1935 HENNEY PROGRESS OLDSMOBILE AMBULANCE

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ON OUR COVER - In 1934, the Henney Motor Company of Freeport, Illinois introduced a new moderately priced series of funeral coaches, ambulances, service cars and combinations built on a long-wheelbase Oldsmobile chassis. Powered by Oldsmobile's 90-horsepower straight eight engine, Henney's Oldsmobile "Progress" models were produced through the 1937 model year. The car on our cover is a 1935 Henney Progress Model 704 Ambulance owned by a funeral home somewhere in Michigan. Note the two-tone paint job, bumper-mounted siren, flashing red light on the left side of the cowl, remote-control spotlight on the right, and the Henney emblems on the hubcaps. All Oldsmobile identification was eliminated. Photo courtesy of Matthew Lee of Plymouth, Michigan.

INSIDE BACK COVER - The Superior Coach Corporation's premium Cadillac ambulance for the 1959 model year was the 54-inch headroom Royale Super Rescuer. This hightop ambulance featured a huge, single piece molded fiberglass roof which significantly reduced vehicle weight and lowered the car's center of gravity for safe handling at higher speeds. Superior's 48" headroom ambulance was called the Rescuer. Rounding out the line was a standard-headroom model which was available in both Royale and Crown Royale versions.

BACK COVER - Lowell, Michigan PCS member Rance Bennett provided this interesting photo of an early Packard funeral vehicle. The blanked out side windows and wreath ornamentation identify this vehicle as a casket wagon or service car of about 1910 vintage. The large crowd and the camera visible at the right indicate that this car is transporting the body or casket of someone important. No other information is available about this photo.