

Either Side the Border Line

(Conducted by Wilma J. March)

The Florida Legislature opened in Tallahassee April 1st and many vital problems will come before the Assembly.

The new government conservation camp has been begun just South of Zephyrhills. Hundreds of unemployed men will be given work where heat and warm clothing are unnecessary. A visit to the camp soon will reveal just what their objective is to be.

The annual Convention of Secretaries of Chambers of Commerce for the State was held recently at Ocala. The Secretary of the United States Chamber of Commerce was one of the main speakers. Things of much interest and importance along progressive lines were dealt with. In a State which deals with such large throngs of tourists it is a big task to keep astride with all the problems confronting the information bureaus.

California is up in the air over the possibility of losing the cinema world. Drastic taxation for movie colonies and actors and actresses is the cause of the talk about moving the "whole works". It is estimated that the motion picture business is valued at \$400,000,000. There are 30,000 movie folks and almost all of them own their own homes. It would be a terrific loss to these people to have the colony moved but if they decide to do so, it will likely be done. However it may be nothing more than a big attempt to foil the tax plans. Still I know that there were directors in Miami not long ago looking around for information regarding the prospects of a suitable location. I was told that there was a rumor that Douglas Fairbanks and Lady Ashley flew from Miami, where they were aboard the Yacht Caroline, to Palm Beach to interview Harry Oakes in regard to a Florida movie colony. Just how much truth there was in it I am not prepared to say. A Miami reporter told it to me but didn't know how authentic it was. I was speaking with Mrs. Oakes and asked her about it but she had no comment to make. There is talk of the colony being moved to New Jersey, where it would be close to New York, but that too is only a rumor.

Amelia Earhart thinks it would help to banish war if women were drafted too. She says there wouldn't be half so much fun in war for the men if their wives tagged along too.

Jack Dupree, 14, of Atlanta, Ga., flies his own plane and after two hours and 40 minutes of instruction he made his first solo flight. On his second solo his mother went along and now both she and his father are taking lessons too.

Mrs. Roberta Nicholson, Indiana's only feminine legislator has been successful in having her "heart balm" bill passed by the State Legislature. She says that most of the heart-balm suits are nothing more than rackets for getting money out of wealthy men. The poor man is much the safer of the two. Various methods of extorting money are used by schemers who are gold-diggers, hiding their scheme through a so-called broken heart.

Over 30,000 Scouts are expected at the National Jamboree held in Washington August 21st. The gathering is in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Scout Organization. Delegates are expected from almost all of the 44 countries and 73 lands to which invitations have been sent. The only countries which will not be represented are Italy, Russia and Germany. These countries have boy organizations of their own but not of a similar nature. International jamborees have been held in London, Birkenhead, Copenhagen and Budapest.

Speaking of silver jubilees, the one in England this Spring will outshine all festivities for some time. May 8th will mark the beginning of three weeks of festivities. The whole Empire will join in making this the "Silver Jubilee Year" one of the most outstanding of the cen-

tury. The radio will play a large part in making it of world-wide importance. The Prime Ministers of the British Dominions will be there and also more than 60 Indian princes with their retinue of attendants. Royalty from many countries too, will join in the grand affair. Pageants, parades, air activities, navy and army movements, programs of many types and services including the entire Empire will be the order of the day. King George will be the leading light across the water this Spring.

The Toronto ball team is in training in Tampa, Fla. I attended one of the games with Cincinnati last week and talked with several of the players, Toronto fans and the manager Ike Boone. Ike was laying down the law about some play or other demonstrating in mid-air just how it all happened. Folks were yelling "Sears is right" others howling still louder "Boone is right" and the crowd laughed showing that those practice games are not so blood-thirsty as the real ones. Toronto is trying out a lot of new men and for that reason were not winning many of their games. Of course that is the object of the training.

The record-breaking trans-continental trip of the Union Pacific's stream-lined train so impressed British observers that a similar train is now being built in England for possible service between London and Glasgow, the run now made by the famous "Flying Scotsman" and "Royal Scot", two of the world's fastest trains. British railroad speed record is held by a Great Western train that made the 77-mile run from Swindon to London at an average speed of 51.6 miles per hour.

Harvey S. Firestone and son, Leonard, were the guests recently of Mrs. Edison in Fort Myers. Mr. Firestone and the late Thos. Edison were close friends. Thirty-five years ago the Firestone company was organized by Mr. Firestone when he was President of the Victor Rubber company. The progress of the company has been marked, starting with but 17 workers it has grown to 20,000 and that many more at work on the plantations in Siberia, South America and the Philippines.

