

1955 Mercury Cars To Go On Display In City Tomorrow

The 1955 Mercury automobiles—featuring 10 models in three series including the entirely new Montclair—will go on display here tomorrow at Medford Motors, Sixth and Ivy sts.

The 1955 Mercury's have been largely restyled and re-engineered. They are longer, wider and lower than previous models, with a wider rear tread and frames one inch closer to the ground.

The restyled bodies feature a full-scope windshield for greater driving vision, and canted headlights giving a forward rake to the front. The lines carry along the side to a more massive rear quarter panel with tail lamps designed to blend into the overall theme.

Two Engines

Two high-compression, overhead valve V-8 engines are offered. Monterey and Custom series will have a 188 horsepower engine, and the Montclair power plant will have 198 horsepower.

Dual exhausts are standard equipment on two series, with a Y-exhaust on the Custom series. A new four-barrel carburetor results in better "breathing" and improved starting.

The Merc-O-Matic transmission has been redeveloped to handle the higher torque developed by the new engines. Brakes now have a total braking area of 190.9 square inches, compared to 159 last year.

Tubeless tires are standard on all models, with tire treads which eliminate tire squeal and improve traction.

An exclusive feature in its field is the Mercury's power lubrication, which permits the driver to keep all chassis bearings constantly lubricated by pressing a button. The instrument panel is new, with a fan-shaped cluster containing the speedometer, odometer, generator, fuel, oil and temperature gauges.

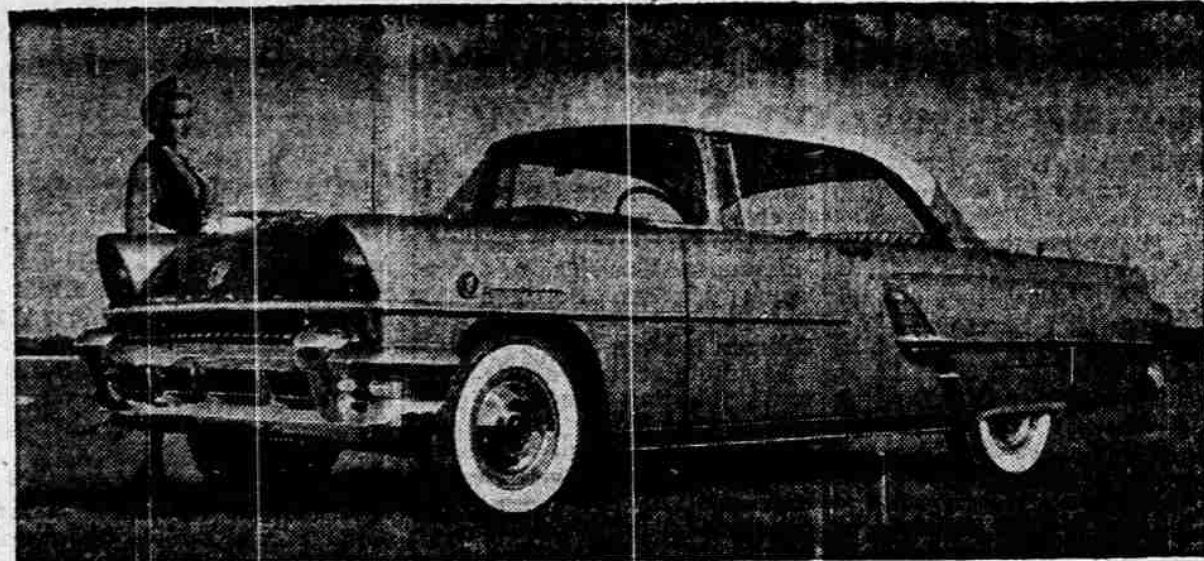
Pope's Condition Slightly Improved

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Vatican sources reported a slight improvement today in the condition of Pope Pius XII.

The ailing pontiff arose at 7:30 a.m. and heard a mass recited by German Jesuit Father Robert Leiber in the private chapel adjoining the papal apartment.

Then the Pope retired to his study where, seated in a deep easy chair given to him by Roman Catholics in Buffalo, N.Y., he received an official of the Vatican secretariat of state for a regular daily report on Vatican affairs.

An official announcement yesterday that the Pope will attend ceremonies closing the Marian Year Dec. 8 was taken in Vatican circles as an encouraging indication of his improvement.



NEW MERCURYS HERE TOMORROW—The 1955 line of Mercury automobiles will go on display in Medford tomorrow at Medford Motors, Sixth and Ivy sts. Shown are two of the models, at top the Monterey hardtop coupe,

and below the Custom two-door sedan. A new series, the Montclair, is being introduced this year. All models are redesigned with striking new styling this year, and all are longer, lower and wider than previous models.

