

CURIOS & Antiques

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MUSIC may be the universal language but there are certain types of alleged music now being forced upon the American people that must have been written in the "unknown tongue"—and we don't speak it! Americans are compelled to listen to it because almost every cafe and restaurant provides so-called entertainment for its guests by turning the dial of a radio to bring in the raucous strains of a jazz orchestra or a fiddle-harmonica-and-guitar combination. If the radio is missing (or maybe it isn't) then a nickel-in-the-slot "noise machine" is offered. If you escape hearing some announcer whine "The Georgia Stompers have just finished playing their own special arrangement of Paderewski's 'Minuet,'" the mellow tones of your coffee sipping and soup supping will be drowned out by the thump-thump-thump of "The St. Louis Blues" as interpreted by an unemployed boilermaker on a scratched phonograph record. On at least three different occasions we have seen persons put coins into these purported music boxes—and then leave before the playing starts. We can't blame them for leaving but it is hard on those who aren't through eating yet. Personally, we think an avoidance of cafes of this kind would improve American nerve more than an embargo on arms shipments to Ethiopia!

Simile: As easy as getting a candidate for public office next year to make a speech about himself this year.

APROPOS of Armistice Day: Mrs. Harry Deering was speaking to a group of 8 and 9-year-old Sunday school pupils and was telling them about the significance of Armistice Day. She was somewhat surprised for a minute, though, when none of them responded to her question: "How many of you remember it?" Then she recalled that the Armistice was signed several years before they were born!

Money is the most destructive thing in the world. Those who haven't any ruin their health and morals trying to acquire it; those who have plenty ruin their health and morals spending it.

HISTORY books tell us Ethiopia was the only country in Africa that remained neutral during the World War; and from the same source we learn that Britain and Italy agreed between themselves in 1925 that they would support each other to secure certain privileges in the Ethiopian territory. Ethiopia, who had not been consulted, protested to the League of Nations and the matter was dropped; then Italy and Ethiopia, in a joint statement issued at Rome, September 29, 1934, reiterated their mutual attitude of friendship and non-aggression.

Falling hair on coat collars keeps a lot of folks worried but Warren Chilcoat is seeking some means of keeping falling leaves off front porches.

LAWRENCE PEAY, Ada high student, wanted to listen to the World series but couldn't stay out of school to do it. So he solved the problem by rigging up a portable radio set with a receiver that fit inside his hand. He sat in the classroom in a studious pose and listened to the games without even the teachers getting wise—until they got a chance to ask him score.

C. F. Green is of the opinion that the traffic signal lights should be changed to operate on 10-second changes during cold weather for the benefit of pedestrians.

A DOCUMENT of historic interest came to light here last week when a quit-claim deed to some city lots was filed. The instrument was made to J. R. Bevel by F. H. Redwine and his wife, E. R. Redwine, on April 24, 1906. It was recorded on November 4, 1935. The property designated was some lots in Ada, Indian Territory, Central district. The deed was witnessed by M. A. Dilbeck and W. J. Aycock and signed before Ben F. Gillum, notary public. An affidavit stating that the parties making the transaction were not of Indian blood was not filed out, but recalled the fact that in those days no Indians were permitted to transact deeds or other business involving land in Oklahoma.

Signs of Christmas: One Ada youngster has already posted his letter to Santa Claus in care of the Ada News.

BOB BLANKS JR. was able to get downtown for a while the other day and is reported gaining strength rapidly after a nervous collapse that has kept him away from his work for—let's see—it's nine months now. He hopes to be able to return to work in a few weeks.

No small number of reputable American citizens remain so by avoiding a showdown on assets and liabilities.

TRY THIS on your friends: Ask them to define a skewer. It will surprise you how many of them can't.