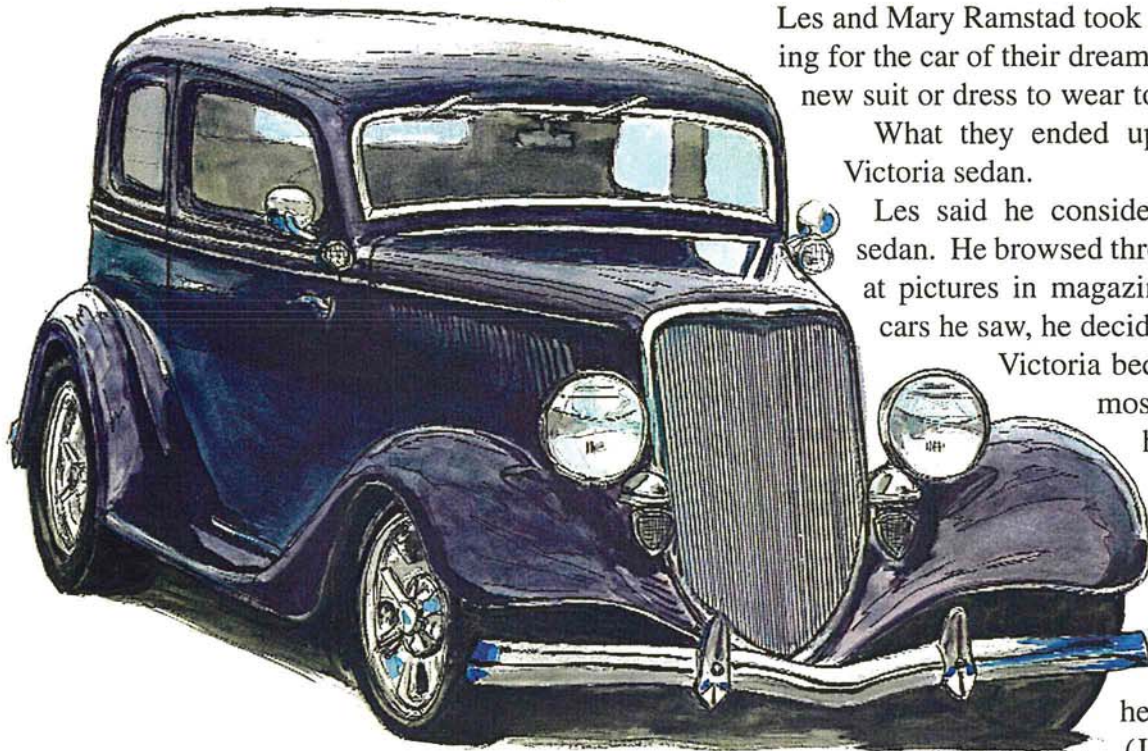


Shopping For The Right Car

Car enthusiasts find their ride in a lot of different ways. Maybe they stumble across a good deal or they search the want-ads for a particular car of past memories.



Les and Mary Ramstad took a different approach, looking for the car of their dreams much like shopping for a new suit or dress to wear to church Sunday.

What they ended up with was a 1933 Ford Victoria sedan.

Les said he considered coupes and a Chevy sedan. He browsed through brochures and looked at pictures in magazines. Among the different cars he saw, he decided he liked the style of the Victoria because it was different from most Fords of that era. And it has a back seat for passengers, although those passengers better not be any bigger than his grandchildren.

“I liked the looks of the '33 and '34 Ford,” he said. “I talked to Don (Jones). We had decided this

is what we're going to build.”

Rather than look for an old wreck to restore or rebuild, Les went completely new, buying a fiberglass reproduction body and a TCI frame to hold it. He ordered a GM 350 crate motor and bought many of the parts a few at a time as Don Jones built the car for him.

One of the remarkable features of the car is its deep and rich color, almost like a very dark black cherry. The official name of the color is Romanesque crimson over black pearl.

“We went through Don's color charts and picked it out,” Les said. “My wife said she just wanted a different looking color.”

The car also features an automatic transmission, air conditioning, leather interior by Executive touch, Billet Specialties wheels, electric windows and a stereo.

“I can only praise Don for doing such a good job and Executive Touch for treating us well,” Les said.

The project was just started last year. And now that they have been cruising in the car for a few months, they are sure they made the right choice on which car to build.

“We have a lot of fun with it,” Les said.

