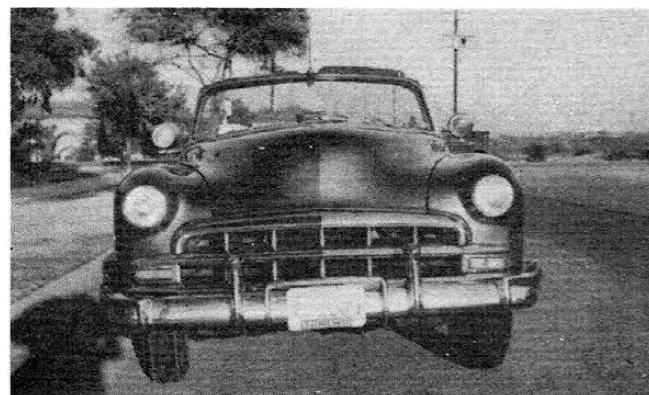
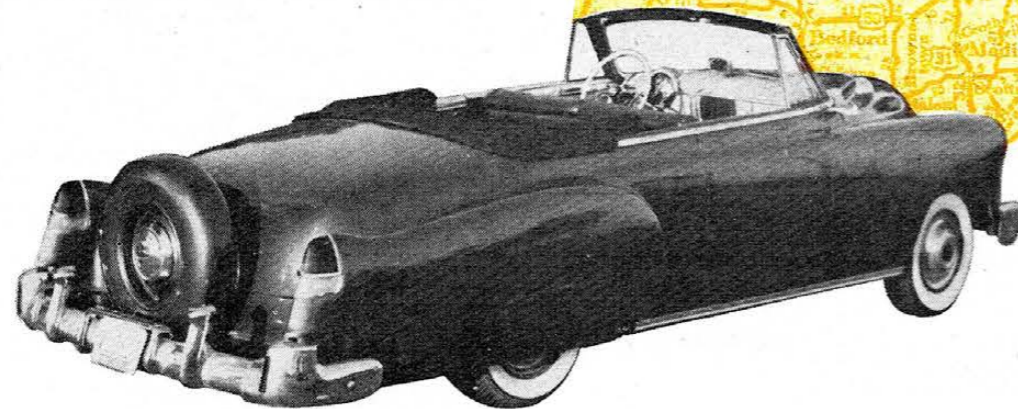
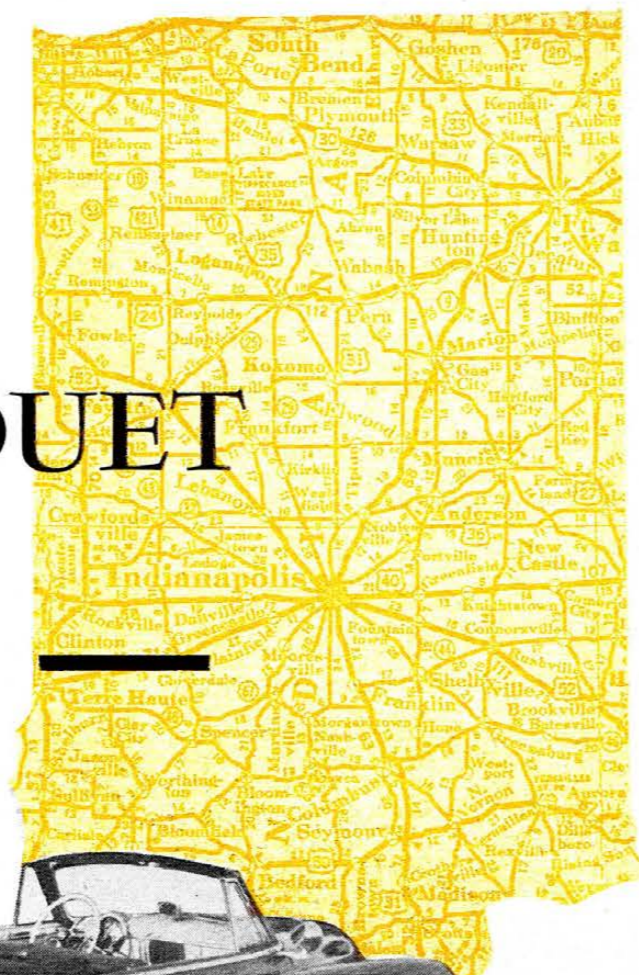


INDIANA DUET

A joint venture by father and son, this Chevy-Cadillac from the "corn belt" is gaining national recognition.



