

CURIOS & Antiques

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WILBUR P. LEE, one of Uncle Sam's assistants in the letter-carrying business, told us (between sips of coffee) quite a number of interesting facts about Ada's postoffice the other day. For one thing, 1934 and 1935 are the two biggest years in its history. Receipts for 1934 exceeded the previous peak record of 1929 and apparently 1935 is going to outdo 1934. The Ada postoffice, because of the big new building erected here during the depression, probably was better prepared for the current oil boom than any other P. O. ever was. When the postoffice authorities are awarded a new building, they plan it to take care of normal expansion for 25 years. The Ada postoffice, according to Lee, already has taken up about 10 years of the 25 and at the same rate of growth will have the entire 25 years' expansion covered within the next five. The local office does a whale of a business in stamps and envelopes, marketing about \$60,000 worth each year, but handles a lot more cash in money orders. The average monthly money order receipts are about a quarter of a million dollars. The postal savings department also does a big business, carrying a depositors' balance of around a quarter of a million. There are 32 regular employees and about five part-time workers who handle the postal business of the Ada office. This is the biggest force in the history of the office. The chain letter epidemic of last May did not, as many thought, break all previous mailing records. The postal employees don't worry much about the Christmas rush but accept it pretty much as routine business and only a few extra workers are needed to take care of the additional pieces of mail handled. And, oh yes, for the benefit of post-office holder-uppers, they don't keep much cash on hand here, making a surplus cash draft out of the office daily.

Do you remember back when folks used to get in the family automobile and drive out in the country to look at the scenery?

RUTH COLLINS has some "cotton money." It was given her by her grandmother, a native of DeSoto county, Mississippi. The money wasn't made from cotton (or was it?) but was secured by cotton. The inscription reads: "The State of Mississippi will pay to bearer the sum of one dollar out of proceeds of cotton pledged for redemption of this note at the treasurer's office in Jackson, Miss." The date of issue was May 1, 1862.

Judging from the crowds that already are packing downtown stores in the open-season hunt for Christmas gifts, it might pay some department stores to install a set of traffic signal lights to move their customers about the aisles more conveniently.

IT DIDN'T take the Kiwanians long to figure out a nickname for W. B. Hodgins the other day. They customarily call one another by given names but when Hodgins announced his first name is Winchester, it promptly was shortened to "Windy," although he really isn't that way.

Since The Boss has found some scientific backing for his theory that a man can think better with his feet higher than his head, we are wondering if he is going to fit out the editorial staff with spurs to keep their feet from slipping off the desk tops.

S. C. BOSWELL has a reputation for being an expert at sleeping while riding. It is said that he can snatch a 30-minute nap while sitting perfectly erect in a moving motor car and never slump or wobble.

From the country correspondent column of an exchange: "Silas West took his children to Ada Wednesday where the children will undergo a tonsillectomy." Sort of a family affair, we presume.

L. A. NANCE, who owns all those big busses that run out of Ada in a half dozen different directions, is one man we've never seen driving an automobile.

It doesn't mean anything unusual but on one of the windows of the law offices of C. F. Green is his name and on the other is the word "lawyer," making the sign read "Green Lawyer." In his case it means simply Lawyer Green.

SNAPSHOTS Lloyd Parker proved his ability to blush has not lessened with the years the other day; he went into a store to pay a bill and discovered he had left all his money at home. . . . Dr. B. B. Dawson used to be mayor of Asher when that was one of the thriving cities of this section. . . . Bufford Howard's only regret at the termination of his career as backfield man on Ada High and East Central football teams is that he never did get to make a touchdown. . . . Byars Chapman and Officer Henry Jeter were called down for failing to remove their hats in the district courtroom last week. . . . Clyde Click says he has read Byron Norrell's editorials about a knocker and a booster so long he is afraid to complain even when he has a conscientious reason to do so.