

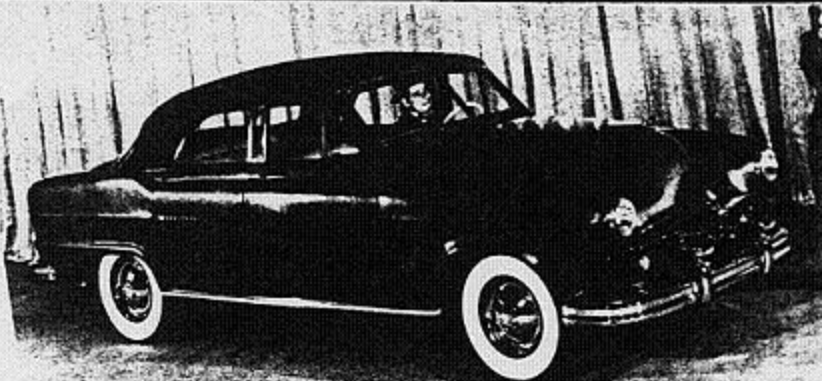
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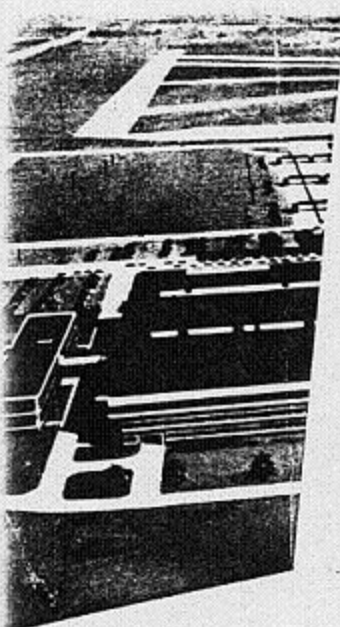
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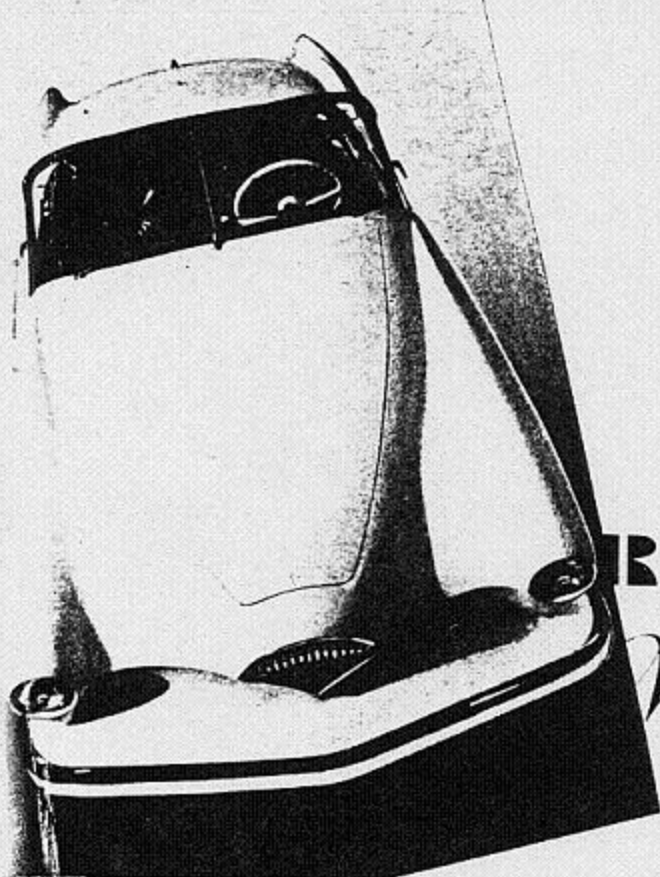
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STANDARD: Available with first year only. At \$9.00 per year it includes all Club privileges and a license placque. This type of membership offers a savings of fifty cents to those just joining KFOC and who also desire a license placque.  
 REGULAR: At \$5.00 per year this membership includes all Club privileges.  
 ASSOCIATE: The Associate Membership is available now at \$3.00 per year. This includes all Club privileges except the QUARTERLY. Order for the QUARTERLY can be placed at the Associate Members request only, at fifty cents extra, each.  
 LIFE-TIME: Membership in the KFOC for the rest of your life can be had at \$100.00. This includes all Club privileges, a jacket, license plate, and membership for as long as you live.