Ambulance, Truck Crash in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — An ambulance carrying a patient to a hospital for emergency surgery and a tank truck and trailer loaded with gasoline collided here early today.

The patient, Mrs. Emma E. Soria, 69, died. Her physician, Dr. H. Clagett Harding, 36, was treated for a severe head laceration.

Interim Pastor at Community Church

The Rev. Joseph A. Bowdoin will replace the Rev. A. Ted Goodwin as pastor of the Community church while Mr. Goodwin is on an indefinite leave of absence to be with his father who is ill at Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. Bowdoin will conduct the midweek prayer service Thursday Dec. 2, at 7:45 p.m., at 801 East Main st.

He also will conduct a prayer service Friday, Dec. 4, at 12 noon at the W. G. Andrews home, 35 Vancouver ave. No lunch will be served.

The Sunday services on Dec. 5 of the Community church congregation, which meets at Fifth and Grape sts., also will be conducted by the interim pastor.

Mr. Bowdoin has been the pastor of the Rogue River Community church, and the Community church at Trail. Both are undenominational. He is married and has a family of five children. The Bowdoin lives at Shady Cove.

All meetings of the group are open to the public.

New York Farmers Push Conservation

Syracuse, N.Y. — (U.P.) — New York farmers have established more conservation on their lands so far this year than in any previous similar period, according to I. B. Stafford, state representative of the U. S. Soil Conservation service.

He cited the 25 miles of diversion terraces built; 44 miles of open drainage ditches constructed; the 700,000 feet of tile drainage installed and the 188 farm ponds completed so far in 1954.

He said the practices represented an investment of close to \$300,000 by the farmers.

200 Trains Daily To Haul Christmas Mail

Washington — (U.P.) — It will take an average of 200 mailpacked trains a day to haul the nation's Christmas mail between Dec. 1 and Christmas day.

If each of these trains carries a million pieces of mail, that would be enough to give every American, Canadian, and Mexican an average of 25 Christmas gifts each, according to the Association of American Railroads.

The post office department anticipates more than 60,000 of these 60-foot cars will be needed to move the 5,500,000,000 pieces of mail expected during the next 24 days. Authorities estimate a slight increase over the 5,400,000,000 pieces of mail, carried largely by rail, during the corresponding period last year.

Mormons Promise To Quit Polygamy

Kingman, Ariz. — (U.P.) — Twenty six apostate Mormons from the once-polygamous community of Short Creek today promised to cease practicing of plural marriages after ending a year's probation.

One of the men told Superior Judge Robert S. Tullar that all 26 men plan to "live according to the laws of Arizona."

The men were arrested July 26, 1953, when Arizona officers raided Short Creek and seized the town's entire population. The raid on the tiny hamlet, which straddles the Arizona-Utah border, drew national attention.

Enthusiastic Court Spectator Fined

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — George F. Gerald, a spectator at a divorce trial, got too enthusiastic over the judge's decision and leaped to his feet shouting "good for you, judge."

The judge promptly fined Gerald \$10 for contempt of court.

The practice of gift giving was condoned in remembrance of the Magi who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus.

Power Cooperative Tells Disapproval Of Dixon-Yates

Washington — (U.P.) — The National Rural Electric Cooperative association, representing most of the electric systems throughout the country, told the Securities and Exchange Commission today that it opposes the proposed Dixon-Yates power contract.

The organization, whose members include 50 systems receiving power from the Tennessee Valley Authority, asked the SEC to allow it to be heard in opposition to the proposal.

The SEC already had received, and taken under advisement, a brief filed by the state of Tennessee and their Tennessee municipal power groups questioning the legality of the Dixon-Yates power contract.

The brief questioned whether the SEC can "properly" approve financial details of the Dixon-Yates agreement and claimed "substantial doubts" exist about the legality of the contract between the Dixon-Yates combine and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The contract provides that Dixon-Yates transmit power into the government-owned Tennessee Valley Authority system from a steam generating plant from a combine will build at West Memphis, Ark. This power will free for other uses an equal amount of TVA electricity now being supplied to the AEC at its Paducah, Ky., plant.

Boy Flees From Bee; Dog Objects, Bites

Syracuse, N.Y. — (U.P.) — To bee or not to bee stung was the only question for 12-year-old Ronald Krigbaum of nearby Lyncourt.

So, when he and his pals spotted a bumblebee, he made a bee-line for parts far away.

But he didn't see a dog that blocked his flight. The dog objected to being run over by biting Ronald's abdomen.

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