FRONTIER AIRLINES

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# FRONTIER ORDERS TURBOPROPS

Frontier's fleet of 1958 will take on the appearance of the "Friendship" as shown above. Forty passengers will ride in this modern pressurized transport, which is made in America by the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation of Hagerstown, Maryland.

## DELIVERY TO BE IN 1958

Frontier has just placed an order for six Fairchild F-27 turboprop transports according to a joint announcement by Frontier President C. A. Myhre and Richard S. Boutelle, President of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation of Hagerstown, Maryland.

"This is the first step," Myhre said, "in acquiring a fleet of modern transports to replace the DC-3. The first two F-27's are scheduled to be delivered sometime in 1958 and the remaining four are covered by short and long term options. The acquisition of the modern fleet, Myhre added, is one phase of Frontier's program to provide the finest equipment available for air travelers in the Rocky Mountain and mid-west area."

The "Friendship" is a high-wing, pressurized 40 passenger transport, with a cruising speed of 280 miles an hour. "This airplane is ideally suited," Myhre said, "for the high altitude operations which are characteristic of Frontier's routes."

Many new features make the F-27 particularly suited to local use. Emphasis has been placed on accessibility, interchangeability, and availability. All parts that must be checked regularly are easily accessible by means of large doors or panels, many of them removable. The long list of interchangeable parts includes wing tips, control units, stabilizer and fin, jet pipes, passenger seats, engines and so on ad infinitum. Spare and replacement parts will be readily available; manufactured and shipped from Fairchild's Maryland plant.

The "Friendship" was designed especially for short and medium range operations although it does have a maximum range of 2,000 miles. It is powered by two Rolls-Royce Dar propellor-turbine engines, each developing 1600 hp plus 370 pounds static thrust in sea level take-off.

A deal is made! Mr. R. James Pfeiffer (left), Executive Director of Customer Relations of Fairchild, and Frontier President C. A. Myhre shake hands as the ink dries on the contracts for the F-27's.

## FRONTIER STATES POSITION IN PHOENIX CASE

Frontier Airlines is presently engaged in a proceeding before the United States Civil Aeronautics Board which will directly and vitally affect Frontier's ability to continue to provide local air service to the cities on Frontier's present system.

Hearings will be held in Phoenix starting May 1 to determine which airline should provide service between Phoenix and Denver, and Phoenix and Salt Lake City. Service between Phoenix and Los Angeles via Palm Springs is also an issue; however it does not involve Frontier.

At the present time Frontier is providing Phoenix-Denver and Phoenix-Salt Lake service. These flights, due to local service restrictions on Frontier's operation, stop at from six to eight intermediate cities on every flight.

Four trunk lines—United, TWA, Western, and Continental are seeking authority in this proceeding to over-fly Frontier's routes. These carriers are offering only non-stop service compared to the non-stop and one-stop at Farmington proposed by Frontier.

If any one of these four airlines is successful in their attempt to overfly Frontier's routes, the consequences to Frontier and the local service in this area would be very unfavorable.

In the first place, the revenue that Frontier would lose from the diversion of passengers to the new carrier would seriously affect Frontier's financial ability to provide local service. Moreover, it would restrict Frontier's ability to make future increases and improvements in the local air service Frontier now provides.

The increased service proposed by Frontier would in no way affect the present local service now being provided. The one stop at Farmington would greatly improve service. A Grand Junction passenger, for example, could catch the non-stop at Farmington and continue on to Phoenix and save several hours time.

If Frontier is authorized to provide such additional service, the revenue obtained would contribute to the reduction of the approximately $2½ million in federal subsidy Frontier receives each year, thereby contributing to the continuation of stable local air service and making possible future increases and improvements in that local service as the need arises.

Frontier has made every effort to emphasize the fact that the plan for non-stop service will in no way interfere with the local service now being provided. There will be no reductions or changes in the amount or quality of local service if Frontier is authorized to provide non-stop Denver-Phoenix and Salt Lake City-Phoenix service.

