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## TWELVE NEW FAIRCHILD F-27's ORDERED

After several years of searching for a suitable replacement for the DC-3 and months of intensive research and exhaustive studies, Mr. T.H. Davis signed a contract on June 19 with the Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corporation for 12 new Fairchild F-27's with an option to obtain 12 more.

This order is the largest ever placed by any of the nation's thirteen local service carriers and represents the most complete re-equipment program undertaken in the local service field, Mr. Davis said.

The 40 passenger, twin engined planes which are powered by the famous Rolls-Royce Dart prop-jet engines will cost eight million dollars and delivery of the new Pacemaker will begin in December of 1957.

Terming the plane "a new measure of modern air travel", Mr. Davis said that "this plane--which we will designate as the F-27 Pacemaker--is ideal for our use." Its prop-jet engines give it a cruising speed of 280 miles per hour and enable it to fly with a degree of silence and smoothness surpassing all piston-powered commercial airliners now flying." Other advantages of the F-27 listed by Mr. Davis include greater visibility due to high-wing configuration, pressurized and air conditioned cabins, tri-cycle landing gear, excellent short field performance, and a range of 2,250 miles.

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