

# CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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THE FOLLOWING is quoted from a humane society publication which recently came to hand: "We are told that a premium is being paid for dehorned calves. By this is meant calves the growth of whose horns has been stopped before the horn has really broken through the skin. This can easily be done with scarcely any pain to the calf. We know this from our own personal experience. \* \* \* and "If the women who indulge in footwear made from snake and lizard skins knew the horrible manner in which these skins are secured \* \* \* they would end the traffic. We dare not describe the process by which snakes and lizards are robbed of their skins. It is too pitiful and distressing to print in a paper read by so many sensitive people \* \* \*." We have concluded animal lovers are about the most industrious persons in the country in seeking justice wherever they feel a wrong has been committed against a dumb animal. Nearly a year ago a mare was found hung by her neck to a persimmon tree with a piece of barbed wire in this county. The unusual method of killing a horse by "lynching" resulted in The Associated Press and newspapers all over the country carrying brief mention of the incident. Letters came to county officials from Oklahoma, Kansas and elsewhere urging prosecution. One Wichita woman complained her whole neighborhood was torn up and that her nephew couldn't sleep at night because of it. A conviction and one year sentence was recently returned by a jury which heard the case. Letters began coming in again. A card from Norfolk, Va., signed "An Animal Lover" expressed regret that the offender couldn't get "the same treatment as that poor horse"; humane societies wrote county officials for "full details for our records" and one in Albany, N. Y., wrote The Ada News by air mail and enclosed stamps for papers carrying reports of the case. Many a crime of worse consequence has been committed in this county but few have attracted as widespread interest.

After hearing some current orchestras playing "our own special arrangement" of some recent "hit," one can't help wondering if they didn't make the arrangement because of inability to play the music the way it was written.

THE PERSONAL wishes of a woman state official resulted in the changing of the location of a stairway and an outside entrance to the new girls' dormitory at the college here after the working drawings had been halfway completed. The changes, necessary in order to enlarge the dining hall capacity from 225 to 300 persons, were made at a cost of about \$5,000 to other parts of the building. The woman's theory was that all 300 of the students staying in the dormitories would come to eat at one time. If the theory proves workable, the professors might arrange to hold some classes there while they have the students all rounded up.

It was nearly press time. The phone rang. An excited feminine voice inquired: "Is this the personnel department?" The editor, supposing the feminine voice had the wrong number, replied: "No, this is The Ada News." Then came the answer: "That's what I want—the personnel department of The Ada News. I have a local item to report for tomorrow's paper."

MACK M. BRALY can and will make a speech at any time on any subject. Monday night he got started on the city garbage disposal system at the Kiwanis club meeting. Fritz Hatcher interrupted to take issue on some point or other. The argument waxed warm. Then interposed Hugh Norris: "I've seen two dogs fighting over garbage lots of times but that's the first time I've ever seen two grown men doing it."

Efficiency Note: A movement is now under way in certain journalistic circles to substitute "Mns." for the abbreviation "Mr. and Mrs." It is estimated that the four-character abbreviation would result in a saving of 312 characters per newspaper page over the 12-character abbreviation providing the phrase was used 39 times per page.

MRS. ELLEN HURLEY was positive that she had seen Jeff Laird some place before when he called at her beauty shop for her ad. After several weeks she remembered. Two years ago Jeff was dragging a chain on a government map-making project out near Allen. Mrs. Hurley recalled that she had passed along the highway in a car and had seen him standing beside the road holding a chain. That's what we call a remarkable combination of personality and memory.

It's no secret, this business of getting along with women. Just brag on her cooking consistently.

IT MAY BE a trifle premature but already we find ourselves with a hankering for a severe case of spring fever.