ADVERTISING

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## THE KAISER - FRAZER QUARTERLY

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### NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

**ROAD TESTS COMING:** In the coming issues of the QUARTERLY, we would like the co-operation of KFOC Members to help us obtain road-tests of Kaiser-Frazer products today. Just as was done when the cars were new, we need accuracy, facts, opinions, and if possible a few photographs of the cars which we test in action. Everything which we print on the cars which we test must be in fact.

Naturally, we do not want to harm anyone car, nor do we want to take a chance on having members run their cars through undue strains. Remember, these cars are NOT new yet, regardless of how well they still run. None of them are.

If you wish to submit a road-test of your car for publication, please contact Tom Rankine for the test forms which contain all the information and items which we request in order to complete a road test.

Top speed runs are not mandatory when the car is not in condition, and should not be tried. Many areas of the United States have complete speed-zone control and to exceed such limits to find out the cars actual top speed would be illegal.

If you have positive information, facts, etc., on a top speed run of your car, have recently or can make one, all the better, as a top speed run is a good part of such tests.

Any and all Kaiser-Frazer cars are welcome to participate, and full credit will be given to each and every owner submitting such road tests. We feel that these road tests will add much reading and informative pleasure to coming editions of our publications. They will also be a good comparison with the modified to the stock models, and be a reading and factual reference to compare to the same cars new, a few years back.

**KFOC JACKETS:** A new addition to the accessories of KFOC has been added. Club jackets. These jackets are made of a beautiful white poplin material, with the emblem of the Club in Kaiser-Frazers original colors of blue and gold, on the back.

On the front you have a choice of inscriptions. To give you an idea of what might be ordered on the front, on the one side your first name, with the name or model or number or such of your K-F car on the opposite side. An example which might be shown to give you a better idea of this is the ordering party owns a '51 Frazer. On the front left would be his first name, say, "Bob", and on the other side his car by inscription of "Frazer Sedan", or "1951 Frazer Sedan" with the body number right below it, like such: "6666".

The Club stands to make a slight profit on these and they are very clean and neat looking. We hope that everyone in the Club will want one, as it will pave the way for additional items of wearing apparel which can be made up in the future. Suggestions for additional items such as this are welcome. Orders for the jackets can be placed right now with immediate delivery. The price is \$6.00 each postage-paid. This price includes all pieces ready to wear on the jacket as well as the inscriptions desired. Make sure and include your jacket size with each order.

**JUNK CARS AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE:** Mr. Vic Snyder, 110 South Main Street, Newberg, Oregon, has two cars which he feels are in much to good condition to take a torch to. The two cars are that of a 1949 Kaiser Virginien 4 door hardtop (fabric top) and a 1947 Frazer sedan. Both cars are for sale for \$50.00 each and if not purchased shortly will be disposed of. The Frazer has no reverse gear, and the Virginien has a damaged left side. The photos which came with the word of them disclosed that the cars have little rust, but just in general poor condition. Both are said to run. Please contact Mr. Snyder as soon as possible if you are interested in either of these automobiles.



