

CURIOS and ANTIQUE

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There's something that appeals to a man's ego when he is paged from a gathering for a telephone conversation but whatever importance we might have felt at a Kiwanis club meeting recently was turned to utter confusion when we realized what was happening. It was ladies' night and among those present was the recently acquired Mrs. and other Kiwanians and their wives. A feminine voice came from the telephone when we made it known we were listening and immediately struck up a conversation about "those good times we used to have together" without making "her" identity known. After some two or three minutes (or hours) of embarrassed replies, we became aware that the telephone was hooked up with a loudspeaker in the banquet room and that the entire gathering was enjoying a good laugh at our expense—and then to top it off, with great ceremony, they presented the wife with a copy of Stevenson's "Inland Voyage and Travels With a Donkey."

And we are still wondering if, at the same meeting, it was an accident that Phil Freedman tuned in on an Oklahoma Tire & Supply Co. ad when he was attempting to dial in on the San Antonio Kiwanis convention.

For the price of a soft drink, Octavius "Taters" Bonifield might be induced to reveal privately what he bribed us with a soft drink not to print. . . . Another reader of this column was found last week (making at least four) when Mrs. Jeffie C. Winn, formerly of Ada and now of Coal county, brought us a poem she had written. . . . Very few people knew Dick Braly's real name (Leonard A.) until his recent marriage. . . . Dr. Alsbach is said to be one of the few dentists who do not ask a lot of questions when the victim's mouth is full of fists and instruments. . . . Erwin Hovis rarely spends a week-end in Ada. . . . Never a day goes by that someone does not inquire about Bob Blanks, the genial ad hustler and "Pessimist" of The News staff, who, we are told, is slowly and steadily improving and hopes to be back on the job in the near future.

The fate of the giant Russian propaganda airship, Maxim Gorky, might have been expected. Most propaganda dreams explode in the end.

WE HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED: Carl Browall has gone domestic since his recent marriage and prefers his slippers, pipe and fireside to the more active social life of other days. . . . Clifford Byrne is the only black-haired child in a family of red-haired children and visits his mother daily. . . . Harold "Flunky" Criswell was referred to as "the sweetest boy in town" the other day—whatever that means. . . . Norman G. Criswell (Booger to intimates) hasn't had time to live up to his reputation recently but we can't reveal the exact nature of his rep. . . . The only way J. M. Coffman's mother can get him out of bed is to tell him someone wants him to go fishing. . . . Bill Dodson's heart is still in Muskogee, thus accounting for what is described as "arm-length" dates he has been occasionally indulging in lately. . . . Alf Hardage has three hobbies: Gasoline, girls and golf. . . . Pete Peters can't stand to hear a door bang. . . . Harry Putnam plays tennis with his wife almost every afternoon. . . . Lloyd Rose makes more business trips than anyone in town, usually accompanied by Mrs. Rose. . . . Dr. William G. Peterson is considered one of the most eligible bachelors in these parts (and that information came from one of the local unmarried females).

A very young man of our acquaintance has inaugurated a soil erosion prevention campaign of his own. He has agreed not to wash his neck and ears during the summer months.

THEY ARE QUOTED AS SAYING: James Horace Hunter, who manipulates his laundry hack as if it were a Cadillac, explains the reason he doesn't allow passengers is because there's no front seat. . . . Murrell Hennigan: "I don't have pocket change any more since I quit promoting at the Country club." . . . Junius "Sonny" Ridling: "Most of the girls in Ada are stingy" (and we wonder if that means they won't pay his way to the show). . . . Hugh Norris: "I couldn't dress the kiddies so I agreed to cook breakfast. Now the kiddies are big enough to dress themselves and I still cook breakfast."

AMONG THOSE PRESENT: Leo Hennigan has acquired a new dignity and is becoming public-spirited since he opened his haberdashery. . . . Floyd Eoff was in the group whose names got almost to the top in the recent \$5 chain letter promotion. . . . Graydon Rogers, who lived in Mexico for a good many years, recently returned there for a visit, mainly to try out his Spanish. . . . Guy Shipe makes ice cream (reported to be delicious) in his electric refrigerator and keeps a supply on hand. . . . Vester Willoughby has his own private recipe for making dog food, baking bone, meal, etc., into a succulent dish designed to arouse any canine's appetite.