



The 1954 Mercury Monterey "Sun Valley", a sports coupe with transparent plexiglas replacing steel over the front section of the roof, is the first North American production car of its type, and sets the first new body style in the industry since the introduction of the hardtop. The quarter-inch thick plexiglas roof is tinted green to minimize light glare. Special interior trim combinations and exclusive exterior color schemes characterize the "Sun Valley" which will be among the new Mercury models to be publicly introduced in Mercury-Lincoln-Meteor showrooms across Canada in December. Like all '54 Mercury passenger cars, it is powered by an entirely new, overhead valve V8 engine developing 161 horsepower.

**Back Stretch**

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Normandie and he was presented with a beautiful trophy for leading driver for Rimouski. Thanks very much, Yvon, for writing us this interesting news of our friend Harvey, who is a great favorite here whenever he drives.

Looking through a scrap book we came upon the following dated Antigonish, N. S., March 15, 1945. "Heatherbell, 2:08 1/4, John S. Kirk's brown trotter, gave an unusual performance for a veteran campaigner at the Half Island Cover, Guysboro County horse races on the lake yesterday. A very large number of spectators attended the meeting after a dead first heat in the classified race with Texas Grattan, Leo Kennedy's brown pacer from Guysboro. Heatherbell met with difficulties in the second. Shortly after the start his harness broke and he ran away, throwing his driver who was dragged for some distance. Midway down the stretch he left the course almost at right angles, running through a line of standing spectators, then zigzagging to avoid parked automobiles. Without slackening his pace he ran the length of the ice into the woods, apparently with the intention of getting onto the road leading from the lake to the highway and home. Failing to find the road he returned to the ice and circled the lake before being caught by Edward Haley driver of Texas Grattan. Heatherbell ran between one and two miles in his jaunt but this did not appear to cramp his style. Texas Grattan was awarded the second heat but veteran Heatherbell, as keen as they come, finished the business of the day impressively by taking the third and fourth heats and the race."

All who knew Heatherbell or had anything to do with him will remember what a iron horse he was and how he could pull. Blind of one eye he had to be turned a certain way on the race track but only a short score was necessary to get him on high and he could actually score one taking the first turn. In the year 1936 he set up track records four times, leaving Montague with 2:08 1/4 and Charlottetown with 2:08 3/4, and he won from the fastest trotter in Maine at Fredericton that fall. When the above mentioned race on the ice took place Heatherbell was twenty years old.

Don Hall, the young driver that was very little known outside the state of Ohio until this year when he took over all the driving for the Saunders Mills stable, and who was second to Joe O'Brien in the driver's standing at Hollywood last week, is now being acclaimed as one of the best driver prospects in the U. S. A. He is only 27 years old and was born and has lived all his life in Bucyrus, Ohio. Last week he was credited with driving four miles in 2:00 or better, with the five-year-old trotting mare Nancy Song in 1:59 4/5, Mr. Dean in 1:58 3/5, Scottish Chief in 1:59 1/2 and Thunderclap in 1:59 4/5. All are members of the Saunders Mills stable of Toledo, Ohio, which has had exceptional success this season.

The pacer Good Time 1:57 3/5 is the leading money winner of all time either trotting or pacing and is now retired to the stud, but right on his heels is the trotter Pronto Don, that only has to win another \$21,035 to be the money winning champ.

Henry Clukey's champion Hi-Lo's Forbes 1:58 has joined the list of sires, Jessie Rector 2:09 1/4 having foaled a filly by the half-mile track pacer champ two weeks ago. Henry Clukey, former Maine trainer who has had such success with him is entering Hi-Lo's Forbes in all the aged stakes of 1954 and of course hopes to have another equally great campaign with him. Sixteen years ago Henry was top driver at Fredericton and set up the track pacing record of 2:02 1/2 with Walter Dale 2:00 3/4, which was the fastest mile ever paced over a Canadian half-mile track in a race.

The harness racing season at Hollywood Park, California, is finally closed and the climax of the campaign took place when Dudley Hanover won the \$34,400 Golden West Pace for the second time in a row. The time for the mile and three-sixteenths was 2:22.1, a world's record. Dudley Hanover also won a mile and one-eighth race in another world record, Benny Schue drove the winner but it wasn't an easy win, as Irish Hal, driven by Jimmy Fitzpatrick, tore away in the lead in the get-away. Dudley passed the half on top in 58 seconds and Irish Hal, who had dropped back to fourth place along the rail, came on again in a head surge in the stretch, but was a head short at the wire, while Prince Jay, handled by Joe O'Brien, came up sharply from ninth at the three-quarters to nip Thunderclap for show. Two lengths separated the first five at the wire with Mighty Suv fifth with Claude O'Brien driving as part of the Sol Camp team.

William R. (Billy) Houghton, 30-year-old Massapequa, N. Y., reinsman, landed the two major driving titles in harness racing in 1953. It is the second straight year that Houghton has won the dollar crown but the race-winning title is his first in that category. His money earnings total \$374,527 and he had 115 wins. The former money-winning record was \$338,136, earned by Johnny Simpson in 1951. Trailing Houghton in the money department were Delvin Miller, Mendon, Pa., with \$298,655; Stanley Dancer, New Egypt, N.J., \$281,185; Joe O'Brien, Shafter, Cal., \$270,229 and Clint Hodgins, Clandeboye, Ont., \$233,732. In the race winning column the trailers were John Chapman, Hamburg, N. Y., 107; Stanley Dancer, 105; William N. McMillen, London, Ohio, 103 and Louis A. Rapone, Caledonia, N. Y., and Wayne Smart, Delaware, Ohio, tied for fifth place with 89. Joe O'Brien is eighth in the leading

race-winning harness horse drivers in 1953, Delvin Miller, fourteenth, Frank G. Daniels twenty-first, Neil Campbell, twenty-fourth.

who brought only \$300 when sold as a weanling, was named Harness Horse Of The Year for 1953. The 5-year-old pacer is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wagner, Landover Hills, Md. In a poll conducted by the U. S. Trotting Association in which 112 turf writers voted on a 10-75-3-1 basis, the son of Frisco Forbes was accorded the honor by a wide 340 vote margin over Pronto Don. Hi-Lo's Forbes received 753 points as against 413 for the Kayes Acres Stable trotting gelding from Du Quoin, Ill. Hi-Lo's Forbes turned

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