

# CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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**RAIN TALK:** What's your prediction regarding rain or lack of rain? Mike Mount says he knows it's going to rain because a friend of his "who only bets on full houses, aces, straights and cinches" called him and wanted to bet that it would rain! Allen Stanfield saw some cattle playing in the field in the heat of the day and he started carrying his slicker in his car. Sherrod Ahrend added that he'll start carrying his overcoat when he sees hogs carrying sticks to make a bed, because that's a sure sign of a norther. Another Ada man says he's positive it's going to rain because "if it doesn't rain I'm going to leave here and I know darn well I'm not going to leave." Paul Denny predicted rain and then backed down on it because the air pressure maps he'd been following changed and he asserts there are nothing but low pressure areas to the north of us now. Our private theory, in which we haven't had much encouragement from scientific quarters, is that these drouths are caused by excess radio activity. In other words, the radio broadcasting stations are so active that the air is all cluttered up with ether waves, and this interferes with normal activity of the atmospheric conditions that cause rain. The basis for this theory is that we can't recall any serious drouths before the radio was invented.

**Page Mr. Hoover:** Ada is the busiest city in Oklahoma, bar none; but there's as green a crop of bermuda grass growing on the curb at the northeast corner of Broadway and Main as may be found in town. This picture is for the skeptical.



GRASS

SINCE OKLAHOMA CITY has been figuring on building a big

dam near Pontotoc to establish a water supply, there has been a considerable amount of favorable comment from Ada residents. While the attempt of the state capital city to buy Byrds Mill spring several years ago met with emphatic rejection, the revised plan is due to receive hearty cooperation. Fishermen especially are hoping that the project will carry through. There is no doubt that the water is available. The Arbuckle mountains offer the greatest number of large springs and represent the only real springs area in Oklahoma. We hope that Oklahoma City gets the desired water supply. Pure spring water should be welcomed by the O. C. residents, judging from what has been served us on visits there.

By now the public is also becoming familiar with the features of Mr. Landon's horse, quips the Nashville Tennessean.

JEFF R. LAIRD, vacationing in New York, jabs loose from a penny to post card: "I have seen every show in town, made concerts, baseball, grand opera, the Louis-Sharkey fight, the 'Queen Mary', etc., bought some chess men, worn out a pair of shoes and I'm still going strong. I plan to be in Ada August 30-September 4."

The San Francisco bridge is going to be something enormous, too, a package of pictures from C. V. Liggett, who went from The Ada News to The San Francisco News, indicates.

CLEM GIBSON doesn't like sheep, for reasons of his own. He explains them as saying that he once was living in the Texas cattle country when a boy. A neighbor employed him to look after 2,000 head of sheep while the owner went to serve on a grand jury. A month gave him enough—and more—of handling sheep. For one thing he says he could hardly turn around without some of the sheep getting off in some direction they shouldn't and for another thing, he had to take the gibes of the cattlemen as a sheepherder, no small matter in those days. Today, Oklahoma cattlemen realize the value of a few sheep and most of them keep a small flock as weed mowers.

Are you up-to-date on your politics? Then, without looking at your book or newspaper, rise and tell the class who Earl Browder and D. Leigh Colvin are?

MAN RUNS AMUCK IN DOWNTOWN CAFE, says a headline in Johnstor County Capital Democrat. The cafe probably had a nickel-in-the-slot music box.

O. K. (Oklahoma) Hammitt, ad compositor at The News, was born in Guthrie the day that Oklahoma became a state.