

# CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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## OUR OWN SPORTING WORLD:

Clarence "Red" Phillips, one of the all-time "greats" of East Central's glamorous basketball history, was loafing around the college gym the other day after he had finished his season as pitcher for the Detroit Tigers. He saw a basketball lying on the floor and couldn't resist the temptation. Dressed in street clothes, Red poised his 215 pounds gracefully on foot, dragging his right toe for balance, just as he used to do. "Two points," called Coach Mickey McBride. Red flipped. The scorekeeper chalked up the points for a perfect shot. . . . Mickey says Red had a mark worn out on the college gym floor by dragging his right toe getting set for those long shots that helped keep the Oklahoma Collegiate title at East Central for five straight years. . . . A challenge: Try to keep up with Doc Wadley for two hours some afternoon while he is running up and down field coaching the Ada high Cougars. . . . The East Central faculty tennis club has two more members with the addition of Dr. Strow and Harlow McCall this year; The East Central Journal ranks the members in the following order after the veteran top-notchers, M. B. Molloy, O. L. Parker, Edmon Low, Dan Proctor, Dr. Strow, E. C. Wilson, Harlow McCall, Dr. W. D. Warren, E. E. Heimann. . . . If you hear of an Otis Rogers going places on the O. U. football team, you might note that he is a brother of Shelby Rogers, formerly regular center of the college team here.

**Unusual Names Department:** Vernon Witt, Wewoka high school student, should be a whiz as humor editor of "The Little Tiger", school publication. . . And we imagine there's quite a race between Mr. Legge and Mr. Foote, competitive nurserymen, at Durant.

**STATISTICAL NOTES:** Just in case you, too, have been wondering about the size of this country called Spain, we pass on these figures compiled during a dull moment one recent rainy night. You could take the state of Texas (265,896 square miles), carve out a state the size of Oklahoma (79,057 square miles) and still have 1,056 square miles more than enough to cover Spain (194,783 square miles). The essential dif-

ference is that Texas is populated to the extent of 21.9 persons per square mile, while in Spain there are 147.4 persons to the square mile.

Lest you missed this item when it appeared in Boy Scout news last week, we note the Boy Scouts counted 3,001 houses within Ada's city limits and 284 immediately adjacent, total 3,285 houses. An average of six persons to the house (counting duplex and apartment houses as one), Ada's population is 19,710 persons. Five more coming!

**OUR CRITICAL EYE—**From an Associated Press dispatch: "She leaned from a street car window and was struck by a passing trolley car" (What if a tram car had been there, too!) . . . An up-state paper carries this health advice: "Abdominal muscles in—chest up—head straight up—weight over toes—this is the proper standing position, hold it 20 seconds, repeat six times". (Then resume normal posture, we presume) . . . A two column 24 point head in New York Times literary section read: "Gov. Landon State Reasons for Roosevelt Attack."

One thing which helped Joseph Eldridge to decide to establish Ada Bus company was this sign of Ada's growth: "When I first came to Ada prospecting," he said, "I found just any number of people who couldn't give me certain information because they had been here only three, four or five years. That convinced me Ada is a growing town."

**ADA PEOPLE IN PRINT:** A recent issue of The Oklahoma Teacher published "Young Artists Paint Murals At Ada" by Daisy Heard, formerly of The Ada News staff, now of Austin, Texas, as a reprint from The Ada News of May 3, 1936. . . . We read H. R. Antle's "Interpretation of Seminole (Indian Relationship Terms)" in the latest Chronicles of Oklahoma but so many of the words looked like the ones we write when we get on the wrong row of the typewriter keyboard that we didn't get much out of it. He has another article prepared on some Indian caves near Canyon Springs in southeastern Pontotoc county. We visited the caves with him last summer and plan to make another journey to the historic spot when opportunity presents itself.

Present indications are for an early winter but we don't want any squawks out of those who yelped all summer about the terrific heat.

**AMBROSE SEXTETTE,** who takes his politics at the curbstone, says it wouldn't be anything but right for Mr. Roosevelt to pay the expenses of Mr. Herbert Hoover and Mr. Al Smith while the latter are out campaigning for Landon because they will get so many more votes for Roosevelt.