**Pat Dillingham (left) and Ruth Knill, Frontier Stewardesses, learn how to make a "Big Hit"— with a bat — from Don Mueller, right fielder, who will be seeking another batting championship this year with the New York Giants. The Giants are spring training in Phoenix, Arizona, for the 9th season.**

## FRONTIER TO FLY DENVER BEARS

The Denver Bears will fly on all road trips during the coming 1956 season. What makes this season's charter unusual is that the plane belongs to the ball club, and Frontier will furnish the crews and maintenance.

After a long period of negotiating a contract between the Bears and Frontier was signed recently. The baseball team will have air transportation to all road games, and the plane will be available to Frontier when not in operation by the owners.

Bears' President Bob Howsam finally located a DC-3, which he purchased for the club's use. The plane has been delivered to Frontier in Denver where it is presently undergoing some minor modifications.

When the last game of the season has been played the ship will become part of the Sunliner fleet. It will be used in either scheduled operation, or to take care of some of the charter requests that have been turned down in the past because of lack of equipment.

## Dorothy Young Adds Another Achievement

"She dood it." Though the helicopter beany is the creation of John Myers, a Frontier flight Captain, Dorothy Young, all of 5 feet and 96 pounds, is the second woman in the world to receive a helicopter flight instructor's rating from the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Mrs. Young is the tenth woman in the United States and fifteenth in the world to receive a helicopter commercial rating. She started flying the "wirly-bird" only two months ago.

Dorothy has a long list of aviation accomplishments, which include:

- She and her husband, Paul Young, became the second husband and wife team with helicopter ratings.
- She is the first woman helicopter pilot and instructor in Colorado.
- She was the first woman commercial pilot in Colorado.
- She was commander for the first WASP squadron during World War II.

Mrs. Young has been piloting aircraft since 1938 and has a total of 2,500 hours at the controls of airplanes. She has been a flight instructor for commercial airplanes since 1940.

Dorothy Young is secretary to E. L. Aden, Frontier's Director of Flight Operations.

DOROTHY YOUNG

## Pueblo Airport Issues "Didjano?"

"DIDJANO?" is a bulletin published by the airport manager at Pueblo. It gives a resume' of the happenings around the airport, as well as information on aeronautical happenings throughout the nation.

"Flight Deck" is the Pueblo airport's latest feature for the gourmets; offering a Coffee Shop, Bar and Dining Room. It is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Flemmons.

# C.A.B. NEWS

The Board has authorized Frontier to overfly Pueblo on a second trip between Denver and Grand Junction. While this in no way decreases service to Pueblo, it provides improved service between Denver, Gunnison, Montrose and Grand Junction.

Frontier has filed an application with the Board to over-fly Prescott and Flagstaff on certain flights during the coming summer months. This application was made to alleviate the serious operational problems encountered. High altitudes and high temperatures at Flagstaff results in load restrictions which become critical during the peak traffic season. Western is opposing the application although none of the other carriers in the Phoenix Service Case have filed objections.

Hearings have been completed in the Liberal, Kansas case. Frontier has applied for service from Denver and Pueblo to various points in Kansas and Oklahoma. Opposition is being furnished by Central Airlines. The basic concept of local service seems to be one of the key points in the whole case.

Central thinks in terms of one round trip per day, six days a week, while Frontier contends that the traffic cannot be developed without two round trips per day, seven days a week.

May 1 has been set as the date for hearings to start in the Phoenix Service Case. Frontier's position is outlined on page 1 of this issue. It is expected this case will take two or three weeks to hear all of the testimony. The hearings will be held in Phoenix.

Exhibits in the Seven States case are due on May 20. The consolidation order in this case has been issued, and the area and issues defined, which appeared in a previous issue of SUNLINER NEWS.

## *NEW PERSONNEL*

GEORGE COFFMAN—*Station Agent*—Denver, Colorado.

FRANK COLLUM—*Junior Agent*—Farmington, New Mexico.

FRANKLIN HARDEE—*Station Agent*—Denver, Colorado.

