

### Esther Gould's Book Corner

#### JUST PARAGRAPH

Two books which should give an interesting opportunity for study and comparison are "Norway's Best Stories" and "Sweden's Best Stories." Anyone who has been as vague about these two very different countries as we have, will be glad to read simultaneously some of the literature of each. It is said by reviewers that the Norwegian stories have the crisp vigorous qualities of the saga, while those of Sweden are colored by the bright poetic qualities of the lyric.

Really, literature is becoming too arduous. The future publishers of the Bremen flyers' account of their trip come forth with the statement, "On May 23rd the Bremen flyers concluded their good will tour of the United States and for five days will go into retirement and finish their book 'The Three Musketeers of the Air.'" They didn't dare say "write" instead of "finish" though that's what they meant.

#### GOOD READING

##### "SKYWARD"

By Commander Richard E. Byrd  
G. P. Putnam's Sons

Life for Commander Richard E. Byrd has been truly the great adventure. That is the first thing that forcibly strikes one on reading his new book "Skyward." Let anyone who doubts the opportunity, the struggle, the hazards and the rewards of aviation find here his proof. Commander Byrd writes with such sincerity and such conviction that those who have thought we were joggling along pretty well, we had better let aviation alone, will realize that that is what lots of people said about railroads one hundred short years ago. "Hurling through the air at fifteen miles an hour" sounds like a joke to us now, but there will come a time when our demurrings at a hundred and fifteen will sound as funny.

No, as Commander Byrd says there is something in human progress which is bigger than the individual or his desires or safety, and when that spirit of progress in the concrete instance lays hold of a man he is as putty in its hands. So when his eighty-seven year old grandmother said to Byrd before his flight to the Pole, "Well, what will you do with the North Pole when you get it?" although he couldn't explain it in words yet he knew there was something he could do with it.

Byrd's life has been a lie of unselfish devotion to the cause of aviation. If his book did not convince you of that it would just be one more book describing the spectacular. Since it does convince you it becomes a history of aviation, a record of the human effort and sacrifice that has been spent upon it, so that an aeroplane glimpsed from your sitting room window is not just a moving speck and a noise, but an achievement of the human mind and will and a promise of great things for the future. This is a splendid book, fascinating reading for anyone.

#### DESPISED AMERICA

##### "THE OTHER SIDE"

By Struthers Burt  
Charles Scribner's Sons

What alchemy is necessary to turn one of the most finished, suave and delightful of novelists into a slightly tiresome and almost peevish essayist? Whatever it is I fear it has been practiced on Struthers Burt to make him the author of this book of essays or sketches, "The Other Side." It is unworthy of the man who wrote that most charming book a last spring "The Delectable Mountains." The title refers to the other side of the question, the side which seldom has the nerve or lung-power to raise its voice against the Mencken ballyhoo. That is well and good. We are anxious to hear someone speak up on that side. But somehow, unfortunately, we are not particularly interested in the way that Mr. Burt speaks. He is just a little too reiterative, a little tedious.

The major promise of the book is a good one. It is that America is getting a decidedly "raw deal" just now in the form of criticism both at home and abroad. Americans traveling in Europe think it their duty to run down as vigorously as possible their own country in order to seem grown up and sophisticated. At home they do it because it is the form of noise, like jazz, most popular at the moment. As Mr. Burt makes clear, this sort of thing can be carried too far. As he says, "All you need to condemn a thing is to call it American." "We have become a derogatory adjective." And the bad result of all this is, not that our feelings are hurt, but that it destroys any possibility of real international understanding, it lays the foundation of hatreds and therefore the foundation of wars. We agree with all this, we hope more people will write to the same question, and we hope, without malice, that next time Mr. Burt will write a little more interestingly.

### TWO GOLF EXHIBITS NEXT YEAR IS PLAN

#### CHICAGO AND NEW YORK

##### Preparations Going Forward for Extensive Displays; British Golf Experts Eye With Interest

That British manufacturers of Golf Equipment look with growing interest upon the stupendous expansion of golf in the United States has been attested here by the arrangement of a conference luncheon May 4, with Spearman Lewis of New York and Chicago, Managing Director of the International Golf Show and Country Club Equipment Exposition.