KFOC MEMBERSHIP LIST

George E. Domer	"Arrow-Mer"	Milton, Pennsylvania	1951 Frezer Hardtop
Thomas S. Rankine	32121 Thorncrest Dr.	St Clair Shores, Michigan	1952 Allstete
Calvin D. Morehart	930 East 22nd. Avenue	Columbus 11, Ohio	1951 Frezer Vasebond
Charles Seewoster	900 Fullerton Bldg. 122 N. 7th St.	St Louis 1, Missouri	1951 Frezer Convertible
Richard L. Weidinger	5777 Grayton Avenue	Detroit 24, Michigan	1948 Frezer
William R. Gibson	106 Tyler Terrace	Newton Centre 59, Mass.	1948 Keiser (2)
George Buchinger	7830 Sunset Drive	Elmwood Park 35, Illinois	1954 Keiser Special
Neal R. Danyo	P. O. Box #82	West Bend, Wisconsin	1954 Keiser Manhattan
David L. Krueger	283 E. 10th Street	Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	1950 Frezer Convertible
Phillip H. Manteca	9341 So Michigan Avenue	Chicago 19, Illinois	1953 Keiser Manhattan
Paul M. Berker	Rural Route #7	Crawfordsville, Indiana	1951 Keiser Sedan
Daniel Koert	228 E. 11th	Davenport, Iowa	1954 Keiser Speciel
Jack B. Silverman	4649 Cliff Avenue	Louisville 15, Kentucky	1954 Keiser Manhattan (2)
Willard B. Hurlburt	1202 W. 18th Street	Ceder Falls, Iowa	1951 Frazer Sedan
Edward Carley	Rural Route #1	Berwick, Maine	1948 Frazer Sedan
William A. Brown	R. F. D. #3	Wooster, Ohio	1951 Kaiser Sedan (2)
James Cwach	R. R. #2, Box 327	Yankton, South Dakota	1948 Kaiser Sedan
Roy A. George	721 West Otoo Street	Ponca City, Oklahoma	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Stephen Esch	455 Arbol Verde Street	Carpenteria, California	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Wm. G. Hohlt	College of Idaho, Anderson Hall 126	Caldwell, Idaho	1951 Kaiser Sedan
Dale K. Lambert	336 West Spruce Avenue	Inglewood 1, California	1954 Kaiser Speciel
Donald E. Hoff	611 Ross Street	Ann Arbor, Michigan	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Per Osterling	Hylterp	Skabersjo, SWEDEN	1954 Kaiser Manhattan
John E. Sunblade	Alphe Avenue, West Lake	Guilford, Connecticut	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Robert Ackerwold	P. O. Box #56	Blooming Prairie, Minnesota	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Earl W. McGay	P. O. Box #424	Apache, Oklahoma	1949 Kaiser Sedan
Raymond A. Brown	R. R. #1	Kerwood, Ontario, CANADA	1954 Kaiser Manhattan
Charles E. Gibson	Box #24, 11416 Ranier Avenue	Seattle 88, Washington	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Terry Robinson	6263 Peck Street	Warren, Michigan	1951 Henry J. (2)
Malcolm Harris	620 Glenwood Avenue	Bakersfield, California	1951 Kaiser Dragon
Hilton Hawes	Rural Route #5	Paducah, Kentucky	1953 Kaiser Dragon
Joseph Sadusky	65 Catherine Avenue	Saddle Brook, New Jersey	1953 Willys Aero Falcon
Arthur G. Sedmont	12 Crane Parkway	Cranford, New Jersey	1954 Keiser Darrin 161
Roland Finston	2949 Fitch Avenue	Chicago 45, Illinois	1951 Kaiser Sedan
Adolph W. Freu	6 Soundview Terrace	Bronx 65, New York	1949 Prazer Manhattan
Wallace Westerdale		Tennessee, Illinois	1951 Frazer Convertible
Martin R. Tysar	3034 North Gladys	South San Gabriel, California	



W. W. Cothran	P.O. Box #7	Georgetown, Texas	1952 Kaiser Manhattan
Donald Godfrey	2357 Forestdale Blvd.	Birmingham 14, Alabama	1951 Kaiser Sedan (2)
Victor Curtis	1347 S.W. McKinley Avenue	Des Moines, Iowa	1951 Kaiser Sedan
Wm. Glen Wencorff		Barry, Illinois	1954 Kaiser Manhattan
James E. Harrigan	6114 Merle Hay Road	Des Moines, Iowa	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Vernon A. Brown	Rural Route #1	Kerwood, Ontario, CANADA	1951 Kaiser Traveler (2)
Emmett A. Colbert	2406 Broedway	Paducah, Kentucky	1951 Frezer Hardtop
John W. Nelson	2543 Dixwell Avenue	Hamden 14, Connecticut	1951 Henry J.
Roger C. Smith	10522 West Oklahoma Avenue	West Allis, Wisconsin	1951 Kaiser Sedan
William G. Reymont	6740 Wood-Dell Avenue	Canton 5, Ohio	1949 Kaiser Virginien
Thomas Wilson	523 Ann Street	East Lansing, Michigan	1954 Kaiser Manhattan
Lester Groff	406 Clark Street	Aurora, Illinois	1951 Frezer Sedan
Charles Albom	1861 East Brook Road	New Castle, Pennsylvania	1953 Kaiser Manhattan
Wallace Donoghue	5130 Curtis Road	Plymouth, Michigan	1948 Frezer Sedan
James Harriger	14210 11 mile Road	Warren, Michigan	1954 Kaiser Manhattan
Wally Conrad	788 Loreine	Grosse Pointe, Michigan	1955 Kaiser Sedan (2)
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We felt that such a list of members and their cars was due, as many requests for such have been sent in. Please note that the figure in parenthesis behind some of the owners cars. This figure represents the amount of that type of car owned by that member.

