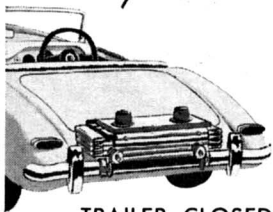


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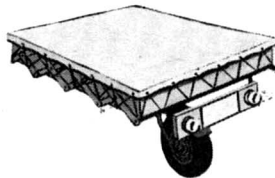
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LATE NEWS

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION FIGURES

WHEN ALL figures are in, it appears that 1958 may be the first year in which automobile and truck production of the U.S. will fall below the combined output of the rest of the world.

Incomplete figures show that the U.S. production for the year was in the vicinity of 5,140,000, while the combined output of the other automobile producing countries was in excess of 5,200,000 units.

TWO NEW ONES

A completely new MG Midget will use the body shell of the latest Austin A-55 (Road & Track, March) and the Wolseley 15/60 (page 15, this issue). The 1489-cubic centimeter, overhead-valve 4 has an 8.3:1 compression ratio and twin SU carburetors.

A French newspaper predicts a new and smaller Peugeot, designed by Farina. Rather Alfa-like, the sedan has an engine inclined to the right to permit a very low hood, but it has only 1100 cc. The 403 will continue.

MONTE CARLO RESULTS

France took the first four places in the 28th Monte Carlo Rallye, with Citroen ID-19's in first and fourth; a Simca Aronde was second and a DB third. Next, in order, were a Sunbeam Rapier, Volvo, DKW, two Jaguar 3.4's, and an Austin A-40 co-driven by Pat Moss, Stirling's sister. Story next month.

FORMULA 1 PLANS FOR 1959

Vanwall: No Vanwalls will be seen on the racing circuits in 1959 due to owner G. A. Vandervell's retirement.

Ferrari: Behra and Hill are the first string drivers, with Gendebien and Gurney making up the sports car team. Allison is to drive sports cars and is a likely prospect to fill a third spot on the F-1 team if needed, while Behra and Hill, along with von Trips, drive sports cars in the more important events.

BRM: Two cars will be raced by this organization, to be driven by Harry Schell and Joakim Bonnier. Rob Walker has purchased a BRM engine for one of his Coopers. Stirling Moss will drive this car at Goodwood and Monaco but his season plans are indefinite.

Cooper: Two cars are being built with full 2.5-liter Coventry-Climax engines. The cars are to be driven by Bruce McLaren and Jack Brabham.

Lotus: Five cars are being built (also with 2.5 Climax engines), of which three will be taken to each race and two actually entered. Graham Hill is one driver, the other is not yet announced.

Aston Martin: Testing is not completed on the new F-1 cars and the decision of which, if any, races to enter hasn't been made.

Maserati: Krupp has bought the company; the factory won't participate, but there will be factory support for Centro-Sud and Temple Buell, who will enter Maserati equipment. Centro-Sud drivers will be Gregory, Shelby, Maria-Teresa de Filippis, Pierino Guerini and Giorgio Scarlatti.

Scarab: See pages 38-39.

