

SUBSTITUTE COLUMN

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Dr. Richard O. Meents, professor of geology at the college here, drove his car to school on Friday of last week, parked it and promptly forgot all about it. The next time he wanted to use the machine he found his garage securely locked but vacant. He reported the "theft" to the police and they launched a search for it. The weekend passed and no report. Finally, on Tuesday morning, the police located the "stolen" car parked in front of the administration building where Dr. Meents had left it.

He was getting a divorce from the wife who left him four years ago. Judge Tal Crawford handed him the decree, and added: "Marriage forbidden for six months." The disillusioned young man put on his cap and replied: "You can add a whole lot more months on top of that if you want to, Judge. They're easy to get but hard to get rid of."

Eustace H. "Useless" Taylor, who hails from way down east, likes to refer to the gorgeous plains of Pontotoc county as the mud-flats of Oklahoma. . . . W. O. Smith, the gas man, probably enjoys cold weather as much as anybody in town. . . . Some city and county officials are threatening to file charges against Fire Chief Ed Haley for putting out a fire in a certain hotel here last week. . . . Thomas Painter is the name of a local painter. . . . Elwood Goddard's nickname "Peck" is a shortened form of "Peckerwood" which was accidentally pinned onto him by a playmate about 16 years ago. . . . E. H. Nelson and Dad Fentem agreed to frame up a good earthquake to make us a news story some time ago but so far haven't delivered the shock. . . . E. B. Johnson is one of Ada's most ardent horsemen.

If you want to make a hit with a woman tell her how pretty she is but if you want to get along with a man don't tell him how pretty he is.

Pontotoc county "trained" hogs have no appeal for E. B. Morrow, Paoli stockman. He says he bought 26 head from a farmer living near here the other day but when he started to load them, they escaped through holes in the barn wall that only a thorough schooling could have taught them to locate. After two trips were made to secure his purchases, Morrow finally sold eight he could not capture back to the farmer at a loss of \$1 per head.

Since federal and county court both convene here this week, it might be a good idea to brush up on your law. For instance, this one is an Oklahoma statute: "Every person concerned in any racing, running or trial of speed between any horse or animal within one-half mile of the place where court is sitting is guilty of a misdemeanor."

THE JAYCEES HAVING FUN
—Norman Criswell frowningly singing "Smiles." . . . Warren Beck Kice doing the tenor in "Sweet Adeline." . . . Leo Hennigan denying Raymond Cain's insinuation that he is a promoter. . . . President Walter Grindstaff, with a new son and heir, absent for unannounced reasons. . . . Harrel Webster blushing insistently he is not a "ladies' man." . . . John Paul McKinley, Jr., very much embarrassed by an unexpected and lengthy introduction of himself by his host as the speaker of the evening. . . . Vice-President Bill Dodson seeking a phonograph that "will change the records for you."

After big George Sauer had downed the bigger Bob Montgomery in the groan-and-grunt show last Tuesday night he was explaining the reverse chin-lock he used to us. "It's hard to understand unless you have it applied on yourself," he said. We declined his offer to demonstrate.

Only two railroads pass through the city limits of Ada: the other passes between them. When the M. K. & T. built the tracks now known as the O. C. A. & A. the city limits extended TO the right-of-way. When the area east of the tracks was included in the corporate limits, the document was worded ". . . FROM the right-of-way" thus omitting that particular strip. The Frisco and Santa Fe tracks pass through a part of the original townsite and the Dagg's addition.

A big foreign-appearing fellow and a friend were discussing the Townsend old age pension proposal. "Vot you gonna do ven you get dat \$200 a month pension?" the foreign-appearing fellow asked. The friend said he didn't know but apparently the other boy had been observing war debt methods in the old country. He knew how it would work out. "Vell, you got to spend it all for food in restaurants and before de first mont' is up you'll be dead as H— so dey von't have to pay you but von mont' anyway."

Well, regardless of what you say about the poor worms, they can always make both ends meet. (Which makes us reasonably sure we belong in some other classification.)