#### WELCOME NEW KFOC MEMBERS

Thomas Wilson	323 Ann Street	East Lansing, Michigan	1951 Frezer Sedan
Wallace Donoghue	5130 Curtis Road	Plymouth, Michigan	1954 Kaiser Manhattan
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Wally Conrad	788 Loreine	Grosse Pointe, Michigan	1952 Kaiser Manhattan
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			1954 Kaiser Derrin
James Harriger	14210 11 mile Road	Warren, Michigan	1952 Kaiser Manhattan
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## PARTS

Steve Gamble of Lima, Ohio has a good stock of used Kaiser-Frazer parts which he is interested in selling. If you wish to purchase any of these write to: Steve Gamble  
126 So. Cole St.  
Lima, Ohio

'54 Kaiser engine, complete, not supercharged, Approx. 75,000 miles, runs fine, will sell with or without '54 Kaiser dual-range Hydra-matic in good running condition.

8 '52 to '55 Kaiser full wheel covers.

2 '51 to '53 Kaiser radios, good.

1 '54 Kaiser Manhattan Radio, good.

R & L Front and rear doors, '53 to '55 Manhattan 4 Door, light green, with or without trim, hardware and glass. (tinted).

1 '53 to '54 Sedan deck lid, dark green, complete with hinges, lock.

Upper and lower lid for '51 to '53 Traveler.

Tinted windshield and rear glasses for '53 1 piece and '54 Kaiser 3 piece.

'51 to '55 Heater Core. (3)

'51 cylinder head, oil pump, distributor, oil pan, pistons, etc.; for Kaiser.

Rebuilt radiator for '51 to '55 Kaiser.

Beautiful green and beige seats, front and rear from 1954 Kaiser Manhattan, will fit '51 to '55 4 doors.

Genuine '51 or '52 Kaiser Continental kit with extensions, pens, mounting brackets (Ford tire cover and face plate). Will sell with or without good '51 bumper and bars.

'52 to '55 Manhattan rear bumper, with or without mounting bars, good chrome.

Tail lights, '51, '52, '53; 1 R.H. '54 complete, 1 each R. & L. for '49 Frazer, all good chrome.

Complete '49 Frazer grille, good chrome.

Many good '52 & '53 Manhattan grille parts with good chrome.

Hood, '52 & '53, good condition. (green)

'53 Steering gear and column.

Brake drums, rear springs, and other chassis parts.

'54 Manhattan (Hydra-matic) rear-end or differential.

Several 15" Kaiser wheels.

1 new Delco voltage regulator for 1951 Kaiser.

Many, many other small items too numerous to mention here.

## 1960 KFOC CONVENTION

The time for our 1960 Convention will pass only too quickly for most of us, and especially for those on the convention committee. For this reason, we would like to ask the co-operation of ALL the members of KFOC whether you plan to attend or not.

We are sending out some "ballot" sheets for each persons vote.

We would like to make the 1960 KFOC convention more interesting and larger.

If we can move the convention date to the summer its possible that we can obtain a place at the Springfield fair grounds for our exhibit right along with the fair.

We would also like to combine the actual show and exhibit with that of another automobile Club to make the whole convention for ourselves interesting and to promote Club publicity both public-wise as well co-ordination with other automobile Clubs for this, and possible future events

Our actual business meeting and gathering of Kaiser-Frazer Owners Club members would be held at this same time.



