

'Old 47619' Jet Logs Considerable Time on Highways

Boise, Ida.—(U.P.)—The bosses at North American Aviation who might wonder whatever happened to "old 47619" could find their answer squatting comfortably on a National Guard aircraft taxi apron at Gowen Field here.

Old 47619 was the 14th F-86 jet fighter plane ever built. She was completed by North American, the only aviation firm which constructs F-86's, in 1947.

What other jet can lay claim to the distinction of being stuck at least twice in roadside ditches and having its wingtips damaged on a highway shoulder bank?

The old lady is not flyable now and may never be again, but she still performs a vital service. The plane is used by the 190th Air National Guard Squadron of Boise to train mechanics, armorers and other ground crew personnel.

A Show Piece The ship was taken by the Air Force almost as soon as she rolled out of North American's assembly shop for use as a research craft at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, O.

She was turned over to the Air Guard Bureau with just 200 hours of air time and was assigned to the 190th. The ship was flown to Boise by Maj. Kenneth Nordling of the 190th, who commented as he set her down at Gowen Field she was the fastest F-86 he had flown.

She was, however, grounded immediately and hasn't been flown since.

The plane performs many other useful functions—in addition to helping train "week-end airmen." She makes an excellent display piece at fairs and other public functions to give citizens the idea of some of the air machinery Uncle Sam uses to protect the home shores.

It is impossible to estimate how many jet-minded children and adults have crawled over the fuselage and through the cockpit. It was during one of the trips to these celebrations that the F-86 piled up about 20 hours worth of road time. And she managed to get stuck in a ditch both outings.

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— An ex-convict admitted to police Saturday he kidnaped two Highland Park Girl Scouts after the girls identified him as the man who picked them up and then took one of them for a 90-minute terror-filled ride.

Lyle W. Jorgenson, 38, who has served an 11-year sentence for rape and auto theft, told officers he was the one who picked up Kathleen Kerr and Mary Ann Keller, both 10. He said let the Keller girl out a block from where he picked them up and took the Kerr girl for a long ride before bringing her back near the spot where the kidnaping occurred.

He insisted he kept the girls in the car because he wanted them to show him where York boulevard was, police said. He didn't give a reason why he let the Keller girl out of the car shortly after.

Jorgenson has a record of sex offenses against children, police said.

No Signs Seen To Indicate That Credit Sales Going Uncontrolled

By H. D. QUIGG United Press Correspondent New York—(U.P.)—Installment buying is one of the things that make the American economy run—healthy and strong—and there is no sign that credit sales of merchandise are getting out of hand.

That's the opinion of Walter Hoying, a practicing merchandising expert for many years who takes no stock in the opinions of some economists that the credit-buying public now may be living beyond its means.

Hoying now is chairman of Tiffany's and president of Bonwit Teller, prestige merchandising firms which have no installment purchasing. But in the past years he dealt with such buying as an executive of Montgomery Ward, and elsewhere.

"The boys get overly worked up about this every once in a while—it gets to be sort of a fad with some economists and professors," Hoying said in an interview. "There may be a ceiling of course—some place that's the top—but we're not anywhere near there yet."

"There is no sign that merchandise installment buying is getting out of hand, and there's no reason to build up a lot of bugaboos."

"Credit men who are operating under the free enterprise system are adequately ample to handle the situation. They'd be the first to see if it was getting out of hand. It's the kind of thing that private enterprise can handle—and is handling—well. I see no reason for government control or arbitrary regulations."

Hoying termed installment buying "one of the great new facts in the American economy—it's one of the methods by which we do business; it makes for a great deal more business."

Wrong Impression "Some people," he continued, "want to give the impression that it's a sinful thing. It's no more sinful than paying by check, or using the 30-day charge account. In Russia people don't have installment selling and the 30-day charge account—nor do they in most of the rest of Europe. In France, how does even a wealthy man pay. He sends a man around with the cash."

"These are typically American things: installment buying, the check, the charge account. They're what make the American economy run at high speed."

"One of the main reasons the American distributive system functions at such a higher volume rate than any country in the world is these credit techniques."

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Higher Payrolls If this rate is maintained, the commission said, this year's payrolls will reach \$1,350,000,000 against the top of \$1,298,360,028 two years ago.

Tabulation of second quarter payrolls showed \$340,517,697, highest for any three months in the history of the commission except for the third quarter of 1953. The summer period just passed is expected to set a new all-time record.

Covered employment, however, has not reached heights set in 1953. The average number of workers reported up to June 30 this year was 313,764 compared to 321,021 two years ago and 306,615 in 1954.

