

UNDERGOING TEST—The U.S. Air Force X-18, the western world's largest vertical take-off and landing project, is now undergoing ground taxi tests at Edwards Air Force base, Calif. Built by Hiller Aircraft Corp., the 16½-ton tilt wing giant will complete three high speed runway tests prior to actual flight testing scheduled to begin before the end of the year. —(UPI Telephoto)

Business Failures Declared Running Against Season Trend

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New York — (UPI) — Business failures are running against the usual seasonal downward trend, Dun & Bradstreet, which is rated as a top authority on this subject, notes in the current "Dun's Review & Modern Industry."

Failures rose to 1,144 concerns in September. That was more than any month since June and 10 per cent higher than in September, 1958.

The usual tendency is for business failures to decline in September.

Thus is one of the indicators which businessmen watch for a clue to the future. The number on the indicator, of course, is the stock market. Also on the list of things to watch is the size of installment credit which has been rising sharply.

All of these items can give a false impression, and it is often difficult to measure a trend. The stock market was thrown off course by the steel strike and the prospect of its renewal in 80 days.

But just now that market has something more tangible than it has had in a long time. The steel recovery in progress is much faster than anyone had anticipated it could.

Steel Settlement Foreseen
And, some in Wall Street feel there just could be a settlement in the steel situation before the 80-day cooling off period ends.

The rise in installment buying has attracted both criticism and arguments in its favor. Not a few think the nation can stand a high installment debt total on the basis of high disposable income.

The same thing could be true of business failures. The experts who compile and analyze them haven't as yet arrived at an opinion on why they are rising at this time, or if an uptrend is developing.

The failures in September ran at an apparent rate of 58 per 10,000 enterprises. While this rate was the most severe of 1959, it was well below the toll of 70 per 10,000 in 1939 and less than 40 per cent of the 155 set in September, 1932, Dun's said.

Liabilities of failures rose for the third month. They totaled \$154.7 million in September. In all size groups except the \$5,000 to \$25,000 class, more casualties occurred than in August. Those companies with liabilities of more than \$100,000 were the most numerous since April.

Failures Total Down
So far this year, the failure total is under last year. The figure for the period January through September is stated at 10,719 failures with liabilities of \$529,700,000. This

compared with 11,490 failures with liabilities of \$567,200,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

The Dun's article noted that more concerns succumbed in all types of operation than in September of last year.

Construction fatalities rose 17 per cent, largely in heavy engineering and general building, it noted.

General increases were noted also in retailing divisions with increases in food, general merchandising, apparel, and

automotive trades outweighing declines of small amounts in other lines.

Geographically failures were reported on an increase between August and September in all regions except the East, North Central, Mountain, and Pacific states.

Increases of 30 per cent or more were recorded in Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Arkansas, Alabama, Washington and Oregon.

Ceaseless Battle Waged To Protect Photographic Film

Binghamton, N.Y. — (UPI) — This peaceful city in south-central New York is the scene of a ceaseless battle to protect photographic film and paper from being ruined by atomic fallout during manufacture.

The fighters are scientists and technicians at Ansco who produce acres of color slide and movie film, black and white films for amateurs, and professionals, X-ray materials for dentists and radiologists, and papers on which prints and enlargements are made.

Could Be Spoiled
Any of these light-sensitive products could be spoiled — peppered with little black dots or completely fogged — if the raw materials used to make them were contaminated with the radioactive particles still remaining upon the earth from nuclear weapons tests conducted many months or years ago.

A visitor to Ansco's scattered factory buildings here learns that radiation experts,

in cooperation with the Atomic Energy commission (AEC) and with other photographic companies, monitor the atmosphere constantly to check the amount of radiation. And everything used in making each batch of film or paper is tested for radioactivity.

If Russia or any other nation resumes testing of atomic or hydrogen bombs, Ansco experts will be among the first to know it. Soviet testing would show up in increased fallout; so would that of the United States, though the AEC would notify makers in advance of any new U.S. tests.

Fallout Continues
Although all nations suspended testing nuclear weapons more than a year ago, fallout from previous tests continues. Only the most immaculate cleanliness prevents contamination during the film-making processes.

A visitor sees wet driveways and loading platforms, and factory roofs dripping with water. The water comes from high-pressure hoses that regularly and frequently are used to wash away dust, whether radioactive or not. The water comes from deep wells; surface water or even rainwater often contains fallout.

Upon entering the factory buildings, visitors and workers alike walk across broad soaking-wet mats that wipe the dust from shoe soles. Similar mats prevent tracking of dust and chemicals from one department to another.

Dust-Free Smocks
Everywhere inside the walls and floors are spotless and dust-free.

And in the most critical areas employees wear special dust-free smocks and hats they don after walking through a miniature compressed-air tornado that removes dust and lint from their regular clothing. Visitors ordinarily don't get into these critical areas, and hence escape this aerial brushoff.