Mr. Lewis made the trip to England at the solicitation of a number of British manufacturers who desired first hand information on the merchandising possibilities in an industry and sport that in ten years has jumped from a rich man's hobby to the most popular outdoor game in the United States, with more than one billion dollars invested in land, club-houses, fairway and player equipment.

**Remarkable Growth**  
The third annual presentation of the International Golf Show recently given in Chicago in itself attests remarkable growth of the sport and the necessary equipment. Starting with a handful of American manufacturers three years ago, the International Golf Show has kept pace with expansion of the sport and the recent exhibition was participated in by two hundred of the leading golf equipment manufacturers of Canada and the United States.

Thousands of country club executives, greenkeepers, managers and pros flock annually to the International Golf Show, just as motorists regard the National Auto Show and radio fans the Radio Congress, as the one big "style" and merchandising event of the year.

**Two Shows in 1929**  
With the fact thoroughly established that the Alleghenies divide the two American golf empires, twin presentations of the International Golf Show will be made in 1929. New York will lead off at the Grand Central Palace February 18, to 23, with the Chicago edition of the International Golf Show set for March 11 to 16, at the Hotel Sherman. Spearman Lewis and A. R. Shaffer will direct both presentations.

The announcement that the International Golf Show would be given in New York as well as Chicago brought the immediate inquiries from British manufacturers, who, perhaps, did not know that the Department of Commerce places Illinois as the greatest State of golf equipment purchasing, New York second, Pennsylvania and California third and Texas fourth.

#### CLOSED CARS ARE ON INCREASE IS REPORT

Approximately 74 per cent of passenger cars manufactured last year were closed cars, according to information received by the Chicago Motor club. Open cars totaled 1,022,000 and closed cars 2,908,000. Five years ago, closed cars were but 22 per cent of the total.

### JACK FOR AUTO SHOULD ALWAYS FIT THE CAR

The car owner should make sure that his jack fits his car. When in a service station or in a garage where air is handy, it is a good plan to let the air out of a tire, then slide the jack under the axle, suggests the mechanical first aid department of the Chicago Motor club. Many drivers have found themselves stranded when trying to change a tire or install skid-chains by finding the jack too high for their car.

### NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SOON READY

The Detroit international bridge, when completed, will constitute the first direct highway link between the middle west and Canada. Rapid construction progress now being made indicates that the bridge will be ready for traffic considerably ahead of schedule, according to information received by the Chicago Motor club. The structure, it is declared, will be the world's largest suspension bridge.

### SERVICE TO MOTORISTS EXTENSIVE; FIGURES

Among business enterprises serving motorists in the United States are 250,000 filling stations, 53,000 storage garages and independent repair shops, and 86,000 dealers' service stations, according to a bulletin received by the Chicago Motor club.

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### ILLINOIS SCHOOL BOY WINS LEAGUE CONTEST

Milo J. Fleming, 17-year old senior of Milford Illinois Township high school has been awarded state prize in the second National Competitive examination of the League of Nations, it was announced at the headquarters of the League of Nations Non-Partisan association of Illinois. Students of forty-one Illinois high schools competed for the state and national awards in this contest. The first national prize, a two months' trip to Europe, was won by

Henry Benson Bobo, 15 years old, student of Clarksdale, Miss. high school. Second national prize went to Martia Maylott, 16, of Springfield, Mass., and third national prize to Jane Gabbert, 17, of Riverside, Calif.

The jury of awards was comprised of Helen Clarkson Miller, New York; Professor Harry J. Carman, Columbia university; Everett Colby, New York university; Mrs. G. Maud Lovall, Detroit; Henry C. Pearson, Horace Mann school, New York; and John L. Tildsley, district superintendent of schools, New York.

### STATE TREASURER HAS GOOD BALANCE, REPORT

Monthly report of State Treasurer Garrett D. Kinney shows that since January 1, 1927, he has collected and credited to the general fund of the state a total of \$1,169,303.16 in interest received on state funds coming into his hands.

