

Dodge Classified One of Most Improved Cars

Under the sleek, lithe 1955 Dodge silhouette is a myriad of automotive improvements which mechanically and structurally classify Dodge for '55 as one of the industry's most improved cars. They are on display at Leever Motor Co., 315 East Fifth st.

Calculated to earn the respect of all drivers are the flashing 193 h.p. Super-powered Super Red Ram V-8, the 183 h.p. Super Red Ram V-8, the all - new 175 h.p. Red Ram V-8, and the 123 h.p. "Get-Away Six."

Riding and handling qualities are improved due to wider rear leaf springs and relocated front and rear shock absorbers with longer piston travel.

New coaxial Dodge Power Steering performs 80 per cent of the steering effort, providing instant response and excellent returnability. Other power assists for brakes, seat controls and window lifts are available.

Inside the roomy passenger compartment many innovations are evident. The gear selector lever on cars equipped with automatic PowerFlite transmission is located on the control panel. Also, an eight - in - inch - wide "rudder bar" brake pedal is provided on these models. Brake and clutch pedals on models with standard transmission are suspended from under the control panel, eliminating toeboard holes and resultant dirt, moisture and drafts.

Windshield wiper blades park automatically off the glass. The gas filler pipe is in its own compartment in the right rear fender, passing through the trunk behind the spare tire.

Box-section roof rails and sturdy windshield construction strengthen the body shell. Additional body-frame mounts and floor panel stiffeners increase body rigidity, eliminate vibration and lengthen car life.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Hollywood moves in on the A-bomb next week with a TV "spectacular" starring the bomb, a pretty girl poking around the ruins and comedian Dave Garro-way in the trenches.

Both CBS and NBC are televising an atomic explosion near Las Vegas April 26, one of the biggest in history. An A-bomb blast was special event programs in TV shown by the networks two years ago via a local station's telecast. But this season, mankind's most terrifying invention is getting the super-colossal treatment.

NBC is flying a make-up man to Las Vegas to make sure all the NBC noses are powered before the blast. Comedian Garro-way, horn-rimmed glasses and all, will conduct his "Today" show from the GI-filled trenches two miles from the bomb blast. Powder Room

And after the blast, pretty Kit Kinne will tour the atomized model village to show viewers of the "home" program the effect of the explosion. A powder room had to be set up in the Kinne.

Both networks are pooling their resources to telecast the explosion, which is akin to Macy's telling Gimbels. The "script" for the show has been worked over for months by the networks' special events directors here, Sam Zelman of CBS and Roy Neal of NBC.

"Two years ago when the bomb went off the TV pictures were twisted all over the place, but this time proper facilities will be used," explained Neal. Four Cameras

Four cameras will telecast the actual explosion 8 1/2 miles from the blast. Any closer, Neal and Zelman explained, might blow a fuse somewhere. Another camera in the trenches will show faces of the 800 soldiers crouched there.

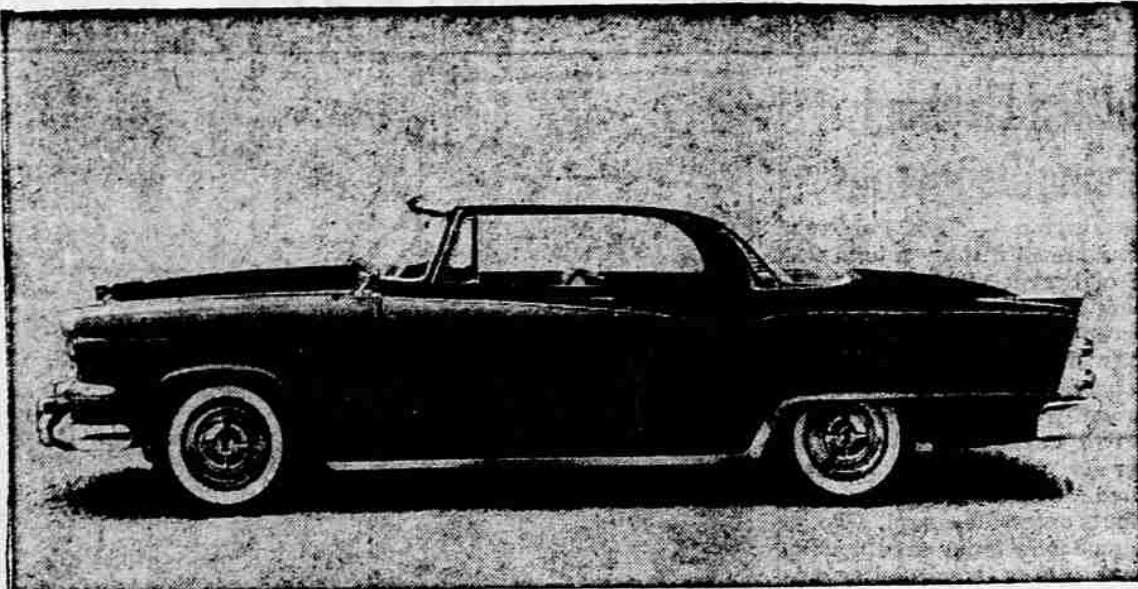
More than 1,500 civil defense experts from around the country will be part of the "back-stage" audience. The networks are sending 85 men to the spot to man the live cameras, color cameras and the make-up kit. One interested observer will be a manufacturer whose radio-activity resisting paint will be daubed on some of the dummy houses as a test.