Louis Untermeyer, distinguished American poet and critic, says that poetry plays an important role in the lives of most men even though they won't acknowledge it or maybe believe it. But he declared that few men, if any, attending one of his lectures hadn't written a poem of some description some time in their lives. It may never have seen the light of day but still it had come from his inner being.

Should Be Proud of Symphony Orchestra

By "The Man on the Street" in the Owen Sound Sun-Times

While I'm passing out the bouquets, may I hand one to Jack Cowie? A divisible one that he can split up and divide among the members of his orchestra who gave us such a treat Tuesday night. I got two surprises Tuesday night, one that I have already mentioned; the other in the way the orchestra handled itself. I say "itself" advisedly, for, though composed of twenty-odd members, it was just one big instrument under Mr. Cowie's baton.

If you're looking for a "writeup" of the concert, you're due for a disappointment. The concert was very well reported in Wednesday's issue; but that does not stop me from saying what I think about it. It was a most satisfying programme all the way through. Frank Oldfield, I thought, was singing better than ever and Gethyn Davies gave him perfect support in accompaniments. The Kiwanis Club deserves a special vote of thanks for the delightful evening it gave its patrons; and I'm glad to know that there is a nice little nest-egg in its underprivileged children's fund.

But it was about the orchestra I was talking—I've an awful habit of getting sidetracked.

I wonder whether all who were at the concert realize what it meant. There were over a score of men

working together for over a year—the orchestra was organized only last winter—giving up their time and spending hours in practice, all for the pure love of it; it's no paid aggregation. Nobody who hasn't been "through the mill" can begin to understand how much work must have gone into the presentation of that programme. The absolute unanimity, the careful subordination of one part to the others so that, as nearly as possible, perfect balance would be obtained, the attention to details, small in themselves but making, in the total, all the difference between a good and a poor performance. Every member, from the conductor and the concertmaster right across to the drums in the other corner, deserves his or her full share of the glory.

But I don't want to pile it on too thick—this is not a good time of year to put people in jeopardy of "busting" their hats or losing overcoat buttons. I just want to remind readers of the Sun-Times that Owen Sound has an orchestra of which it may well be proud. I know it is not asking any favors, and preferred treatment; but that does not stop me from asking that every citizen will do all possible to help it develop along the lines it is following at present, into an organization that need not take a back seat to any in the smaller cities. It can't, of course, run in the same class with the Toronto Symphony—not yet; but that's mainly a matter of size.

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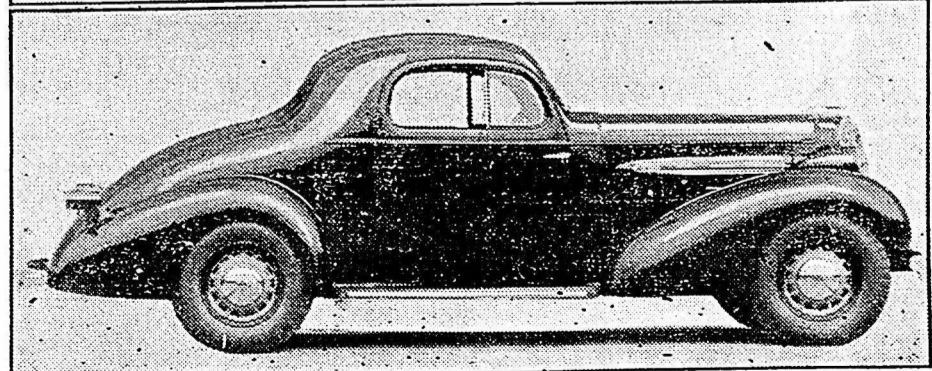
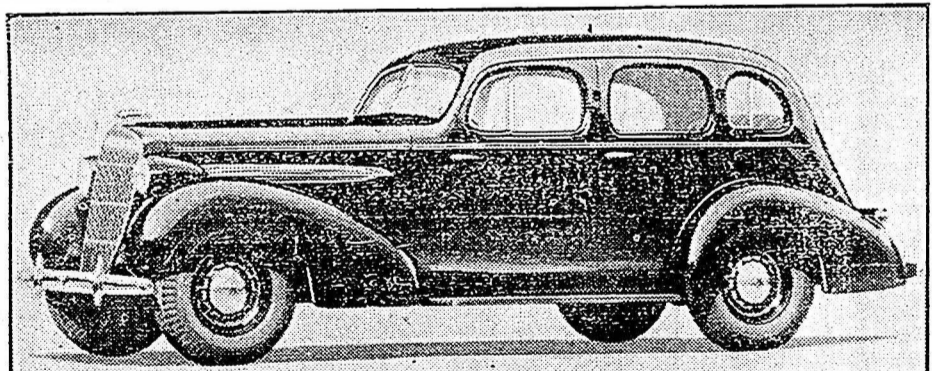
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