

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



If we could—
we would personally
say "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
to each of you.

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Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

More than \$6 billion had been loaned to veterans under terms of the G-I Bill for homes, farms and businesses, according to a Veterans Administration report for the end of

H. Y. Belk

AND HIS NEWS
OF NESTO VALLEY

Let me correct. I didn't say Bob McDaniel and his lady called to see me. I said Bob McDaniel and his Buddy, Lee Jenkins, called to see me.

Will Dixon is moving soon out to Mr. Wray Williams' farm on the Waco road, I am told.

B. J. Myers called to see your reporter Sunday.

Mrs. Belk visited in Charlotte Monday.

Let me wish every one a glorious Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear me—it's never so bad but what it could be worse—instead of your riding the Devil, he could be riding you.

Did you know the famous inventor of the cotton gin, Eli Whitney, went broke in an effort to protect his patents? But later made good by making guns for the army.

Do you know how long it Martin Luther to translate the Bible? Only nine years.

A girl member of a bike club says they ride because it makes their legs beautiful. We all like to see beautiful legs. Oh, Boy!!

Get in the habit of pleasing every body and you can go just about where you please.

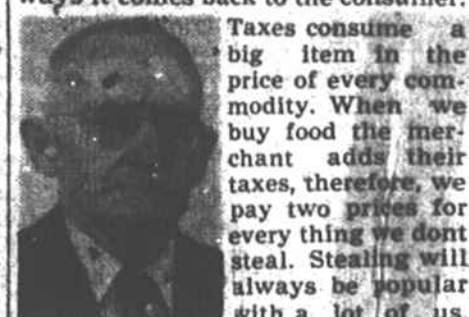
The greatest blunder our nation ever made was when they made diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. The biggest mistake of all time—Joe.

Longer skirts will make the women look taller this winter.

A clever young gentleman says

he's in such desperate straits that he's figuring on going to work, poor boy.

The consumer pays the bill—always it comes back to the consumer.



The big man seldom gets caught. The little man can't get by with what he hooks. The big man don't call it stealing—he just took it a-way from you.

Some things changes a great heap in a mighty short time in this fast age. I guess women change about as little as anything else in the Creation we are told woman was made after man and if you will believe me—she is still after him.

One thing about women—they can still think one way and talk another—just as good as ever.

When you come to think about Evolution it ain't such a wonder and mystery, because it takes Evolution a million years to change the shape of an animal into a man. A woman can change herself into a thing of beauty in fifteen minutes. Just one trip to the drug store after she gets out of the ladies ready-to-wear store does the trick.

A girl and a car are very much alike. A good paint job can conceal the years but the wrinkles will tell the story.

The woman who is all for herself is often all by herself.

We trust our many readers will excuse us for talking so much about monkeyites and politics. Maybe we didn't spring from either monkeys or tadpoles, but they have for years been trying to force their devilish stuff into our schools and colleges but its a lie. God created man for His own Glory, if we have made a mess of what he did for us.

Why some of the fair young ladies' legs don't freeze is beyond my knowledge these cold days. Mine all but freeze wrapped up good and warm.

Mr. Beeman the assistant secretary of agriculture probably never saw a farm in his life and don't know how to plow.

Why did he used to call the Republican party the Negro party? What's wrong with our Southern darkies? Nothing, no not a thing.

We appropriate money for everything and then take away the pitiful little sum called Pensions from our old people that are in great need and observe to live just like any other American. It may be all right to skin the poor but it don't look good.

I was just wonder if it is really so, a man I am told worth ten millions dollars is no happier than a poor boy with only one shirt, just newly married to the girl he loves. He knows he's got a half million tied up in that darling little wife. It's heaven so long as it lasts. But I'd rather first have the ten million and then hunt the dear precious little darling or let her hunt me—I mean my money.

I don't think it any harm to have money, but often money and that dear precious little darling we were speaking about both get gone. You are in a fix then. A poor man is not afraid of losing his money. If he

should lose his dear little wife, he can get another one very soon.

Well it's closing time. See you next week. Let's have a good time and spend all the money we can get.

You never thought I'd be a poet. When all our mortal days are gone my friend,

And we've come to the final end my friend,

It's not great wealth nor fame that will count my friend—

It's not the great victory we've won while on this run; my friend,

That really counts in life's battles my friend,

It's when the great judge calls at the final End and writes your name, my friend

It will be how we've played our part in life's games

my friend,

The Great Umpire will know then my friend.

According to information from the Federal Department of Agriculture rats and mice account for a loss of \$200,000,000 worth of grain in this country yearly based on the 1945 prices.

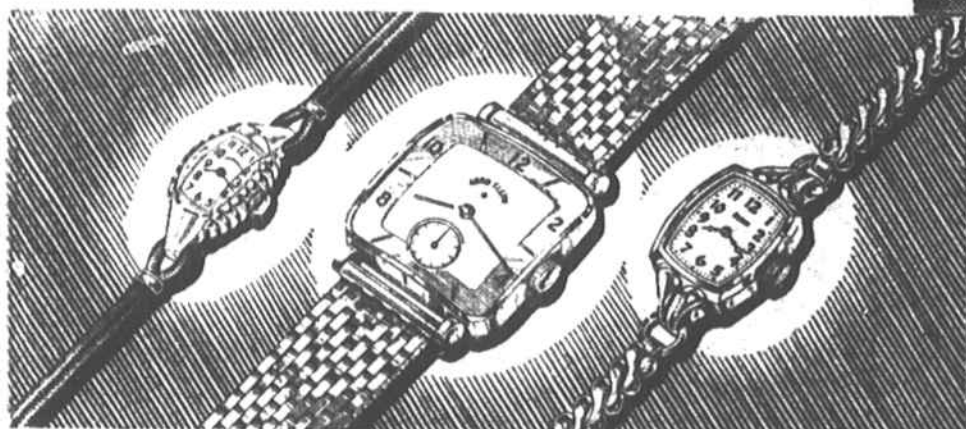
The agriculture of the state of Oklahoma is varied, combining the production of both the north and south. Corn, cotton and wheat are the largest among the many products of the farms of the setate.

The average World War II veteran served in the armed forces for about two and one-half years, Veterans Administration estimates.

O Joyous Day



Christmas—day when hearts are filled with joy and love's sweet devotion is expressed with thoughtful remembrances. This year you can give the gift that has been a Christmas tradition for generations—a beautiful, star-timed Elgin Watch. We have a few of these fine new American-made watches and we will show them to you with special pride.



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and a
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