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ON OUR COVER - As every PCS member knows, the last Packard-chassised professional cars came off the assembly floor of the Henney Motor Company plant in Freeport, Illinois in 1954. But one of the greatest names in automotive history refuses to die. The Bayliff Coach Corp. of Lima, O. has been building Packardesque replicars for several years now. When a discerning Ohio funeral firm went shopping for a pair of truly distinctive new hearses, they knew whom to call. Bud Bayliff worked closely with John Long of the Long & Folk Funeral Homes in the design of the Bayliff Packard Landau hearses. What makes this duo even more remarkable is the fact that they're actually combinations, designed for use as invalid coaches between funerals. Bernie DeWinter tells this fascinating tale in his feature article in this issue. We're also grateful to fellow Dayton OH member Jim Tighe who took our cover photo. As the Henney ads used to say...."Worthy Of Two Great Names".

INSIDE BACK COVER - The most important funeral car styling innovation to come out of the 1920s was the limousine body style which replaced the tall, carved-panel hearse. The funeral car now blended in harmoniously with the rest of the cars in the funeral procession. The long, low "limousine" look also extended to the ambulances of the day, as evidenced in this Eureka Company ad from the June, 1924 issue of The American Funeral Director. This ad courtesy of Thomas A. McPherson.

BACK COVER - Rochester, Minn. member Dr. Roger D. White recently visited a new funeral home in nearby Plainview MN where he was delighted to find this beautifully restored horse-drawn hearse. Owned by Augie and Carol Schleicher, the classic glass-sided hearse with curved front and rear glass was built by James Cunningham, Sons Co. of Rochester NY. in 1894. It was shipped from Cunningham's Chicago showroom and repository by rail to Mr. Schleicher's grandfather, August C. Schleicher in Millville MN and was last used by Mr. Schleicher's father, August R. Schleicher for a funeral in the late 1920s. It's been in storage since. Restored by members of an Amish community, the 96-year-old hearse is now on public display in a glass case adjacent to the Schleicher Funeral Home. The horse-drawn hearse is available for funerals.