The report shows also that there is a balance of \$40,213,088.34 in the state treasury.

The bonded indebtedness of the state is reported as \$145,294,500.

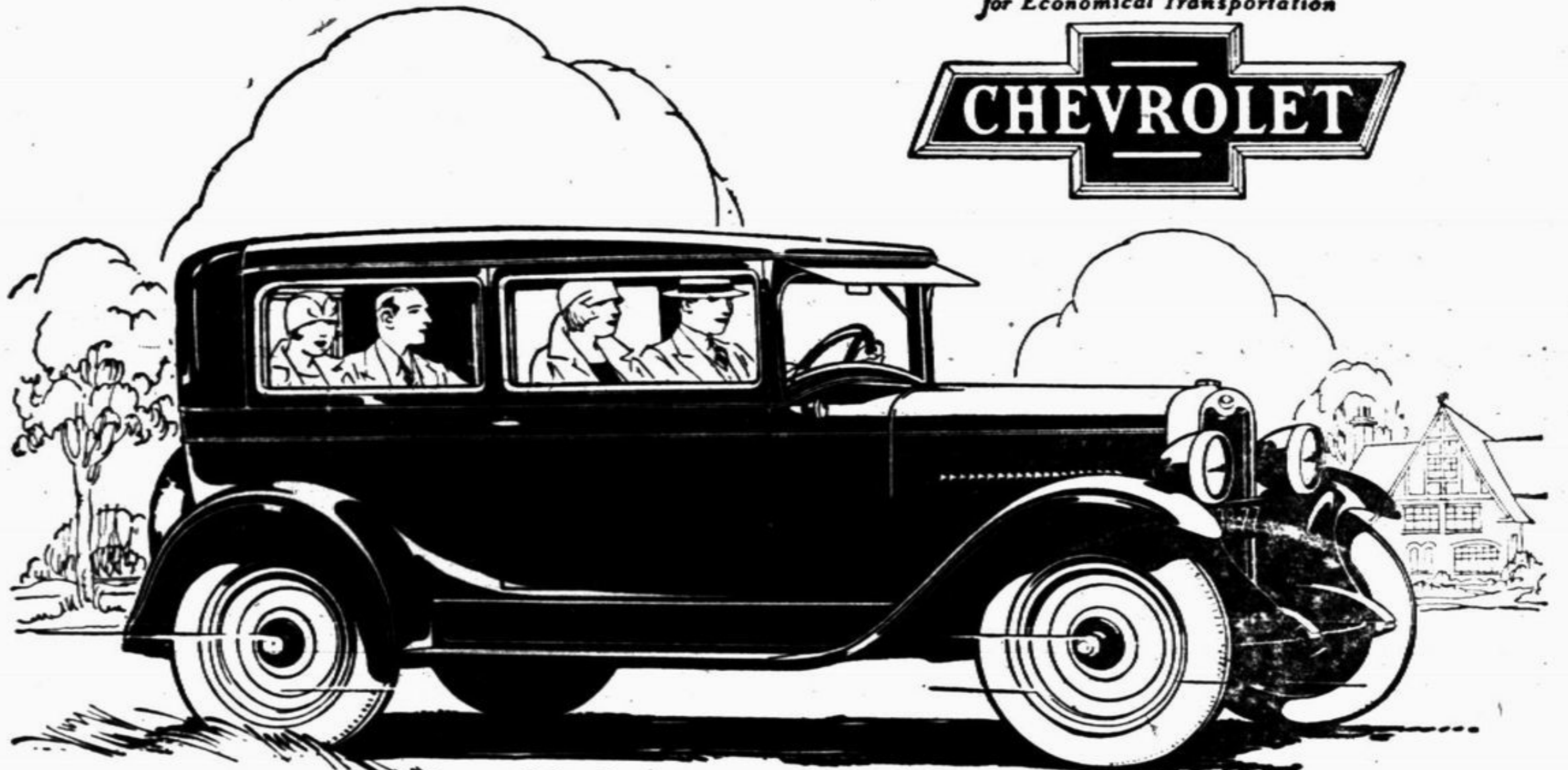
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