

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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ONE OF THE TWO sons of Ada's first mayor was an Ada visitor last week and his visit recalled to the minds of the old timers with whom he talked many interesting facts concerning early Ada. The visitor was H. A. McKnight, of Fort Worth, son of George McKnight. He came to obtain a portrait of his father, painted nearly 30 years ago by Dr. Charles A. Thomas for the Ada Masonic lodge of which Mr. McKnight was Worshipful Master. Incidentally, Dr. Thomas used to wield an effective paint brush at intervals during his career as a photographer. He later became a veterinarian and now operates a large concrete pipe manufacturing plant. Mr. McKnight, the elder, died in Wetumka in 1911. Another son, George McKnight jr., is employed in Texas by a railroad.

From Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, Judge C. O. Barton sends us a postcard picture of a great, big, old brown bear and writes: "A kinsman of this big brute ran me off from a nice string of trout I had caught and gobbled them while I stood afar off and watched. Lots of elk, deer and moose. Not allowed to shoot. Mighty cold here." (Note that last sentence.)

EDUCATIONAL NOTES: An Associated Press dispatch coming into The News office referred to the "state board of agitation"; it later was corrected to read "the state board of education". . . Dr. A. Linscheid says: "I, too, would like to be a reformer from a distance. I could easily tell Hitler and Mussolini what they should do but to go down and clean up any undesirable situation in Ada is a horse of a different color." . . . From Allen comes news that Leroy "Bony" Matthews is to be coach there during the coming year after a successful tenure at Francis. He writes: "If anyone comes along and hollers for a football game this fall send them to me. I can't find enough teams to play. Sit under the fan and write news while I slave." (What fan?)

If television is going to be as hard on the eyes as a lot of radio programs are on the ears and nerves, we're "agin" it.

AN ACQUAINTANCE whose name we shall not mention, reports on the drought conditions in Ada. "Did you know," he volunteered, "that night before last there was only one bootlegging joint in or near Ada that was open—I mean outside of these highpriced places on Main street?" Then after an elaborate account of the symptoms that created the demand for "medicine" he added that the place he found open had only one pint of orange gin and six half-pints of lemon and lime gin mixed. That, we think, is a great compliment to our law enforcement bodies.

The News pressman informs us that two tons of paper will be required to print each of the several 16-page sections for The Ada News "Progress Edition" on September 6.

ADA IS FAMED as "The Friendly City" but its residents will have to hustle to beat those of Konawa, our neighbor. . . . That busy little city across the river makes anybody feel at home. . . . We even found, on a visit last week, one gentleman (Druggist Gordon) who admitted that he reads this column. . . . Konawa has an excellent school system, two banks and lots of other things ordinarily not found in towns of 2,000 population. . . . Konawa is an Indian word meaning "bead". . . . Jim Burgess, a Seminole Indian living near Konawa, is enrolled on government records as Jim Davis but his brother, John Burgess, is enrolled as John Burgess.

Appropriate Names Department: J. W. Bolt is a hardware man in Konawa; L. L. Leasure of Byng has plenty of leisure, being employed to work six hours each day by the Hazel-Atlas Glass company of Ada.

THE GERMANS had good reason for discouraging participation of Jews in the Olympic games. The past treatment of that abused race by the Germans would give them an unfair advantage in the races, due to the additional incentive to run.

Too many public questions which should be moot are muted.

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CONVERSATION overheard between two negro filling station porters talking across the street: "How are ya doin'?" "I'm not doin' so good." "Don't you like it here?" "I b'lieve it'd been better if I never had come to Ada." "I like it here." "If I ever come back to Ada again it'll be down below."