## ADDITIONAL '51 FRAZERS

- #1011 Is a Hardtop. Factory colors of tan and cream now faded still make this rather rusty one look good yet. Its leather interior still surprisingly good, and with the replacement and re-work of a few panels, it could be brought back to new condition in spite of its obviously hard 80,000 miles.
- #1080 This Convertible is featured also in our Classified Advertising section of this issue of the QUARTERLY under the FOR SALE column. This is an early one, however, with no rust and good leather, reportedly, it would no doubt make an exceptional purchase.
- #1200 We don't know whether this one is a Convertible or Hardtop, but one thing can be assured and that's that at only 22,000 miles this car is no doubt in brand new condition. Bob Smith, Club Member and owner of this one has had it all along and we had overlooked it. Sorry Bob, I think everyone will be looking forward to seeing your Frazer.
- #3176 Is a Vagabond. With a red leather interior. What a beauty this would make in original new condition. At 42,296 miles its for sale at Toad Meyers Auto Wrecking in Crestline, Ohio.
- #3885 This one is also a Vagabond at Belmont Auto Wrecking of Lima, Ohio. Its reportedly in pretty sad shape due to fire, however, bumpers and grille are still salvageable.
- #4621 Is painted the original factory black yet. Its a Vagabond and in restorable condition yet. Could no doubt be bought from Toad Meyers Auto Wrecking of Crestline, Ohio.
- #6885 This one is owned by Club Member, Tom Wilson of Lake Orion, Michigan. Its a sedan and in the original Caribbean Coral. It shows 56,000 miles on the speedometer. In need of some minor work, however, it won't take much to bring it to show condition.
- #4586 This Sedan, owned by our Secretary Paul Berker can honestly be called a by-product of the proper spirit at the first KFOC Convention. Paul saw the car on his way home from the Convention, and went back and purchased the car the next day. In need of some minor re-work, Paul plans to bring the car into top condition.
- #7228 At Shorty Meyers place in Crestline, Ohio sits a '51 Frazer, Sedan. Its color is black, with some rust and dents, but in very much restorable condition.
- #8459 An Executive Green Vagabond in "good" condition. Very little rust on this one with the exception of two or three places, plus no engine, makes us wonder why some cars are junked. Speedometer shows 87,000 miles.
- #9453 A blue sedan in very "poor" condition awaits someone to take it home. It lives in Lansing, Michigan and owned by a former K-F dealer. The speedometer shows some 80,000 miles and with more bumps here and there than rust, it is no longer used and is obviously a victim of just plain neglect.
- #10246 All we can give you on this one is that it is a sedan and in the state of New York.
- #10486 Way at the back of Bens Auto Parts in Toledo, Ohio is an Executive Green Sedan. Reports tell us that it is in "good" condition except for a dent in the roof panel. The speedometer shows 60,000 miles and is extremely clean and complete yet. It could no doubt still be purchased.

From the way the numbers on these cars are running so far, its obvious to us that the Hardtops and Convertibles were produced first. With no official word, we can surmise from our collection that being that they were produced first, the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation planned on only a limited number of the 516 series and more than likely, sales had nothing to do with the actual amount produced. After which, or in between, the Vagabonds and Sedans (515 series) began to be produced.

If we can make a good contact with someone from the original Kaiser-Frazer Corporation in the know on this matter, we might be able to obtain the exact figures. We will continue our search for these cars and such a person as many people have expressed the interest in this continued feature.

Should you be the owner of a 1951 Frazer, look up back issues of the QUARTERLY and BULLETIN in which we feature these cars and compare your body number to those others listed and see just how close yours is to someone elses.

One interesting note here is the fact that the numbers began at 1001. This makes the first '51 Frazer produced only ten cars away from the 1011 model at the top of this page.



Or, the number 1011 at the top of this page is the 11th 1951 Frazer produced! Unless production was suspended from time to time and numbers skipped, from the earliest to the latest one which we have gathered from ones we have, there were, at least 9,475 1951 Frazers produced. We would appreciate any comments which you may have as a reader, or owner.

In connection with this series, we would like to begin another series in this same manner on other K-F cars. Anyone who would like to begin this series and submit it regularly to the publications, please get in contact with us. We will be more than happy to assist in both the ones which we have as well as additional ones outside the Club. The membership list in this issue of the QUARTERLY will be of much assistance to those gathering such information.

