

# CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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SEEN AND HEARD: An unknown man from down in the county paid tribute to the late Dr. Davis Breco by saying: "He was mighty good about coming out to the house when we were sick even if we didn't have any money" . . . . And the same thing might be said of many other members of the local medical profession. . . . That pushers of the pneumatic tire equipped wheelbarrows on the Aldridge hotel job seldom have to worry about flat tires. . . . Two negro "gals" sitting on the stairway in the county court house attracted an audience as they proficiently rolled Bull Durham into cigarettes and puffed as nonchalantly as a debutante at a bridge party. . . . Raymond Woods, formerly district court reporter here and now located at Poteau, almost unrecognizable with his cigar, white trousers, dark shirt and mustache.

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While we think of it, we might inquire where is the wave of prosperity congressmen asserted would follow cash payment of the bonus? Perhaps the Vets haven't yet decided which advice to take on "How to spend your bonus." Anyway we're glad they have it.

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NE PLUS ULTRA or words to that effect might be used to describe the 160th F. A. national guard band here. Major Fred Schreiber, director, says "We're going to have a better band to go to Fort Sill this year than we had last year." When we reminded him that his band last year was accorded highest recognition at the last encampment, the major explained: "Well, we'll just get first again this year. That's all."

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"A dairy barn to cost about \$15,000.00 will be constructed at the state hospital for negro insane at Taft" says a News story. The cost of the project might lead one to believe one of the inmates suggested it.

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THE FOLKS in the county welfare office were having a lot of fun trifling with the curiosity of their visitors. On a table in a prominent place was a large cardboard box. When a visitor (or victim) arrived, some one would casually mention "the rabbits in the box". Curiosity invariably inspired a peek—and a startled

jump backward. Only a few bothered to take a second look to see if the big rattlesnake, posed in a striking position, were real or only stuffed. (Columnist's Note: The snake was stuffed!)

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In spite of what some may think, the first name of Rep. Lemke, the Union party's candidate for the presidency, is not Frazier.

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E. S. WAGONER, the Republican member of Pontotoc county election board, reveals that his calm acceptance of the "things that are and must be" enable him to work in perfect harmony with Vester Meharg and J. O. Abney, his Democratic colleagues. By way of elaboration, Mr. Wagoner said: "A Democrat is like a cross between a chigger and poison ivy—no good on earth but a constant source of irritation."

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Pre-World war observation by Elbert Hubbard: "The indiscriminate giving to the poor was a mistaken policy. It tended to make poverty perpetual. Now we aim to give just one thing and that is opportunity. \* \* \* Charity and piracy are things of the past. They were always closely akin, for pirates were very charitable and ever in their train were troops of sturdy beggars. \* \* \* Give us this day our daily work and we will earn our daily bread."

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ABOUT NINE MILES north of Ada Rodney Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens, is doing his best to keep up with his famous relatives—the Dionne quintuplets of Canada—even if they are older. At 14 months Rodney weighs 34 pounds and is "not fat". He weighed 17 pounds at three months. Mrs. Stephens' father is an uncle of Oliva Dionne, father of the quint.

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Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon has written a rimed appeal to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh to return to the United States. After reading the poem, one Ada man commented that possibility of future efforts at poetry by Jafsie might have a discouraging effect on Lindbergh's requested return that would more than offset the appeal.

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DR. EDWARD HOWARD GRIGGS, famed lecturer, is to return to Ada for a series this summer under the auspices of East Central college, we note. Dr. Griggs dropped a remark on his last visit that stuck in our mind: "It is admitted there are more fools than wise men and more ignorant people than cultured persons. Therefore, if a democracy is the rule of the majority, it means simply that the fools rule the wise and the ignorant hold sway over the cultured."