Even the GI's have gone into television and will have an Army camera at the spot for the networks to use.

All the TV stars and workers in the blast area had to be cleared for loyalty by the government.

"They even cleared one traffic cop so he could tag speeders in the blast area," says Zelman.

Corvallis — (U.P.) — John Rice of Corvallis has been selected student body president at Oregon State College.



DODGE LANCER HARDTOP—Three-tone paint combinations are introduced for the first time in the automotive industry to accent the new styling of the 1955 Dodge Lancer hardtop. New color combinations are available on the Lancer models in all three series—the Custom Royal, the Royal, and the Coronet. Lower, wider and longer by 16 inches, the Custom Royal Lancer hardtop shown here is powered by a Red Ram V-8 engine developing 193 horsepower.

Truck Fleets More Than Double In Past 10 Years

Washington — (U.P.) — Truck fleets operating over U. S. highways have more than doubled in the past 10 years.

In Trends, its annual publication, the American Trucking Association reports that U.S. trucks in operation increased from 4,513,340 in 1944 to 9,477,000 in 1954. This figure, not including 413,239 government - owned trucks, is nearly half the world total of 19,818,000.

The publication, said trucks traveled 65,000,000,000 miles on inter-city runs in 1953 compared to 24,000,000,000 in 1943.

The report said that trucks, representing 17 per cent of all registered motor vehicles, paid more than 33 per cent of the total state highway user taxes collected in 1953. Truck taxes totalled \$1,736,643,000 in 1953.

Chicago had the greatest number of class one truck carriers among the country's largest cities with 144. New York was second with 79; Los Angeles and Detroit were third and fourth with 60 and 59 carriers. Total carriers listed for 1953 were 2,576.

Big Wage Rise
In ranking by geographical regions, the Middle Atlantic states were listed as having the most carriers with 628. This district includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The second largest section was the Central region, with 620. This area includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan (lower peninsula) and Ohio.

Other major increases in the industry cited by Trends were those in average wage per employee and average number of employees per carrier. Average annual wages for all trucking and warehousing employees rose from \$2,147 in 1943 to \$4,709 in 1953. This compares with the 1953 average for all private industry of \$3,643, the publication pointed out.

The number of employees per class one carrier for the 1942-52 period increased from an average of 108.8 in 1942 to 139.5 in 1952. The highest averages by region were the Southern's 160.7 employees per carrier and the Central's 159.0.

Youngsters' Classified Ad Section Patronized

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — The St. Petersburg Times recently set aside a page in its classified ad section exclusively for school children and teenagers. It attracted such ads as these:

"Will swap Girl Scout uniform for parakeet cage."

"I would like to trade marbles with someone."

"For 25 cents a day you can practice on my piano."

"I want a boy's English racer, good condition. Daddy will pay up to \$50."

Chicago Loop Pilot Holds Hotel 117 Years

Chicago — (U.P.) — There has been a hotel on the same plot of ground in Chicago's "Loop" for 117 years, although the structure has changed.

A plaque presented to the Hotel Sherman by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1929, set on an outside wall at the intersection of Randolph and Clark streets, reads: "This marks the oldest site in Illinois on which a hotel has been continuously maintained."