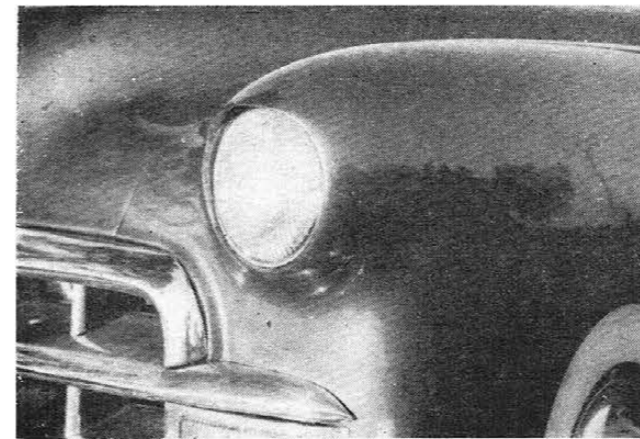
In front is 1949 Cadillac grille fitted to the Chevy panels. Deluxe bumper guard ends from Chevy plus a specially constructed bar formed outer ends. Parking lights were installed between these. Hood was reshaped for new alignment

THE Hoosiers are making a strong bid for national recognition in the custom field. That's apparent from this father and son beauty which comes straight from the "corn belt."

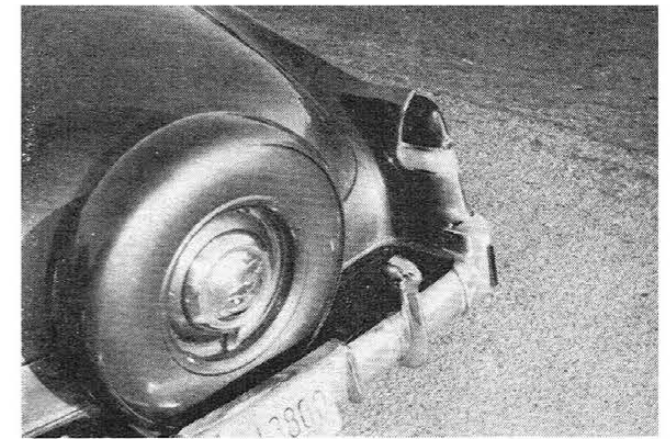
It began when Tommy Eichstaedt's father gave him a 1951 Chevrolet convertible. Since his father is a Cadillac dealer in Knox, Indiana, Tommy wanted his convertible to possess as much resemblance to his father's cars as possible. That meant a restyling project for his Chevy.

He began with the addition of a continental kit, topped it off with Cadillac components from his father's stock room, and finished with the addition of a GMC 270 engine. Along the route, such items as a 1950 Olds 88 windshield assembly and a set of two inch lowering blocks were added.

As a final touch the custom was painted a light green metallic lacquer. The paint was sprayed and polished to a high gloss for added lustre. When the car was completed father and son were pleased, though, as his father says, "My stock Cadillacs won't receive the attention Tommy's Chevrolet gets."



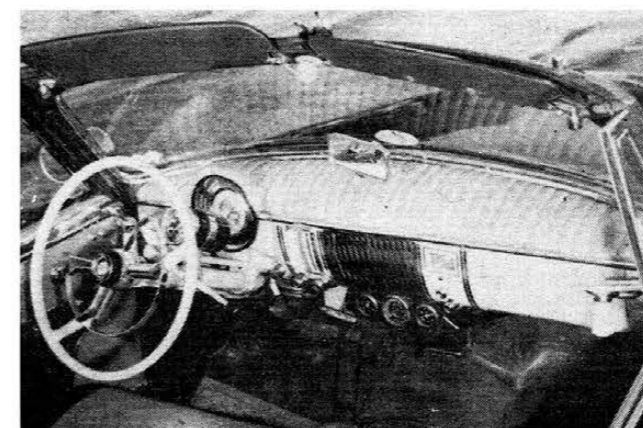
Headlights were restyled using overshades from a 1952 Cadillac. These were frenched into the Chevy fenders. Headlight units are removable from the rear of fender. Though rear end was lowered two inches front end remains stock



Vertical oblong bumper exhaust tips are neatly formed into deluxe Chevrolet bumper guard ends. Rear gravel pan was aligned to the body panel and extended to meet length of the Cadillac rear fenders which were set back ten inches



A 1950 Olds one-piece windshield was put to good use between Chevy uprights to provide better vision and modern lines. Chrome has been removed; even door handles have been filled. Electric push buttons trip latch assembly



Engine performance is closely checked with a series of Stewart-Warner gauges. Included in set is a tachometer mounted on the steering column. The top of dash is plated with light-colored plastic leather. Lower section is paint



To keep his Chevy in line with his dad's higher horse-powered Cadillac, Tommy installed a GMC 270 for greater power. Conversion is a good one as change-over entailed no compartment changes for good power-to-weight ratio