EDWARD KELLY—*Log Clerk*—Denver, Colorado.

CHARLES KEMMING—*Station Agent*—Denver, Colorado.

STANLEY LARSON — *Station Agent* — Denver, Colorado.

EDWARD LUNDQUIST — *Station Agent* — Denver, Colorado.

JOHN LYONS, JR.—*Mechanic*—Denver, Colorado.

MILDRED MCKEE—*Accounting Clerk*—Denver, Colorado.

LEWIS NELSON—*Station Agent*—Denver, Colorado.

PAUL NELSON—*Station Agent*—Denver, Colorado.

MERVYN PADEN — *Station Agent* — Denver, Colorado.

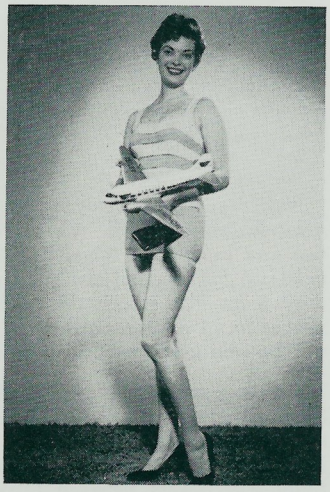
JAMES PHENIX—*Station Agent*—Denver, Colorado.

# FRONTIER NEWS IN PICTURES . . .

Getting firsthand information on vacation attractions in the scenic southwest from Bill Monday (left), Supervisor of Reservations, and Chet Lubben, District Sales Manager, is Miss Joan Gale of American Airlines. Monday and Lubben were one of five sales teams visiting all major cities from coast to coast, making interline contacts and showing colored slides.

Members of the Silver City-Grant County Chamber of Commerce met recently to discuss plans for better surface transportation between the airport and Grant County cities. Frontier was represented by John Griffiths, Regional Supervisor of Stations: Ed Gerhardt, Manager of Publicity; Tollie Glaves, Superintendent of Mails; and Tom Makurat, District Sales Manager.

Certificates acknowledging their ability of using the Bendix Electronic Ignition Analyzer were presented to the men above. Left to right are Charley Souchek, Hugh Gulliksen, Teunis Bergen, Ed Pellerin, William Buckley. Ken Cook, Assistant Foreman-Engine Overhaul, and H. P. Barnard, Director of Maintenance, looked on as Harry Russell, Supt. of Maintenance, made the presentations.



Betty Valentine, one of Frontier's most charming Stewardesses, was a finalist in the Colorado Press Photographers' Beauty Contest. Bill Campbell, Hollywood movie star, was one of the fortunate judges.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Vaughan are welcomed aboard by Frontier Stewardess Laurene Crawford. Mrs. Vaughan won a vacation in Phoenix on the TV program, "What's New in the Stores." The Vaughan's carried Samsonite luggage, presented to her husband by fellow employees at Shwayder Bros.

Men seem to be the biggest losers. Their hats, shirts, and boots are the larger items of the Lost and Found Department. Women leave smaller items, like lipsticks, compacts, gloves; and then there are children's toys and comic books. J. B. Montgomery, Superintendent of Passenger Service, arranged this display of what gets left on a SUNLINER.

Margaret Brumachim was given a first-hand look of a Sunliner model prior to her flight to Alamosa by Delores Lanick, Frontier Stewardess. Miss Brumachim is with Hawaiian Airlines in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Miss Hazel Scott, famed concert and jazz pianist, was welcomed aboard a Frontier Sunliner by Captain Ben Stuart recently. Miss Scott was in Worland for an appearance at their Community Concert.

