

Check Inflation to Banish Flat Tire Blues

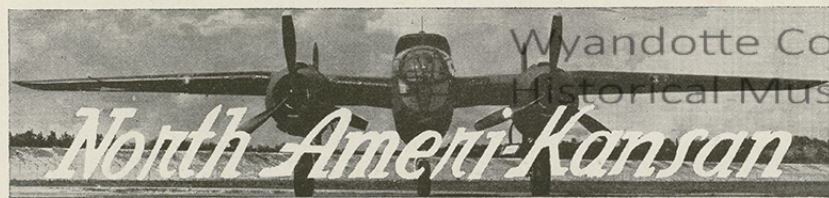
An average of eight drivers a day have benefited from a tire inflating service of the Transportation Dept.

Every day, tire inspectors patrol the lot with an air tank just before shift changes and

air flat tires and those that are low. The driver is notified that his tire has been serviced so that he can get to a tire repair station, or home, before having to change the tire.

Before the service was inau-

gurated, motorists were stranded in the parking lot at the end of their work shift, usually with several riders, until the tire could be changed or repaired.



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K. C. the B-25 Bomber Center

Kansas NAA Plant to New Prominence As Sole Manufacturer of the Mitchell—More Than 3600 Have Been Made Here—The Change Today

North American Aviation, Inc., of Kansas today assumed the entire production of B-25 Mitchell bombers, and the Ingleswood plant turned its entire production facilities to the manufacture of P-51 Mustang fighters.

Concentration of the B-25 program in Kansas City means that the plant, whose employees already have turned out more medium bombers than any other group in the world, will produce more B-25s this year than both Kansas City and Ingleswood produced in 1943.

Already the combined production of the plants numbers 6,815 B-25 Mitchell bombers. Of this amount, over 3,600 have been produced at the Kansas City plant, and 3,208 have been produced in Ingleswood.

Spare Parts Swell Total

Not only completed bombers, but spare parts in large volume will continue to roll from the Kansas City aircraft factory.

"The entire production of spare parts for thousands of Mitchells on all the world's battlefronts will be assumed by our plant," H. R. Raynor, factory manager, said.

"This spare parts program has become a considerable percentage of the total production load in Kansas City."

North American workers in the two plants have produced such a volume of spare parts as to raise the production figure to the equivalent of 8,078 bombers.

Increased Total Capacity

In turning the entire facilities of the Ingleswood plant over

to production of fighters, the production figure for North American Mustangs has been materially increased, the company announced.

There was no perceptible change at the plant when the changeover hour was reached. For the past several months the company has been rearranging its production facilities and manufacturing practices to assume the entire B-25 program. The day's quota of Mitchells rolled off the plant's assembly lines as usual.

The change in the Ingleswood plant was more apparent, as the last B-25 rolled off the line and a line of Mustangs moved up to take the place of the bombers.

Cost Dept. Out for Presentee Record

With one department member boasting a clean record of no absences from work since November 1, 1941, the Cost Dept. this week was out to win the job attendance trophy for supporting departments.

Walter Sanderson of that department has been on the job without absence since he came to work at North American, and has been late only a few times.

"And that was when my driver was a little late showing up for me," Sanderson said.

The department has divided itself into two teams. The team which chalks up the best attendance record will be the guests of the losers at a departmental picnic.



Gives a Gallon of Blood

Tom J. Ruma (31) has donated blood to the Red Cross eight times. The first time was in February, 1943, the eighth time in June, 1944. Ruma has been working at North American since March, 1942, and each of his blood donations has counted toward the North American record.

Safer Traffic Plan In Effect By July 10th

To eliminate traffic safety hazards at shift changes, a revision in the traffic flow plan was announced this week by S. O. Sherwood, chief of the guard force. The plan as outlined here and by the map will be put in force on Monday morning, July 10.

Chrysler road will be restricted to parking from Kinderberger to Funston roads. The road will be posted, as Fairfax road now is.

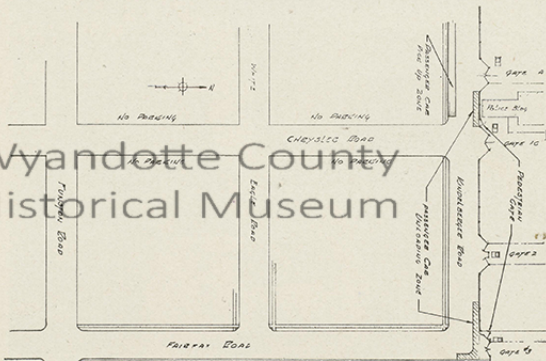
Pedestrian traffic will be required to use the pedestrian gates at the southeast corner of the police building and by Gate 3, which forms the dead end of Fairfax road. A loading zone for passengers has been established on the south side of Kinderberger road, just west of Chrysler road.

Pedestrians will not be allowed to use vehicular gates.

Unloading zones have been established for arriving passengers in front of the police building on the north side of Kinderberger road, and at the dead end of Fairfax and Kinderberger roads at Gate 3.

Bus passengers will continue to load and unload on the east side of the cafeteria.

☆ Design for Traffic Flow ☆



For further information explaining this map see story on this page.

N.A.A. Blood Total

North American employees
had given

4,278 Pints

of blood to the Red Cross
by the first of this week