

## Diesel Engine Employed in German Car

By Don Doane  
STUTTGART, Germany, April 8.—(AP)—Germany, which originated the diesel engine, is now using it in automobiles.

A German company, Daimler-Benz, is producing what it claims to be the only diesel-powered passenger car being made in the world today.

It is called the Mercedes-Benz, type 170-D.

The Mercedes diesel looks and runs just like an ordinary automobile. But instead of burning gasoline, it burns fuel oil.

That's why its makers claim it is the most economical car on the market to operate. They hope it may prove the answer to the shortage and high price of gasoline in Europe.

**Not on Market Long**

It hasn't been on the market long enough yet for the buyers to give a decisive verdict.

But here is what the manufacturer claims for the revolutionary auto:

Its four-cylinder, 38-horsepower engine will run 34 to 36 miles on a (U.S.) gallon of oil and produce a cruising speed of 62 miles an hour.

In speed, pickup and power, it is claimed to match in every way its gasoline-burning twin, the Mercedes-Benz type 17-V which is supposed to average 30 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

**Lower Cost Claimed**

Here in Germany, that would mean the diesel car would cost only 65 per cent as much for fuel as its gasoline-burning twin. Gasoline in Germany costs 40 per cent more than fuel oil.

The initial cost of the diesel car is higher than that of its gasoline equivalent, however. Daimler-Benz sells its diesel-burning 170-D for \$1,970. Its gasoline-burning 170-V sells for only \$1,670. They have the same body.

Diesel engines, invented by the German, Rudolf Diesel, have been used for years on railroad trains, ships and trucks.

This is not the first attempt, either, to convert them to passenger cars. As early as 1936, Daimler-Benz was making a diesel-powered automobile. But the war interrupted that experiment and today the diesel passenger car is still considered revolutionary.

## Salem Meeting to Hear Their Troubles



These are Salem's "kids," who are looking to family, school and community for guidance in growth, for the best future possible. How well Oregon is doing its job for them and thousands like them will be the subject at a state-wide conference on children and youth in Salem Thursday and Friday.

## Discussion of Youth Problems Due at Governors' Conference

Is Oregon doing her best by her young people, or what can the family and the community do to make the state a better place for rearing children? How serious are the reported breakdowns of family relationships, physical and mental health and employment and the trend in juvenile delinquency?

These are the questions due for some enlightenment and some answering at the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth, due at the state capitol Thursday and Friday. The first time in Oregon that all groups concerned with children and youth have been brought together for common study, the conference follows a year's delving into facts by committees. It is a prelude to the decennial White House Conference on Children and Youth next December.

**Oregon 'Far Ahead'**

The conference is especially significant in view of the state's recent and current heavy growth in population, according to Michael Schapiro, executive secretary of the governor's committee. He noted that some agencies and services have been "acutely unable to keep up." However, he added, Oregon is "far ahead of other western states in planning for participation in the national conference."

Not only will the committees comprising about 200 persons, air their findings at public meetings, but each session will close with an outline of "unmet needs" or "future plans" or "what are the implications of meeting our goals?"

The possibility of placing these recommended programs into effect is heightened by the fact that private and public organizations working with young people are aiding in the study.

**Financing Questions**

Not only the methods of meeting the problems, but also the important financing question, will be discussed, according to Schapiro. The preliminary work has been closely limited by lack of funds. So far it has been done with a grant from the U.S. children's bureau and the cooperation of youth agencies.

Samplings have been taken in various counties over the state, including Marion, as to delinquency records, attitudes of youth toward

## 60 Children Pass Swimming Test As Y Class Ends

Sixty Salem youngsters passed the swimmer's test at the close of last week's YMCA learn to swim campaign, it was announced Saturday. Thirteen adults are also learning, and 25 persons are taking the lifesaving course.

Out of 236 enrolled by the first class Monday, 128 finished the daily lessons, and 34 girls and 26 boys passed tests.

While the men's course has been completed, the women are taught from 7 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday for the next four weeks.

Thirteen men and 12 women are in the lifesaving course, which meets at 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Friday through mid-May.

The first recorded quarantine was set up in Venice during a 15th century plague epidemic.

## Hazel Green Sewing Group Elects Officers

**Statesman News Service**  
HAZEL GREEN—The annual election of officers for the Sunshine Sewing club was held during the meeting at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Zielinski. Officers, all holdovers from last year are: Mrs. Rudy Wacken, president; Mrs. Virgie Perrin, vice-president; Mrs. Ben Kerber secretary-treasurer.

Oven meals were discussed by Mrs. Ed Zielinski and Mrs. Dorothy Zielinski. It was announced that chest x-rays for the people of Hazel Green community will be taken at Brooks from noon until 8 p.m., Friday, April 14.

Those present were Mesdames Ralph Gilbert, Ed Zielinski, Dorothy Zielinski, Jimmy Sanders, N. W. Zeller, Lloyd McDonald, Ben Kerber and Jeana, Laurence Feldschan and Mary Ellen, Dennis Manning, Michael Dennis, Arthur McKay, Joe Henny and Barbara, Paul Camp and Gary, Harry Hobson.

## Third Grade Bluebirds Meet at Salem Heights

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SALEM HEIGHTS—Mrs. Glen Browning was hostess to the third grade Bluebirds Thursday at her home on Salem Heights avenue.

Present were Linda Rich, Sandra Stelzenmueller, Sue Zwicker, Claudia Weaver, Glenda Browning, Nancy Baker, Darla McElroy, Bonnie Jean Kurth, Ginger Hildebrandt, Peggy Hogan, Joan Haskins and Sue Bartlett. Guests were Janet Griffin and Cheryl Lee Kurth and the leader, Mrs. Roy McElroy.

## Dad's Night Scheduled by Jefferson PTA

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JEFFERSON—The men will be in charge of the Dad's Night program at the April meeting of Parent-Teachers Wednesday night, April 19.

Highlights of the program will be Joe Hector Wood from Berlin, soloist and ventriloquist, and an entertainer from Hawaii who was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed. Old-time music will also be featured. The women will do their stint during the refreshment hour when they will be hostesses.

Cinder blocks have come into wide use for building purposes since the war.

## Letter Reaches Wrong Mrs. Hill

A Mrs. George Hill of Salem was trying to locate a namesake Saturday after receiving a letter that told of the illness of an aunt, Emma Rounds, in Los Angeles.

The letter bore no street address and was delivered to the wrong party. The Mrs. Hill who received it said she had no aunt so-named.

She returned the letter to postal authorities, who said letters without street addresses usually are returned to the sender.

**JEFFERSON**—Mrs. Ethel Blinston was able to return home from Salem General hospital Wednesday evening and is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Al Gurgurich on Talbot road until she is stronger. Mrs. Blinston underwent major surgery last Friday morning. Ernest Freeman, jr., and friend, Miss Leola Stevens, OSC student, will spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Freeman at Talbot.

**Salem Has a Population of.....?**

To the Oregon Statesman, Salem, Ore.

In regard to your cash-prize fun contest for the \$40 in prizes:

1950 is .....

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(Guesses, one to a person, must be received by April 15)

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