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## ANOTHER COLUMN

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IT HAPPENED AT TEN P. M.  
—We rushed across from the First National bank corner. Others were hurrying toward the crowd from other directions. Surely it must be an accident of major importance, perhaps even a murder. We elbowed our way as far into the crowd as we could and then got down on our knees. Finally we got in close enough to see what was going on. A painter was using an air-gun to design tulips on the background of the show windows at the Smart Shop.

Persons who do only what they're paid to do are not usually overworked.

INTERVIEW WITH MEMBERS OF A GYPSY BAND camped near Ada last week:

Q.—How many of you are camped here?

A.—Dunno. Never count 'em. Maybe two hundr'd. Maybe more.

Q.—Do you have any particular place you call home?

A.—Sure (indicating row of rectangular tents, open on one side and containing stove, camp stools and two huge, featherbed mattresses) This home. We live here.

Q.—Who is the head man?

A.—Charley Mitchell—he king.

What Charley say goes.

Q.—(to woman) Are all these your children?

A.—Yeh. They all mine.

Q.—How many do you have?

A.—I got ten. (Holding up both hands with fingers spread) Gonna have ten more. Some got six, nine, some twelve, maybe fourteen. I gonna have twenty.

Paul Denny, Ada junior high school teacher, got into it up "to his neck" last Monday morning. He started to school in the downpour of rain and in his rush failed to notice that a footbridge over a drainage ditch three feet deep had been washed out. He proceeded to school after he had returned home for dry clothes.

MICKEY McBRIDE recalls that the East Central Tigers won the Oklahoma Collegiate conference baseball championship in 1930 by playing only one game. The conference committee ordered the trophy at the beginning of the season. East Central played one game with Central and won. Succeeding games with other colleges were rained out. When the committee met again just before school was out a motion was made and carried that the trophy be awarded to the Tigers. It now adorns the wall in the college gymnasium along with basketball, football, wrestling, track and tennis awards captured during the same scholastic year—the biggest athletic year in East Central's history.

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Headline in recent issue of East Central Journal:  
SCHOLASTIC WORK  
NOT IGNORED IN  
TRAINING SCHOOL  
Which is encouraging information in these more or less difficult times for schools.

POLICE NOTES: Officers find the most effective method of disciplining prisoners in the county jail is to shut off their tobacco supply. . . . A sharp pointed iron rod about six feet long is used to locate buried whiskey caches. . . . The customary fine for drunkenness in Ada is \$8.75, while Fittstown authorities assess a penalty of \$12.50—Moral: trade at home. . . . Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Stanfield says a murderer or hijacker is almost always ready to go to jail when arrested but bootleggers and women usually want "to go see a fellow" or change clothes first. . . . Sherrod Ahrend, Frisco special officer, observes that very few "high class" hoboes ride freight trains any more, most of the side-door pullman passengers being thugs and "wanted" criminals.

J. C. Kelso, Roff farmer, almost sold some employees in the county agent's office an "educated" mule that would go around "fixing every gap in every fence he saw" last week—until they found out that the mule is blind.

MAYBE THEY DID IT FOR A THRILL—Saturday afternoon two men were sitting in a somewhat aged truck parked on Main street. Two passing friends were hailed and a pint bottle of "Kiamichi Dew" was produced. The door of the truck was opened and each sat in turn on the running board behind it, apparently to avoid observation as he took an active part in the sampling business. A sheepish expression on the faces of the others suggested that they thought they were "doing something smart."

THE LAST PARAGRAPH—Our local radio station is responsible for this: "We will now have our housekeeper's chat. The topic will be 'Spring Gardening and the Control of Jack Rabbits.'" . . . Johnny, the curb-service manager at the Central drug, has about decided he can't carry four full Coca-Cola glasses in one hand without a tray. . . . This from a political writeup in a municipal campaign of a neighboring city: "George S., former barber and deputy sheriff, who is making the race for chief of police." . . . Notation on chewing gum wrapper: "Save this wrapper and dispose of your gum in it after use"—we hope the guy who occupied the theatre seat just before we did the other day sees this.