

# CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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## THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER:

Fred (Lawyer) Andrews discovered a vast difference in Oklahoma and Arkansas on a business trip she took to Nashville, (Ark.) She checked in at the town's largest hotel, was shown her room and settled down. After a bit she decided to go out and discovered she had no key to the room. She applied to the desk clerk for a key.

"A key?" he asked in surprise. "Why, we don't have any key to the room. There's a night latch on there; you can use that."

"But I want to go out and I don't have a key to get back in if I use it," she protested.

"Well, I'm sorry, we just don't have any keys here," the clerk said. "We never lock a room here and we've never had anything stolen in 30 years in business."

Exasperated, the bewildered traveler chose to risk it. When she returned to her room, everything was exactly as she had left it.

Score one for Arkansas for honesty; that couldn't happen in Oklahoma!

Part of the edge was taken off Christmas for Gene Augustus last week when he received a letter from Prof. A. L. (Dad) Fentem expressing regret that he will be unable to attend the American Legion's Christmas party this year. Each year in the past Dad has helped Gene put over the program but he writes from Berryville, Ark., to say "if it were possible for me to leave the ranch at that time, nothing between here and Ada could stop me. I have a bunch of stock—mostly chickens—to look after and I am going to have to forego the great pleasure" of attending the party. Mr. Fentem describes it as "the greatest single enterprise in Pontotoc county for it breathes the spirit of peace and goodwill which oil fields, factories, etc., cannot inspire and that is the main thing, believe you me."

CONSIDERING THE NUMBER of Christmas and other bills that will beset the family breadwinner, it wouldn't be amiss to label the first of next month "Janu-worry."

Don't discourage your son if he wants to be a fireman when he grows up. The annual banquet last week convinced us they are well-fed at least once a year and the Ada department is going to get a new truck in about two weeks, besides.

**HOLIDAY SAFETY NOTE:** Since some motorists will insist on drinking and driving during the coming three weeks, reserve certain highways for drunken drivers and put them all on it together.

Ambrose Sextet opines there's nothing original about this Simpson affair, adding that women always have been a threat to peace in his life.

**SPANISH PRESS BULLETINS** report the "big attack" on Madrid has been delayed because of the weather. Our notion is that the rebels have been waiting for Edward to finish his abdication so they could get back on the front page.

Times are getting better. A New York writer reports it costs \$60 to have someone beaten up instead of \$40, as formerly, and even then there is no guarantee there will be any broken legs!

I. G. KILLOUGH'S 5-point antlers from the buck killed during the Texas deer season are rated as the best spread seen around here in some time . . . H. R. Antle, archaeologist, taxidermist, etc., insists Oklahoma deer are the "tickiest" he knows of and that he has been assaulted by ticks from deer in Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Wyoming and other states to give basis to his statement.

**Charity:** A woman entered a drug store here last week. She presented an order from a charity fund for \$4 or \$5 worth of medicine. The druggist filled the prescription. As the woman started out, she paused at the news stand and purchased 60 cents worth of romantic love story magazines. She paid for them from her purse.

A. A. CALDWELL, George Collins and J. E. Hall, Pontotoc county commissioners, deny any tinge of regimentation in their purchase of similar brown corduroy work suits; the new uniforms are neat and appropriate . . . Incidentally, we note Adolf Hitler is going to uniform newspapermen of Germany; American editors for years have worn suits that are emblematic of the "freedom of the press," but which are too nondescript to be identified as uniforms.

Late Christmas shoppers will have an easier time of it; they won't have such a wide variety of attractive gifts to choose from if they wait until Christmas Eve.

A HOST OF CONSTITUTIONAL amendments will be introduced in the new congress, says a NEWS item. That's nothing to worry about, though; history shows that a total of 131 amendments, a bill of rights and a declaration of rights were proposed by the 13 colonies as they ratified the original draft, the ratification being completed on May 29, 1790.