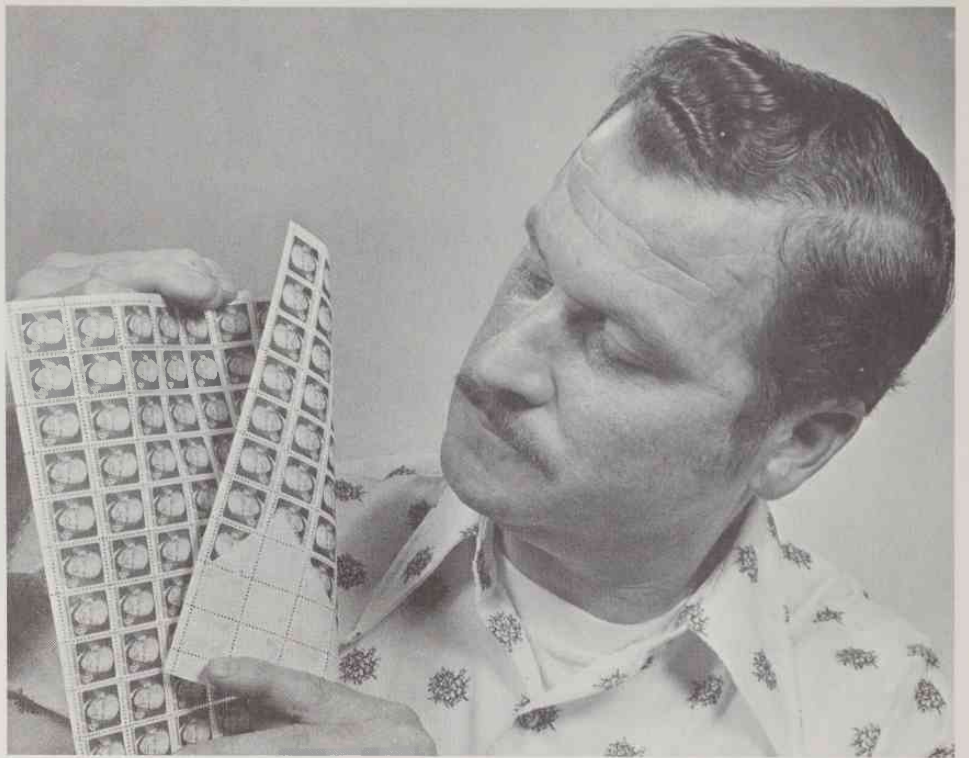




Reading up the steps, the latest class of flight attendants included Sherry Corbett, Diane Kesler, Pamela Basnight, Mary Flowers, Nancy Gilmer, Sylvia Webster, Jeanette Johnson, Dianne Hovey, Lisa Turner, Barbara Minges, Vicki Smith, Becky Ahlrichs, Joyce Jones, Linda Burns and Ginny Soule.

Mrs. Oxley and their oldest son, Tim, took the sheet of stamps to a stamp convention at a local shopping center recently and one collector examined the sheet and said he thought the Oxleys wouldn't have any trouble sending Tim through college on what the stamps would bring.



Merrill Oxley of Asheville holds the sheet of stamps printed on both sides which he bought recently. The story of his purchase starts under the Mistake heading on page four.

Jets to Jacksonville

With the addition of the 18th Boeing 737 to Piedmont's fleet on August 1 there were a number of schedule changes and improvements. Jacksonville, North Carolina got its first jet service. Three flights previously operated through OAJ with prop-jets were replaced with 737 flights and a new jet trip make a total of four jet flights for Jacksonville. One is a non-stop to New York, there is another non-stop from Washington's Dulles International and there is a non-stop to Atlanta and from Atlanta to the Albert J. Ellis Airport. The Jacksonville Daily News highlighted Piedmont's improved service there in a front page story just prior to the inaugural of the new jet flights.

Crews salute Hughes

Wilmington Captain C. A. Hughes didn't exactly time the arrival of his final flight for the convenience of a crowd of well-wishers. Nevertheless there were some sixty of them on hand at 1:30 a.m. to greet the veteran pilot. Hughes, who joined Piedmont in 1950, completed a 36 year flying career in mid-June.



Captain C. A. Hughes was greeted by a large crowd of Wilmington night owls when he completed his final flight before retirement in June.

Captain Bert Barnes did the honors for the Wilmington pilots who presented Captain C. A. with a watch.

Bond drive was best ever

This year's Company-wide Savings Bond Campaign was the best ever! Employee participation increased 23.47 per cent. Chairman Don Edmondson reported that prior to the drive conducted in mid-May 40.8 per cent of the employees were buying bonds. There were 305 new enrollees and 183 employees who increased their deductions. As a result of this great improvement Piedmont was given a Minute Man Flag. This is the highest award the Department of the Treasury has to offer firms and organizations which achieve 50 per cent or better participation in the payroll savings plan for U. S. Savings Bonds.

The "Minute Man" has been a symbol of American security since colonial days. It was chosen as the design for Savings Bonds, they were "Defense Bonds" back then, in 1941. Since then the "Minute Man" has appeared millions of times on posters, Savings Stamps and in advertising. Piedmont is proud to join the countless factories, plants, offices and military units that fly the blue and white "Minute Man

Flag". It symbolizes outstanding participation in the Payroll Savings Plan, as Americans in all walks of life save for their own security and that of their country, through the regular purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds.

July, better than best

That glowing report on page one of the super second quarter and best first half has been bettered by the July figures.

For the best month in history, July, 1974, a total of 345,427 passengers were boarded. This represents a 6.8 per cent increase over the 323,216 passengers carried in July, 1973. The previous record was this past June, when 344,855 passengers flew Piedmont. Revenue passenger miles for this July were up 10 per cent to 100,955,982, as compared to 91,753,355 for the same month last year.

The passenger load factor also increased from 53.9 per cent in July, 1973 to 55.7 per cent for July, 1974.

The year-to-date figures show a 12.6 per cent increase in revenue passenger miles. For the January through July period this year, revenue passenger miles were 638,976,316, as com-

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President Davis, center, and Company Bond Campaign Chairman Don Edmondson at right received the Minute Man Flag Award from Forrest McCluney, chairman of the 1974 Winston-Salem Take Stock in America Campaign.