



Grady Simmons, Jr. and his wife Jolene admire the 737-300 model which was on display at the reception. Simmons, Computer & Communications Services-Madison Park, has been with the Company 15 years.



President Bill Howard and his wife Jan greet Bob Northington, retired president of the General Aviation Group and senior vice president.



Laura Bratcher pins on her husband Clyde's name tag upon their arrival at the banquet. Bratcher, who has 15 years with Piedmont, works at GSO-MM.

## 389 employees honored At service pin banquet

"Today is an exceptional day for me. Not only do I have the honor of attending this banquet, but the day also marks the beginning of our 'Omaha Project,'" President Bill Howard said.

"We put together a wholly new intrastate network of service for Florida, and today began this expansion, the largest expansion ever in the history of the Company. And on our first day, we had a near-perfect operation, thanks to employees like you doing your job."

Howard made these remarks at the eighth annual service pin banquet held October 1 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. Three hundred and eighty-nine people were honored, including 51 retirees, 194 with 15 years of service, 89 with 20 years, 40 with 25 years, 49 with 30 years, 14 with 35 years, two with 40, and one person who has been with the Company for 45 years.

"Our growth has presented many challenges and you have met these challenges through the years. With your help, we're going to continue to expand and grow and run an airline you can be proud of," Howard said.

"Thank you very, very much for all you continue to do for Piedmont."

During the program, Howard

presented Eddie Culler, assistant vice president-aircraft services, with his 45-year pin, only the second to be earned. (See related story.) T.H. Davis, Piedmont's founder, received his pin from the board of directors last spring. In addition, L.J. Lambert, Purchasing, INT, and Robbie Robbins, Maintenance, INT, were recognized for 40 years of service.

Don Shanks, vice president-customer relations, and master of ceremonies for the evening pointed out in his remarks that "We — the employees — have been fortunate these past 45 years to have two great chief executive officers, Tom Davis and Bill Howard. Their foresight, their visions of the future, their wisdom, and their great ability to make very difficult — but proper — decisions has had tremendous impact on the future of Piedmont and, thus, a tremendous impact on your and my future and our families' future."

He added, "But these gentlemen will quickly tell you that at Piedmont, our employees have made the difference between success and failure, and that has never been more true than it is today. The employees of Piedmont have made the difference."



Judy Tayloe, Scheduling-INT, and her husband Johnnie Tayloe, Reservations-Madison Park, both celebrated 15 years of service with Piedmont. With them is Brenda Hynek, Reservations-Madison Park, also with 15 years.



Ron Watson, DFW-Stations, who celebrated 20 years with the Company, and his wife Jere look over the display featuring our first-class service.



Dale Wagner (left), DEN-Stations, has been with Piedmont 15 years, and Mike Patterson, CLT-Stations, 20 years.



Employees from TRI on hand for the annual banquet are (l to r) Brad Moody, with 35 years who recently retired; Dick Miller, 30 years, and Earnest Pickel, 30 years.



T.H. Davis, Piedmont's founder and retired chairman of the board, talks with Helen Hull (left), Business Aircraft Maintenance-INT, who has completed 30 years of service, and her daughter Lynn Hull who works in Accounting.