

1954 FORDCRESTLINE FORDOR SEDAN



This 1954 Ford Crestline Fordor sedan—new this year—has interior beauty and new power assists usually found only in costly limousines. Its smart new grille has a characteristic Ford center spinner, recessed parking lights and jet-type air scoop. Like all 1954 Ford passenger cars, it has new ball-joint front suspension for easier handling and the choice of either Ford's completely new 130-h.p. Y-block V-8 engine or the new 115-h.p. I-block Mileage Maker Six. For ease and driving pleasure it has power steering, power brakes, power operated windows and front seat, plus Fordomatic or over-drive, available at extra cost. Valley Motor Co. is the Salem dealer.

Bananas Grow In Old Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (INS)—Bananas can be raised as far north as Virginia, and so can lemon trees with lemons as big as grapefruit. Walter H. Page, a Charlottesville florist, has had a flourishing line of banana plants for the last 40 years. The plants grow up to the roof of the greenhouse, bear a full crop of bananas after 12 or 18 months, and then die. New plants then emerge from the roots. Page planted his lemon tree 25 years ago. He feeds it all year round so that the fruit comes big as a grapefruit. "The lemon tree bears continuously, and we also have bananas most all the time from the sprouting banana plants," Page said, adding: "The school children and their parents get a lot of them."

Monkeys, Cats To Stay Up Trees

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)—Monkeys and cats who are up a tree here will stay that way from now on as far as the city fire department is concerned. The department has had enough of answering calls from distressed pet owners whose animals have climbed out of reach and refuse to descend. Hereafter, the firemen will refer such pleas to the Department of Public Safety, which has trucks and ladders, but no ladders—yet.

Med Students Urged Formed for Disaster

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Plans to mobilize the nation's 27,000 medical students for service in a national emergency or disaster was urged at the annual meeting here of the Association of American Medical Colleges. College officials said pilot programs have been started at the Universities of California, Illinois and Buffalo, and at Vanderbilt and Cornell Universities.

COMET IS ON WAY

CINCINNATI (AP)—A comet which last flashed across mid-western skies in 1883-84 will perform again next spring. Dr. Paul Herget, professor of astronomy at the University of Cincinnati, says the Pons-Brooks comet returns about every 70 years. It will be barely visible to the naked eye. "There haven't been any good comets lately," Herget says regretfully.

Seattle Expands, Now 17th Largest

SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle expanded its city limits at midnight Sunday and became the 17th largest city in the United States. City officials said 40,800 new residents were brought into the city by annexation of a 10-square mile area north of the city limits. The annexation, voted by residents of the area last September, boosted the population to 544,000, placing the city ahead of Cincinnati and Minneapolis, city officials said.

Dam at Chehalis Washed Out

ABERDEEN (AP)—A cofferdam used in construction of a new Chehalis River bridge collapsed Sunday causing a several weeks delay in work on the \$5 million dollar span. Cause of the collapse was not determined immediately and McRae Bros., Seattle, the contracting firm, was unable to estimate extent of the damage. The cofferdam, completed only last week, collapsed shortly after a watchman, Darrell Green, had finished an inspection tour. A huge wave sent up when the dam's steel plates plunged into the water washed a bystander, Wayne Lundgren, about 65, into the river but he was pulled to safety by Green. The wave also upset a big crane and 20-inch pump.

Weather Solves Own Problem for This City

OMAHA (AP)—Omaha Police Commissioner Harold P. Caldwell thinks bad weather holds its own solution for one of the problems it creates for the city. He noted the annual rush of bums seeking "loafing time" at taxpayer expense in the city jail during cold and stormy weather. Caldwell suggested a tailor-made job for them is helping to clear the streets after big snow storms.

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Oregon Youth's Crime Career

DENVER (AP)—Edwin Koch, 18-year-old Springfield, Ore., youth, has admitted committing a series of crimes in six states, Denver police reported Sunday. He was arrested while trying to hitchhike out of town. Officers quoted him as saying he was disgusted because he got only one and some food in two burglaries of the same restaurant here. They said he told this story of his recent activities: He stole a car at Springfield last August. After abandoning it in Sheridan, Wyo., he stole another and drove to St. Paul, Minn., where he was arrested. He was returned by police to Springfield. There he broke into a grocery store on two occasions, stealing a total of 150. Then with two unidentified friends, he stole \$3,000 after blowing open a Eugene, Ore., liquor store safe. Then he stole a car and held up a Eugene service station for \$40. After that he drove to Las Vegas, Nev., where he held up a theater for \$2. From there he drove to Salt Lake City where he got \$30 in another service station holdup on Christmas Day. He then came to Denver, where he said he burglarized the restaurant.

4 Fatalities in Oregon Holiday

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Three persons died in traffic accidents and one was burned to death in the long New Year holiday weekend in Oregon. Four others were presumed drowned in a boating accident. The traffic victims were Oscar Peter Farsdale, 73, Portland, who was killed Saturday when struck by a car as he crossed a Portland street; Robert Harrison Darnell, 63, Astoria, and Mrs. J. A. Livingston, 43, Glide, who were killed in separate accidents on New Year's Day. Little Mary Lynn Padgett, 5, the daughter of Gordon E. Padgett, of Newport, Ore., was the fire victim. She died in a Portland hospital Saturday from burns suffered when her nightgown was ignited by flames from a fireplace. The four presumed drowned in Alaska Bay on the Oregon Coast were Lyle Marion King, 44; Henry Lee King, 24; Alton Robert King, 42; and Loren McWhorter, 25. They left Waldport Saturday morning for the other side of the bay for a logging job. Their overturned boat was found on the north shore of the bay Sunday morning.

Mrs. Isom White, Social Leader, Dies

PORTLAND (AP)—Mrs. Isom White, former Portland social leader, died at a hospital here Sunday. She was 101. Born in New York City April 18, 1853, her family brought her to Portland when she was six. Here she married Isom White a pioneer Portland merchant. He died many years ago. She is survived by four nephews and two nieces.

GRID FAMILY

DETROIT (INS)—Football runs in the Charlie Ane family. Ane a 6' 2", 250-pound center-tackle for the Detroit Lions, has a father-in-law who is commissioner of the University Armed Forces Football League in Hawaii.

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Sheriff, Deputy Sends SOS; No Gas

MOBERLY, Mo. (AP)—Randolph county sheriff Amos Magruder and his deputy, Joe Moore, ran out of gas and tried to radio for help. Moberly's police headquarters heard them only faintly but did hear the word "emergency." State patrolmen set up roadblocks around the area. Peace officers began combing the countryside for lawbreakers. They finally found the stranded sheriff and his deputy.

MORE PATENTS

CANBERRA, Australia (INS)—Before the war, applications for patents in Australia averaged about 5,500 a year. Last year there were 8,073 applications and indications are that there will be more this year.

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