

# CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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ROYALTIES from producing Pontotoc county oil wells very likely contribute to the support of some of England's royalty. There is no source available which can determine just how far and wide royalties on oil and gas production in this county is distributed but information on record indicates a far-reaching ownership. No public record is kept of the addresses of royalty owners after the purchases have been divided into small lots by the royalty dealers but real estate transactions include such names as Sir Philip Dawson, Sir Digby Legard, W. Bulkeley-Evans and Eric V. E. White of London, Eng., (possibly they are members of parliament). Other addresses include Philadelphia, Pa., Hollywood, Calif., Cranford, N. J., Los Angeles, Calif., and numerous other cities in scattered sections of the United States. Incidentally, some of the mineral deeds filed here show the owners possessing such fractional interests in the property as 4-2500, 9-5000, 1-1067.5 and the like. Maybe that's why local royalty dealers assert that the home folks make more on their royalties than the ultimate purchasers.

The government uses lots of zeros in reporting its spending but after looking over the resultant tax bill, one hardly can say "they don't mean anything."

CURIOS: Rev. J. C. Curry invited Clarence Massey to fill the pulpit for him some Sunday night but the matter was postponed until warmer weather when the meeting can be held out-of-doors in case the Methodist church auditorium should prove inadequate to accommodate the crowds. . . . Virgil Stanfield says he has seen few, if any, gypsies that he didn't suspect of being guilty of some law violation but he never saw one convicted of a felony and never knew of one being in a penitentiary. . . . Ed Nelson is as "lost" as anybody can be since his pal Dad Fentem has retired to the hills of Arkansas for a needed and well-deserved rest. . . . John Crawford says "legal advice given on credit is not to be relied upon." . . . John Skinner thinks there aren't many persons in Ada his age who haven't attended a Methodist Epworth league sponsored by Mrs. J. M. Keltner at some time or other during their lives.

Too many motorists think that the use of politeness and courtesy is limited to filling station attendants.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH: Allen Hensley writes: "This is the coldest winter Evansville, (Ind.) has had in about 20 years, they say. Anyhow the river was all jammed up and the people sort of morbidly expected the ice to take off a goodly portion of Evansville at the bend of the river when the flow began. Yesterday the ice broke loose. Thousands of people were down to see. The ice floated peacefully down the river — It would have been a swell crossing for Liza!" . . . From Claud Bobbitt in New York state to Carl Stanfield: "This is the last winter I'll ever spend in this cold country." . . . And from Battle Creek, Mich., comes the information that Mr. and Mrs. W. V. O'Connell are the parents of a second son.

A man doesn't have to be very old to wish he knew as much as he did when he finished high school.

"I GUESS there's a lot of jealousy down there about the number of marriages I gets," explained D. W. Hightower, high potentate of Ada lodge of God's Obedient Replenished, negro organization, as he sought duplicates of two marriage licenses at the court clerk's office. Ralph McMillan, deputy clerk, obliged the elderly minister, who asserted that someone had broken into his house and stolen two marriage licenses which had not yet been returned to the couples married.

The cartoons being sent out by the state highway commission in the interest of motoring safety look to us about the way we imagine a road looks to a drunken driver—rather wobbly.

THE FAVORITE kite flying place for Ada youngsters this spring seems to be the Fourteenth street viaduct over the O. C. A. & A. railroad, which, to our notion, is the city's windiest spot. It isn't even necessary for the boys to run with the kites; they just toss them into the air and the draft which sweeps down the cut is sufficient to keep them there.

It is said that women are particularly susceptible to remarks such as "You look ten years older," but if you want to deflate a man's ego, just remark "Yeah, I heard that quite awhile back" after he has told you a story.

A LOCAL INDIAN youth pleaded guilty in district court to the theft of a couple or three bantam chickens. The court sentenced him to serve two years for the crime. "Whew, I wonder how long he'd give me if I'd stole a turkey," he remarked as he returned to the jail.