

# Ford Launches Program to Train 2,500 Mechanics



NEW LOOK in habits of teaching nuns at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth is shown here as three of the instructors get together and show the purses they now are permitted to carry for the first time. Sister Katrina (left) and Sister Mary Norman (center) are wearing the new design while Sister Mary Victor, pinning the new design on the school, is wearing one of the old habits until her new ones arrive. The new models are a bit shorter and much of the starch around the head and shoulders has been removed.

## Good Counsel Sisters Change to New Style

The sisters of St. Joseph who teach at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth are the first in the area to change to modern habits.

The Felician Sisters at Madonna College are working on plans for new habits, but nothing has been settled yet.

The new habits worn by the Sisters of St. Joseph are shorter, making them much easier to keep clean.

The new veils eliminate the need for starching, and the discomfort of the old style.

The change has proved startling to people who are used to seeing nuns in their conventional garb.

Sister Mary Victor comments on this reaction:

"It shows there is a fallacy as to what people think nuns are. Clothes don't make the person."

"But some of that is our fault, because we haven't allowed others to know us as people."

Milk, cheese, and eggs are foods with "built in bargains." Food experts at Michigan State University say these foods are always good buys because of their good nutritional returns.

Ford Motor Company is launching a multi-million-dollar program to train and employ 2,500 new auto mechanics annually and to upgrade substantially the skills of 63,000 other Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealership mechanics.

Arjay Miller, Ford president, said the plan is designed to provide faster customer service for a rapidly growing number of vehicles. He estimated the program will be in full operation within two years.

The Ford program includes: Earning while-learning jobs for 1,400 persons a year at Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships, with enrollees receiving an intensive 24-week course in auto mechanics including on-the-job training.

Doubling the Ford Student Technician Program—a joint company-dealer-public school plan—to provide approximately 800 auto technicians annually.

Construction of 16 new Ford Service Schools across the country and substantial expansion at 15 service school locations.

A 60 per cent increase in classroom training for 60,000 general mechanics employed by Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships.

Specialized training in auto body and paint restoration and heavy truck and diesel equipment.

Establishment by Philco Corporation of a full-time technical school in Philadelphia capable of enrolling 300 students annually, which was announced by Philco.

"The company and its dealers believe the keys to providing faster service to meet the growing auto population are facilities, equipment and people," Miller said.

Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers in Chicago, Cincinnati, Atlanta and Dallas will

begin recruiting candidates for the job-entry portion of alternate one week in the new program this September. The youths will be of on-the-job-training. The

job-entry portion then will spread gradually to Ford Motor Company dealers in other parts of the country. 1957.

Expansion of existing service schools located within Ford parts' depots at Denver and near Philadelphia already has begun and is planned for completion in March, 1967. A third service school located in Ford's Dallas Parts Depot, now under construction, will be completed about the same time.

The service schools to be built by Ford will provide upgrading and specialized training for Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealership technicians.

Service schools scheduled for immediate construction will be at Memphis, Tenn.; Oklahoma City; Cleveland; Louisville, Ky.; and Wash-

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