

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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POLITICAL CHATTER: Election returns will be reported over a long period of time after Tuesday's voting and it may be from 24 to 48 hours after the last ballot boxes are closed before the outcome is known definitely. This is partly attributable to the difference in time of closing precinct polls, ranging from Georgia rural boxes which close at 2 o'clock Oklahoma time to Washington boxes, closing at 10 o'clock Oklahoma time; add to this the fact that some precincts may not be reported for from one to 24 hours and it is easy to see why a complete report will not be available immediately. . . . Two states have to use an almanac to know when to stop voting; they are North Carolina and Florida, which close precinct polls at "sunset". . . . There are no indications that Col. Knox will get a majority vote in Knox precinct of Pontotoc county. . . . After hearing a couple of local men engaged in a political argument, one is inclined to believe that the effects of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, eaten by Adam and Eve, are wearing off in these succeeding generations. . . . Unusual Names Department: Lewis S. Redwine is Prohibition party candidate for congressman-at-large in Oklahoma. . . . Paul Denny reports he heard 16 political speeches in one evening on his radio; and still radio stations boast of their "high class programs". . . . From San Francisco News: "Landon will make a great finish", says the GOP national propagandist. Lacquer, or mere weak stain?

Mrs. Wally Simpson resents "all the nasty things" American newspapers have said about her in connection with her affair with the king. From our point of view, the worst thing the press has done to her is to print her pictures.

ADA'S BANKS ARE GETTING double protection from the storm doors they put up each winter. Designed to protect the banks from wintry blasts as customers come and go, the windowed entries serve as police-observation posts at night. Advantageously located as are the First National and Oklahoma State banks, the officers can stand behind the windbreaks and have a good view of goings-on for blocks approaching Main and Broadway and Main and Townsend. Of course, if the entries were equipped with a telephone, short wave radio set and a stove, they would be much nicer.

ADA'S POPULATION NOW is something more than 16,000 people, according to the names in a recently completed directory by the Interstate Directory company. As usual, the Johnsons, Jones, and Smiths occupy more space than any other listings of names. There are 269 Smiths, 15 Smyths and one Smithwick listed as compared with 135 Johnsons and Johnstons and a total of 122 Joneses. There is no John Jones and only one William Jones. The Smith "family" has a more decided tendency to duplicate given names, with six Charles Smiths, two Claudes, two Franks, four Freds, two George E. Smiths, three Jesses, five Johns, (three of whom are listed John W. Smith), three Mary Smiths, four Roberts, two Samuels, and at least 10 William Smiths, with William T., William L. and William O. duplicated and a W. Oscar Smith added for a trio of W. O. Smiths.

Joe (S&Q) Swan shouldn't have any difficulty in calling his dog to feed. The pet, whose breed is undefined, has four ears.

MRS. GEORGE BOWMAN, nee Thelma Roberts, who now resides in Honduras, Central America, explodes another banana fantasy Oklahomans seem to have. It is now pretty generally known that bananas are hung upside down in grocery stores but Mrs. Bowman still finds people who believe Central Americans pick the fruit off the trees and eat it. Instead, they harvest the stalks, and keep them for ripening beneath the house. . . . Her visit here reminds us that The News recently received a subscription for a man in Carpio, Venezuela, South America, which makes at least two customers we have down there. . . .

John Axton, for four years East Central kicking ace, now is coaching at Comanche, where he tutors J. A. Thompson (younger brother of Terrible Terry, the former Central star), who gets off punts of from 60 to 80 yards right along. Comanche won its last two games by scores of 49-0 and 77-0.

J. HENRY COLLINS, the lumberman, reveals that Ada's rapid building program almost brought on a shingle famine recently. A shipment arrived just after builders had used the local stock down so closely there was not enough to shingle a good sized house. . . . Willis Parry last week put up a new neon sign in front of Hensler's drug, taking down the first electric sign in Ada . . . then, too, brick sidewalks remain only in front of Gib Palmer's-Southwest Finance and Jeter's grocery since Contractor Jim Lewis ripped up the one where Jerry Clowers and Jack Duncan are going to put in a drug store.