EYES GOT WET

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — Mike Corkill, 6, explained to his father that he didn't cry while waiting for his shot of the new Salk anti-polio vaccine. It was just that, like some of the other boys, he said Wednesday, his eyes got a little wet from standing in line.

Congo Said Largest Area Where Nobody Can Vote

By WILLIAM ANDERSON
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Brussels — (U.P.) — The Congo, Belgium's vast colony covering an area 80 times the size of the mother country, is the world's largest geographical unit where nobody can vote.

For in this huge belt of largely unexplored territory, inherited somewhat reluctantly by the Belgians from King Leopold II at the beginning of the century, the emphasis is on economic and not political development.

The no-vote rule applies equally to the Congo's 70,000 Europeans as well as its 11,000,000 Congolese.

There are few native intellectuals. But there are thousands of black men whose grandfathers had not even discovered the use of the wheel, who are doing skilled and semi-skilled labor. They enable Belgium to possess one of the richest colonies in Africa today.

The Belgians are not ashamed of the word "colony." And it is still "our colony." And it is ruled from Brussels as such through a governor-general in Leopoldville. He has an advisory board on which several Africans sit but the real decisions come from the king, government and governor-general.

No Intellectuals Wanted
As there is no vote, there are no political parties and no politics.

The Congo is administered by some 5,000 European civil servants. They often have native assistants, but few rise above the rank of chief clerk. Tribal law and custom are in force throughout the bush and are only infringed upon by white law when they concern ritual murder, polygamy or witchcraft.

Belgium's aim in the Congo is to lift gradually the status and living standards of the Congolese until they can be integrated on an equal basis and in a common society with Europeans. Somewhere along this upgrade political responsibility will be introduced and increased, but not before the Belgians think the Congolese are ready for it.

When will this take place? Fifty years—a century, perhaps—as the Belgians want no small group of intellectuals trying to pack 2,000 years of European thought and evolution into the minds of natives whose grandfathers were cannibals. As a result no Congolese has ever attended a Belgian university.

Few advance beyond high school standards and their education is centered mainly on arts and crafts and no abstracts. A university, however, was opened in the Congo last year. It is being administered by Jesuits from Belgium's own Louvain university. It can be attended by both Europeans and Congolese. Its curriculum is short on humanities and long on physical education and medical degrees.

Education in the Congo is mainly in the hands of the missions which receive government subsidies. In the cities, however, the government has opened non-denominational schools.

At present there are about 4,000 Catholic missionaries and 1,200 Protestant missionaries in the Congo. It is the intention of Catholic authorities to set up a Congo church as soon as sufficient Congolese are ordained. There are about 600 at present.

The Congo workman can be a headache to his employer. Trade unions are unknown in the Congo because mainly it is the employer who needs the protection.

The Congolese is only about one-quarter as efficient as a European workman. For this he receives between 500 and 800 francs a month. The Congolese is not lazy, but it is difficult to get him to work for anything beyond his immediate needs. Once these are satisfied, he is liable to disappear back to his tribe.

Senators To Have More Space in New Office Building

Washington — (U.P.) — United States senators are unanimous on at least one subject—space.

The seldom-changing skyline of Capitol Hill is undergoing a long-awaited addition. Ground-breaking ceremonies took place recently for a new Senate office building.

The \$20,000,000 structure will allow each senator a five-room suite compared to two rooms at present. There also will be two underground garages.

The old Senate office building erected in 1906 is badly overcrowded. Some corridors even double as offices and employees overflow into other buildings.

Inadequacies of proper hearing rooms in the old building became evident nation - wide when the Senate crime investigations were televised in 1953 and again during last year's Army-McCarthy hearings.

The new structure will contain a 500-seat auditorium with a sloping floor, small balcony and a curved, upraised committee table.

Broadcasting equipment will operate through portholes in a walled-off studio. This will remove some of the Hollywood-set atmosphere prevailing at hearings held in the present building.

Friday, April 22, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE



FLAIR STYLING FEATURED—Flair styling featured in the 1955 Dodge includes projected headlight hoods, swept-around windshield, cut back doors, flared wheel openings, and streamlined rear deck. This four-door sedan in the custom Royal series has a 183-horsepower V-8 engine.

More working space for the senators' daily routine was the primary consideration. One senator from a sparsely populated state says he received "30 to 40 visitors a day" and on some days "over 1,000 letters and telegrams." An official said that "at present five secretaries are crowded in one small room."