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The movers left without a word of explanation. The moving firm hired by the Czechs said they weren't their employees. The big question was—who were the mystery movers?

The Czechs have not even ventured a guess and a British foreign office spokesman Saturday emphatically stated:

"I can say that the foreign office has no knowledge of the removal when referred to in the (Czech) statement."

Student Makes Daily Stop At Hospital To Get Pint of Blood

San Francisco —(U.P.)—When Jim Garner, a 26-year-old junior at San Francisco State college, stops on the way home after classes each day, it's not for a hamburger and coke with the gang.

It's for a pint of blood to keep himself alive.

For Jim is a victim of hemophilia, an inherited disease in which his blood fails to clot. A sufferer can bleed for days from a small cut.

Internal, Constant Bleeding In Jim's case, his bleeding is internal and constant. He needs a full pint of blood every 24 hours to keep going.

The student body has been helping Jim Garner out by posting signs around the campus asking for blood donations in his name. But recently it became necessary for his classmates to organize solid support.

Jim's hospital, to which he owed some \$18,000 for past transfusions, said it could no longer allow him credit. Then the work began.

The school newspaper and another campus organization sponsored a fund drive to pay off the debt. A third group organized a talent show featuring local night club performers, the proceeds also going to whittle the hospital bills.

Next, a blood bank said that it would provide the daily pint of blood for Jim, the father of a healthy son, with all service charges waived if each portion he used was replaced by two outside donations.

This gave the students something more to work on. A Catholic student group got a big blood donation campaign under way. The blood bank set up a mobile contribution unit on the campus and students began making regular pledges.

At the present rate, blood bank officials predict, Jim Garner won't have to worry about his vital blood supply for days to come.

"All this makes me feel pretty good," says Jim. "Students are pretty nice people."

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NO GAME TODAY Ashland, Ky. —(U.P.)— Gay Price, a teller at the Second National bank here, had a ready answer for a gunman who pointed a toy pistol at him and ordered, "hand over those 20's." The would-be robber fled when Price told him, "If you want to play games get out of line."

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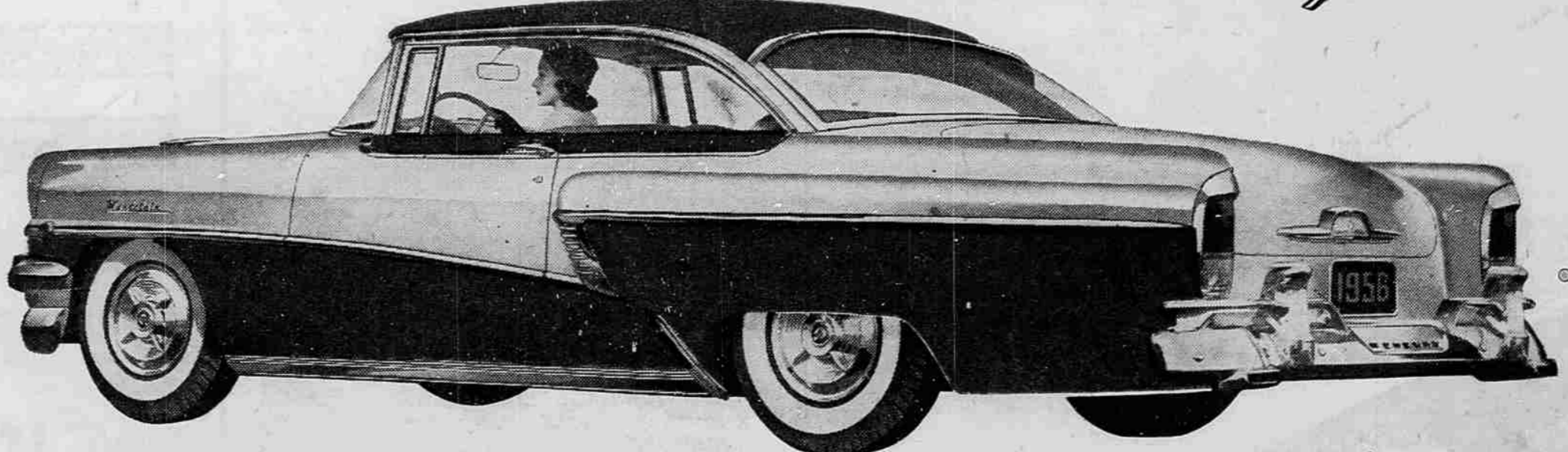
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