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PRESENTING NEW MODEL . . . Oscar Maples Ford President Vel Miletich, presents the '56 Ford which will go on display at the local agency at 1420 Cabrillo Ave., tomorrow. An open house preview of the new model will be featured Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The agency will have all models for viewing and immediate delivery.

Safety and Added Power Features in 1956 Fords

Safety features offered for the first time by any automobile company, power equal to the Thunderbird, and lower body silhouettes are available in 1956 Ford cars which Oscar Maples Ford will place on display tomorrow.

The new Fords will be built in four series offering 18 body styles—two more than in 1955. They are available in 13 solid exterior colors, or 21 two-tone combinations.

A "Thunderbird Y-8" engine leads the power selections available for 1956. It is installed on Fairlane and Station Wagon models, and develops 202 horsepower for Fordomatic, or 200 hp for overdrive or standard transmission. Customline and Mainline Fords offer a Y-8 engine developing 176 hp for Fordomatic, or 173 hp for overdrive or conventional drive. Also, the economical Ford six, increased to 137 hp, is available on all models with all transmission types.

Safety Stressed

Ford safety research, coupled with studies of medical groups, led to development of a "lifeguard design" in 1956 models.

New door latches added protection against the chance that doors may open under impact. They have been proved in full scale crash tests at Dearborn, Mich.

To keep the driver's chest from hitting the steering column in a crash, the new three-spoke Ford steering wheel has its center hub recessed 3-1/8 inches below the wheel rim.

Rear view mirrors have a special backing designed to prevent shattering.

Front and rear seat mountings have been strengthened so they will resist greater impact.

Other Devices

In addition, Ford offers two optional safety devices. Seat belts, designed to withstand pull up to 4000 pounds, will help to hold occupants inside cars, and to prevent forward motion. Foam plastic padding for instrument panels and sun visors will help to absorb impact if a person is accidentally thrown forward.

Styling advances in the Ford for '56 include a new grille with oblong parking lights at the outer ends, set in frames which wrap around the fender sides. Body side molding is restyled for Fairlane, Station Wagon and Customline models. Restyled tail lamps and deck lid handles, a larger recessed hood ornament, and a completely new instrument panel are offered in all models.

The 1956 Victoria is 1½ inches lower than the comparable 1955 model. Two door and four door sedans also have new tops reducing total car height almost a full inch. However, headroom was not reduced since the contour change is mostly along the top's center line, and fabric headlinings are installed closer to the steel top.

A New Addition

An addition to the line is the Parklane Station Wagon, a two door car which offers an eight by five-foot load space with tailgate extended. It is fitted inside with deluxe upholstery and trim combinations, and has special bright metal trim inside and outside. Early in the model year, Ford will start production of a new four door Victoria style in which side pillars have been eliminated to provide all-around vision.

A 12-volt electrical system is standard on 1956 models, providing 80 per cent faster engine cranking and more capacity to handle the increasing number of accessories being ordered on cars today. The new 20-amphere Ford generator has 61 per cent greater power output than last year's model. Batteries have 22 per cent more capacity.

Optional convenience and comfort features in the 1956 Fords include power steering, as well as power-operated brakes, seats, and window lifts. Air conditioning, fresh air heaters, and tinted safety glass are available. This year Ford offers a signal-seeking radio which automatically selects new stations. A dual-range automatic control adjusts the set for city or country listening.

1956 Fords Go On Display Here Tomorrow

Open house observance of the premier showing of the 1956 Ford models has been scheduled at Oscar Maples Ford, 1420 Cabrillo Ave., in downtown Torrance this week end, according to Vel Miletich, president of the firm.

Refreshments will be served between 4 and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and all afternoon Sunday, Miletich said.

The 1956 lines will be on display beginning tomorrow morning. Local agency officials have reported that they will have all model styles for Southland residents to look over during the week end open house. Most models will be available for immediate delivery.

The agenecy is celebrating its 24th year in Torrance this month.

MOTORING COSTS

Motorists in the U. S. pay $3.5 billion a year for state registrations, gasoline taxes, special city and county levies, in addition to bridge, tunnel and ferry tolls, and the newest levy for the growing toll roads.

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Earl Corder President of ECC Alumni

Earl Corder, 3514 W. 225th St., and a teacher at the Roosevelt Elementary School in Lawndale, will head the Alumni Association of El Camino College for the coming year, Loren Reed, retiring president announced yesterday.

Elected to serve with Corder were Morris Bewely, '48, vice president; Griggs Woods, '53, treasurer; Miss Dolores Finlay, '51, secretary, and Mrs. Billie Le Ree Lydon, '55, coordinator of publicity and publications. Corder graduated from El Camino in 1950.

Mrs. Jacqueline Stewart, '55, and E. William Richie, '54, were elected committee chairmen for two-year terms. Dick Crocker, '55, has an additional year to serve in his chairmanship. Reed will automatically serve as parliamentarian.

Officers were elected at the annual meeting of the association, when a new and broader constitution was adopted as a result of an organizational program conducted by the retiring board.

"This year we are going to try to impliment all of the organizational work accomplished last year," President-elect Corder said. "We hope to build a larger membership in order to be of more help to the college. If possible, we shall add more advantages and privileges to our membership."

Members of the association contributed a Victory bell to the college last year, conducted their annual Alumni Association dance, and established the publication of an association news organ.

2 Local Men Will Attend Church Meet

Howard J. Percy, 2224 Torrance Blvd., and Arthur D. Kinsey, 2354 Sonoma St., from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia St., will be among 200 Episcopal laymen from Southern California churches who will attend the sixth annual Laymen's Conference of the Diocese of Los Angeles next Saturday in Pasadena.

Panel discussions on the layman's role in the growth and strength of the Church will feature the all-day Conference program. Major topics to be discussed will be "Church Attendance," "Church Support" and "Stewardship."

Participating laymen have been personally invited by the Rt. Rev. Francis Eric Bloy, bishop of Los Angeles.

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