

CURIOS & Antiques

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THE EAST AFRICAN WAR is one conflict that cannot be blamed upon the newspapers. Critics have shoved the responsibility for the Spanish-American War and a large part of the blame for the World War upon the newspapers of the world. This time, however, the dictators of Europe must be held to account for the war. Mussolini, Hitler and other "strong men" control not only the fighting forces of their nations but they tell the newspapers what shall be printed and what shall not be told. The power of the press is recognized the world over but there are comparatively few countries where freedom of the press is permitted. The newspapers of the United States have had a hard battle in this nation's history when it was rather difficult to keep this channel of information open to the people and today, whether they realize it or not, the right of the newspapers to print any facts that they find is one of the most valuable possessions of the American people.

Here's one for the football fans: What number between zero and one hundred is impossible as a final football game score?

FAITH is a wonderful thing, even when it has its foundations in the glamorous statements of a salesman. We were reliably informed last week that the wife of an employe of the Ada postoffice department paid a salesman \$27 for three small pans of a particular kind of aluminumware because the salesman assured her that if her husband's food were cooked in them that it would make him grow taller. So far we haven't noticed any increase in the gentleman's height but it might be added that if a device of that kind that will stop hair from falling out or eliminate the necessity of shaving we would be interested.

Did anybody ever see an automobile accident that wasn't the fault of "the other fellow" or in which the injured party was driving more than "only 25 miles an hour"?

AUSTIN KIDWELL and Richard Swink, Roff high school pedagogues, are beginning to think that it would be less expensive for them to stay in Ada and go to Roff to teach than to stay in Roff and come to Ada six to eight times each week to see the bright lights and attend to certain other business here. And they admit that not nearly as many Ada boys go to Roff to see the sights as there

The Sunrise Addition, the area east of the O. C. A. & A. railroad and north of Main street, is the only subdivision in the Ada city limits in which the blocks are designated by letters of the alphabet. All others are numbered.

MEMORIES OF OLD ADA HIGH—Churchill Thomas, science teacher, used to have L. J. Gregg and the writer trot around the race track before class periods to work off surplus energy. . . . H. F. Felix and Fred Rayburn spent the noon hour playing checkers in the auditorium. . . . Many a boy used to come out of a fight in the big fire escapes with his shirt and sometimes his trousers torn off. . . . Clifford "Sheeny" Gray working his confidence games on fellow students. . . . Wishing for another hundred pounds of weight in order to play football with the whopping big teams of those days.

A haircut includes an ear-clean at all barber shops in Singayre, an oddity gatherer reports. Remembering the days that were suggests that such a practice wouldn't prove popular among the youngsters of this country.

BUFFORD HOWARD bought us a cup of coffee to put his name in the paper — "Bufford Miller Johnny Thomas Gigolo Howard Jr."—which shows how highly we value a cup of coffee.

Almost as many women as men sport fans call into The News office at night to find out the result of a ball game or the winner of a prize fight. . . . During a recent boxing bout an unknown gentleman called in about 10 o'clock and said: "Excuse me for buttin' in but I've been out ALL NIGHT and I just wanted to know how the fight come out." . . . Ray Young, who has done a lot of boxing and some promoting, can't figure it out, all this interest in Louis, Baer, Carnera, et al., and commented: "I wonder where all these fight fans stay when we have a bout in Ada?"

AN CP REPORT of an automobile accident quotes hospital authorities as reporting the condition of an injured woman as "perfectly good," which, we think, is just about as well off as anybody could be in this world.

It wasn't funny to the principals but the bystanders got quite a chuckle watching two very stout women trying to get into their car. While they had gone shopping other cars had parked very close on each side and — well, the doors just wouldn't open wide enough.