#### PUBLICATION DIFFICULTIES

Due to some technical difficulties, we have lost our Editor of our publications. Many offers were expressed in this job originally, and our late Editor was chosen due to convenience at the time. The MONTHLY BULLETIN will still be edited by our previous editor. The QUARTERLY will continue in its standard form. Anyone interested in this position, who feels that they can handle every phase of the job, please contact the President.

#### TECHNICAL TIPS

**ENGINEERING CHANGE IN DOOR HINGES:** For the most part, components of the 1946 to 1950 Kaisers and 1946 to 1951 Frazers are the same. Basic sheet-metal of the shells is carried over and except for front and rear-end styling changes resulting in different trim and assembly of the rear quarter panels and front end sheet-metal, year-to-year parts interchange is fairly good. The front upper door hinges on the 1951 Frazers was changed, as it was called to our attention, as to those of the earlier models. Due to the tapping-plate being located inside the door panel rather than on the forward end of it. The two (right and left) upper hinges on these doors must be changed when using a later type door on the early type car or the early type door on the later type car. These upper hinges must accommodate the door which has its own type of hinge and cannot be interchanged unless the corresponding hinge is used.

**TAILGATE LATCHES:** Two different type of latches on the lower tailgates of the 1951 Frazers were used. The later type has a superior fit to that of the early type, due to the later type being longer, having a better reach, and folded over for a better seal.

**USE OF LOWER DOOR BOTTOMS FOR QUARTER PANEL REPAIR:** In places where rust is usually more predominant than metal, repairs for same can become costly and look rather patched up. On the 1951 to 1955 Kaisers, the use of the bottom portion of the doors (which reportedly do not rust as do quarter panels which are exposed to road chemicals in the winter) can come in quite handy in the repair of the rear quarter panels just over the wheelhouse openings. Merely cut the door section to the necessary fit on your quarter panel and it looks just like it should again. The stampings are very much similar and look like the actual lower quarter panel portion when completely finished.

#### SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM ALL OF US IN THE KAISER-FRAZER OWNERS CLUB, TO ALL OF YOU IN KFCC, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR WISHES FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST JOYOUS

NEW YEAR

#### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: 1951 Frazer sedan. F-515-004002. Good car for restoration or parts. Inquire: James Cwach, Box #327, Yankton, South Dakota.



- FOR SALE: 1954 Kaiser Manhattan 4 door Sedan. 1,000 miles on completely overhauled engine, supercharger, generator, and fuel pump. Radio, Heater, Hydra-Matic Drive, tinted glass, turn signals. Bottom of car recently repainted with pale green baked enamel. Top is original metallic green. Clear plastic seat covers on the beautiful condition seats. Interior and seats green. Paul Berker, Rural Route #7, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Phone New Market, Indiana 2R2.
- FOR SALE: 1950 Kaiser Virginian, (fabric top), damaged side (left), very little rust, \$50.00. Must be sold by years end or slightly thereafter. Vic Snyder, P.O. Box #341, Newberg, Oregon
- FOR SALE: 1948 Frazer Sedan. No Reverse gear. Must be sold by years end or slightly thereafter. \$50.00. Vic Snyder, P.O. Box #341, Newberg, Oregon.
- FOR SALE: 1954 Kaiser Manhattan engine. Not supercharged. With or without Dual-Range Hydra-matic Drive. Also, Kaiser-Frazer parts from 1949 to 1954, including doors, grilles, hub-caps, taillamps, and many others. Steve Gamble, 126 South Cole Street, Lima, Ohio.
- FOR SALE: 1953 Kaiser Sedan. 40,000 miles. Strew effect excellent. Engine out, needs new crankshaft. Hydra-Matic Drive. As is \$150.00. Pictures, 25 cents each. Prof. Gilbert S. Stafford. Head, Department Machine Design, R. I. School of Design, Providence 3, Rhode Island.
- FOR SALE: 1951 Frazer Manhattan 4 door convertible. Leather good, no rust. #F515-BOC1080. Best offer. Pictures 25 cents each. Prof. Gilbert S. Stafford. Head, Department Machine Design, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence 3, Rhode Island.