When completed, the new

plans will give the senators two buildings, equaling the two office structures the representatives have had for over a decade. But the senators will retain the distinction of having Washington's only subway which transports them from their offices to the Capitol. Representatives have to walk.

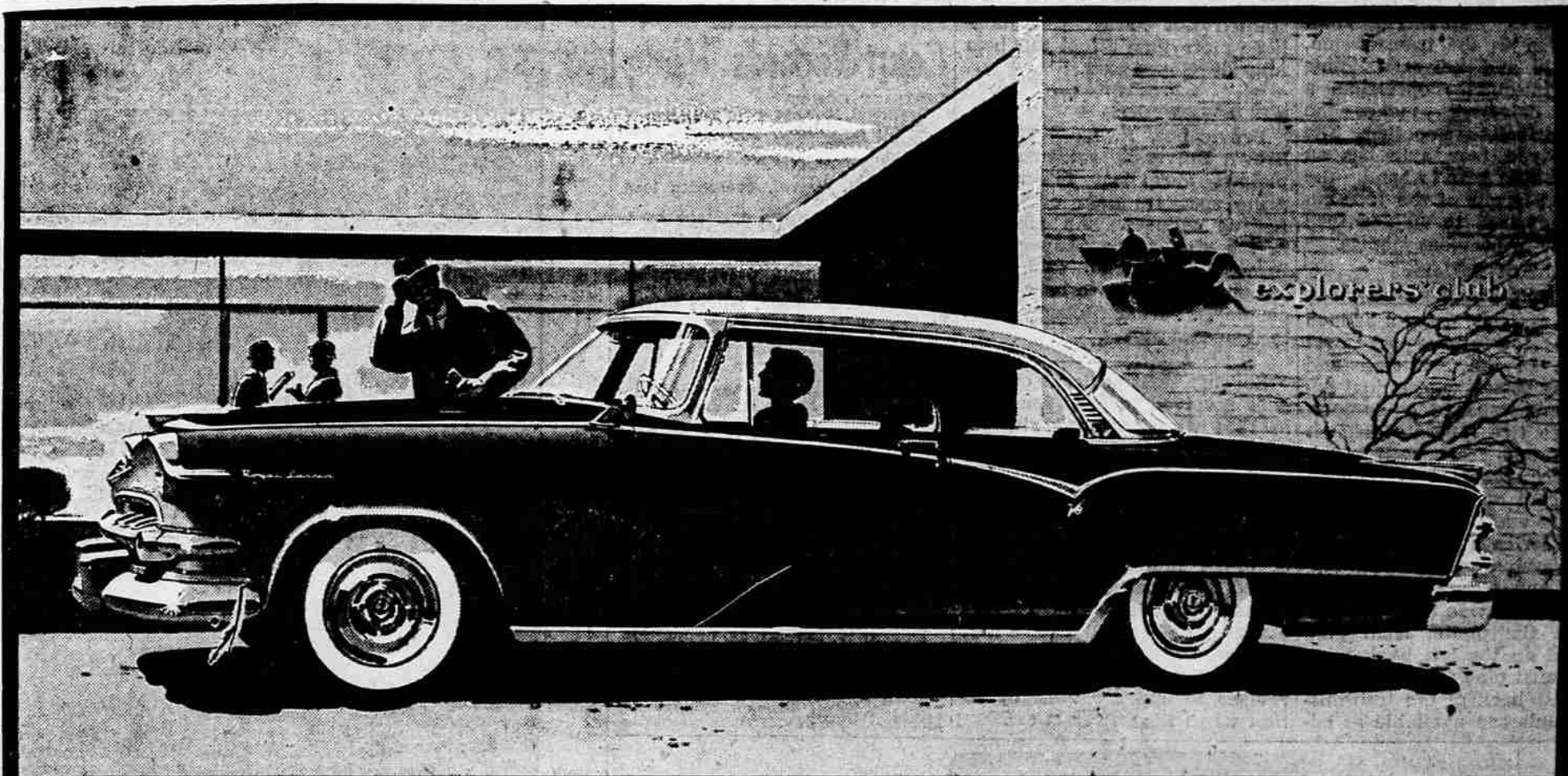
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BIRD COUNT

Concord, N. H. — (U.P.) — Nearly 4,000 ducks and geese have been wintering around New Hampshire's icy coastal waters. The state fish and game department reported a decline of 2,300 birds from last winter's tally.



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