**Inauguration of the new air link between Silver City and Albuquerque was commemorated by delegations from the Chambers of Commerce of Phoenix, Safford and Clifton joining with like groups from Silver City and Albuquerque of pre-inaugural ceremonies held in Silver City on March 29. Above, left to right: Melvin Porterfield, president of the Silver City Chamber of Commerce; Truman Mullins, President of the Clifton Chamber of Commerce; Fred Mehl, Chairman of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Intercity Relations Committee; Jack Wentworth, President of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce; W. H. Goodrich of the Kennecott Copper; John Lindsay, Vice President of Traffic, Frontier Airlines; Orville Craig, President of the Safford Chamber of Commerce; Harold Welsh, Manager of the Silver City Chamber of Commerce.**

# SILVER CITY-ALBUQUERQUE FLIGHT CEREMONIES HELD

Delegations from the Chamber's of Commerce of Phoenix, Safford, and Clifton were joined by the Chamber of Commerce of Albuquerque and Frontier representatives, headed by John Lindsay, Vice President-Traffic and Sales, for pre-inaugural ceremonies in Silver City on March 29.

The Silver City Chamber of Commerce presented copper bowl mementos to the visiting Chambers. The copper bowl represents the early day panning bowl of the miners, and has a silver dollar in the center. Around the edge of the pan has been printed: "Inaugural Flight —Albuquerque-Silver City."

John Lindsay received for Frontier's President C. A. Myhre a special certificate making Mr. Myhre a "Sterling Silver Citizen" of Silver City. It was presented at the luncheon held by Kennecott Copper Company for all delegates at Hurley, New Mexico.

Melvin Porterfield, President of Silver City Chamber of Commerce, stated: "This is the greatest improvement in transportation for this area in decades. Silver City has been the dead-end for bus and rail transportation and until today it has been the dead-end for air service too. I am certain that the new service will be well used in the months ahead."

On the evening of March 31 a big "Airline Service Victory" dinner-dance was enjoyed by a large gathering of Silver City citizens and Frontier Airlines' representatives. A pair of round-trip tickets between Silver City and Albuquerque was given as the door prize.

April 1 put an end to five years of working for the extension of Frontier's service. The first flights were highly successful between Silver City and Albuquerque. Over 1,000 "First Flight" letters were pouched at Silver City to commemorate the linking of southern New Mexico with the northern part of the state.

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# Frontier Inaugurates New Flight

Frontier will start a second daily round trip flight between Denver and Grand Junction starting May 1, announced C. A. Myhre, president.

Current service includes one daily round trip with service to Pueblo, Gunnison and Montrose. Under an Civil Aeronautics Board order Pueblo will be bypassed on the new second trip.

The new flight is a result of increased uranium exploration and mining in the Grand Junction area.

# SHORT HOPS

George Bradley and Martin Rink of Frontier's Radio Department recently completed the installation of a new VHF radio station at Farmington, New Mexico. This installation is giving greatly improved communication coverage, especially to all flights operating in and out of Farmington.

Clyde Longhart, Superintendent of Communications, stated that this is one of several improvements the department plans to make as conditions permit.

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Duane Phelps, Frontier Station Manager at Laramie, was recently appointed by the Air Transport Association to promote greater use of the local airport.

Phelps also is a member of the Rocky Mountain public relations group, and charged with informing the taxpayer how much he can receive in service for tax money used for air needs.

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The Post Office Department has just released figures on the air mail for the fiscal year of 1955, indicating a profit of $20,268,000 for domestic air mail and $12,161,000 for international air mail.

Accordingly, Tollie Glaves, Frontier's Superintendent of Mails, stated, "Let's face it, this is bigger than it looks! Air mail benefits everyone—the person who sends it, the Post Office which handles it, and those who transport it."

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Just $1.00 will deliver a 19 to 22-pound unit of surplus food, in your name, to a needy family overseas. A signed receipt from the beneficiary will be obtained and sent to you.

Send your $1.00 to CARE, Inc., 660 First Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

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Air Industry grows. There are 59 scheduled certificated airlines today, compared with 22 in 1938 when the Civil Aeronautics Act was passed. Also, in 1938 there were four domestic trunk lines. Today there are 13.

**The Worland Chamber of Commerce used the above picture of a Frontier Sunliner and Stewardess Jo Ann Wilber as the cover for 25,000 copies of a vacation brochure, which will have a nationwide distribution. It was photographed by John Vincamp, Frontier Station Agent at Worland, Wyoming.**