

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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AMONG THE EDITORS: The Sulphur Times-Democrat pulled a neat trick to further sale of tuberculosis fund Christmas seals; in a page one box urging the campaign was pasted a real sample. N. L. Keith, preacher and former East Central student is editor (Incidentally, it would be SOME job to paste seals on each of The Ada News' daily circulation of more than 5,000 copies) P. B. Watrus, Stratford Star's guiding hand, is an example of patience; he recalls he came to Stratford 14 years ago "expecting Stratford to be in the center of an oil field in a short time and from all indications it will come true in 1937", adding that during The Star's lifetime the only business firm in that city that has not changed management, Goodwin & Son, has advertised in all but three of the 728 issues This sprightly headline appeared in a recent special edition of The San Francisco News:

Postoffice Posters Precipitate
Pertinacious Peace Protests
. . . Ramon Martin of The Ardmoreite wonders what ever became of the old-fashioned fellow who used receive a shaving mug with his name on it in gold letters for a Christmas present.

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Ambrose Sextette says he had a hard time convincing his girl friend that the government's social security program does not provide invitations to bridge parties and guarantee "dates" for those who want 'em.

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ANTIQUÉ WITHIN ANTIQUÉ: Digging into the library at The News office a few nights ago we uncovered a dust-laden copy of Mitchell's School Atlas published in 1849. It was wrapped in the sports pages of The Dallas News of May 25, 1913. In case you don't recall how much this country has changed since that book was published, these facts should remind you: There were 30 states, including the recently admitted Texas. The census figures given were the latest—compiled in 1840. Iowa, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio were listed as western states. The Texas panhandle extended to the Arkansas river in what is now Colorado and Kansas. Indian Territory included all of Oklahoma except the panhandle, parts of Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming. The Dakotas were divided between the state of Minnesota and Missouri territory

from the state of Missouri). New Mexico was a narrow strip running north and south west of Texas. The remainder of the west was Oregon territory and Upper California. The maps of Texas and Indian Territory designated a few towns but consisted mainly in notations of names of rivers, Indian tribes and "Extensive Prairies" or "Herds of Buffaloes and Wild Horses." The maps of Europe and Asia were vastly different than those of today. Africa mostly was "Unexplored Region", Great Desert and Ethiopia. The Ethiopia of which Selassie is or was emperor was known only as Abyssinia.

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It probably never will become more profitable to be unemployed than working but the continued avalanche of social security, old age pension, tax exemption and unemployment insurance legislation is causing some to wonder.

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HAROLD CONSTANT still likes turnips, we are told, even though he got enough of them to last a considerable period of time while he was with the A. E. F. in France. The Allies had captured a sector formerly occupied by Germans. The thrifty hunns had sowed the ground generously with turnip seed, apparently expecting to stay there for awhile. The Americans' rations were delayed and the turnips became a principal dish on the "bean table" in the U. S. camp for some days.

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The Christmas decorations in downtown Ada are something worth driving miles to see. The hundreds of varicolored lights strung across the principal streets, the additional decorations on store fronts, the myriad of neon signs and—well, those New Yorkers who think they have bright lights on Broadway just ought to come down and take a look.

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AND ANOTHER THING, while we're on the subject of New Yorkers, most of those jokes that Bob Burns is putting over so effectively and bringing the laughs from the elite back east are the ones we laughed at down here years ago. We ask you, now, who is the most backwoods?

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Pshaw, what's the hurry? There still are 16 shopping days left before Christmas.

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THE WORLD NEVER takes a man seriously: When he is 10 he is just a kid; when he is 20 he is just a college boy; when he is 30 he just is getting started; when he is 40 he just is getting set in his ways; when he is 50 he just is beginning to break; when he is 60 he just is getting old; when he is 70 he just ought to retire; when he is 80 it's just any day now; and when he is 90 he is convinced there ain't no justice.