No other brushoff awaits even the casual visitor.

Ansco welcomes guests, even if they are merely tourists who have discovered the place by accident.



NEW ON FACULTY — Among the new faculty at Southern Oregon college since Jan. 1 is Naomi M. Grant, assistant professor of English. Instructing courses in both English and speech, Miss Grant has studied at the University of Oregon and received her master's degree from the University of Denver. A life member of the National Education association, the Speech and Hearing association, and the Speech Association of America, she worked as a speech therapist for cerebral palsied children in Columbus, Ohio.

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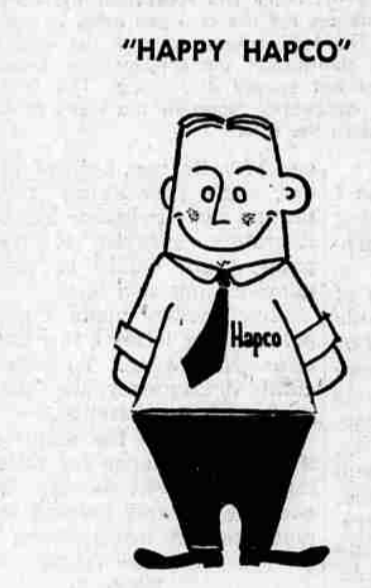
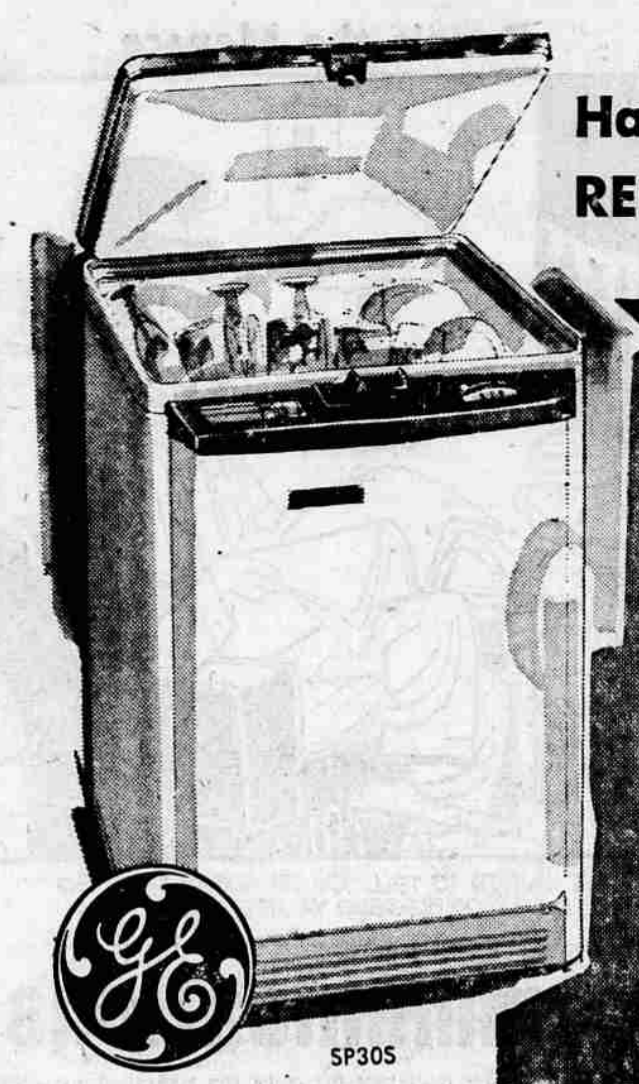
Salem — Distribution of the 1959 replacement parts for the Oregon Revised Statutes will start about Dec. 15 instead of Dec. 1 as originally anticipated, according to Sam R. Haley, Legislative Counsel. Unforeseen delays in the printing schedule have necessitated the rescheduling of the original distribution date.

A total of 285 of 511 chapters of the revised statutes, or about 3,400 statute sections, have been affected by laws enacted by the 1959 legislature. The up-to-date versions of chapters affected by 1959 legislation, totaling some 3,700 pages, comprise the bulk of the 1959 replacement parts. An 888-page index and 20 pages of comparative section tables showing where each section of the 1959 session laws is compiled in ORS or the reason why the section was not compiled, are also included.

New Juvenile Code
Among the new laws contained in the 1959 chapters are a new juvenile code, a new trial and appeal procedure for traffic offenses, migrant labor legislation, provisions for a State Development Credit Corporation, a law permitting reorganization of state agencies by the Governor with the approval of the Legislative Assembly, and new legislation concerning trailer houses and trailer parks.

ORS owners who have not yet ordered their new replacement parts are urged by Haley to send in their orders promptly, while there is still adequate time to process them before distribution begins in December.

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