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THE RHYME-FI-CA-TIONS

This collection of rhymes just sprouted and grew. One evening while I was watching TeeVee Ferdie came in to tell me goodnight. He said it in rhyme. After he had done this several times I asked him to write them down because I wanted to publish them. I had to convince him how much I enjoyed them. My anticipation grew stronger each evening as I waited for my rhyme.

As I read them I realized he is still an editor. An editor is a person who has an opinion on every subject. Topics were sometimes from THE DAILY OKLA-HOMAN, magazines, politics, events at Chrismas, love, religion and taking a bath in a wash tub.

As a proud father he wrote about our children, their children and their children's children. Naturally I I agree with all he had to rhyme about them.

You may wonder why he refers to me as "Millo". That names goes back sixty eight years to the time my younger brother was learning to talk. He could not say Mildred. When he tried it came out Millo. Many family members still call me Millo, especially my nieces and nephews. Aunt Millo sounds very endearing to me.

I noticed when Ferdie didn't have a word to suit the rhyme he coined a word, making the rhyme more fun to read.

A new dimension in life is a good thing to explore. So, Ferdie, keep writing. We enjoy what you have to say in rhyme or prose, as well as your opinion as an editor(retired).

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MILLO

I love my little Millo;
Millo loves me; she's my boss.
She cooks my favorite dishes-O
And feeds me applesauce.

HEAVENLY MUSIC

"Tis said the music of Heaven will be the sweetest, With musicians and singers rated the greatest.

We wonder what kind of music that might be: Huge pipe organs, angelic harps, choirs of glee.

Some prefer opera arias while others like classical, Maybe loud drums, bugles, or cymbals crash-ical.

What if a rock and roll band arrives up there
With guitars, many mikes, and loud amplifiers

Will unwanted music be disallowed up above Or ear plugs used to bar that we do not love?

TO YOUR HEALTH

For a life that is healthy and sunny
You need lots of time and plenty of money
Because dental and medical appointments
Run on many dollars and a few cents.

It is patients,, not doctors, who must wait
And woe to patients who show up late.
Doctors want their money instantly, too;
When one gets through, your bill is due.

RHYME TIME

Some might not like my poy-ems

Because they are not good rhy-ums;

But this is the best I can do 'em

Even they're not worth a di-yum.





PATIENCE

Pioneers in wagons waited days rivers to cross;

Trains made folks fidgety if an hour was lost.

Speedy autos stepped up the rate of travel

But small delays still made drivers unravel.

Jet planes really can set things humming

If they're not 15 minutes late going or coming.

Patience is a quality that does not grow

As our speed increases, don't you know/

We need a lot of it when a nurse says curtly:

"Undress. The doctor will be with you shortly!"

TIME MYSTERY

The cloudy damp days of fall

Have been called the saddest of all.

They're not bad if we prepare

By getting out our long underwear.

That's what our teachers taught 'em,

But what puzzles me about autumn

Is how days steadily grow shorter

Without our snoozing getting longer.

ROAD BLOCKS

Political candidates make promises galore

Assuring voters they'll get more and more;

Their platforms mention more services and less taxes

But as sure as the world turns on its axis

Their allies and foes have notions of their own

And will demand a say in whatever is done.

So Congress makes only slow motion progress;

Bureaucrats save their jobs by blocking success.









IMPRECISELY

The Bible says God created the heavens and the earth; Scientists deny that in a blast of mirth.

They argue that "just to be more precise"

A "Big Bang" created earth, men and mice.

Some figure that was five million years ago;

Others guess it was 100 billion years or more.

Life came from a single cell, is their story;

They can't duplicate it in a laboratory.

---But God can, and did!

BACKGROUND NOISE

Somewhere, some time when conversation was dull,

A manager played music to cover the lull.

The practice spread but we don't know the reason why,

Since it makes conversation difficult and dry.

Then a promoter saw easy bucks in peddling canned noise,

Telling cafes it would appeal to girls and boys

Amplifiers make the noise more raucous and worse

As to retail stores was spread the curse.

Taped noise muffles words on TeeVee and in movies, too,

Until we just as well as be playing a kazoo.

LIBRARIAN

Millo, the librarian, has lotsa books

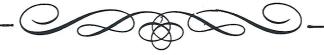
To match her abundant good looks;

But she really will be glad

And her hubby won't be mad

When she gets them all classified

And she'll have time multiplied.



DECICATION

TO MY WIFE, MILDRED, WHO IS ALSO KNOWN AS MILLO. TO OUR CHILDREN, CHERYL WILSON AND ROBERT DEERING AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO GAVE US OUR WONDERFUL GRANDCHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO HAVE GIVEN US SO MUCH PLEASURE THROUGH THE YEARS.

MAY THESE RHYMES TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONES TO GIVE YOU LAUGHTER AND AMUSEMENT AS YOU READ THEM.

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CHEERFUL GIVERS

It takes faith in God to believe

It's better to give than to receive.

Scripture doesn't promise to satisfy greed;

It assures those whose faith is real indeed

Such blessings that there won't be space

To receive them hardly any place.

God loves cheerful givers, who, no doubt,

Will have more to be cheerful about.

CONVENIENCE PHONE

The phone saves us miles and hours of travel,

In spite of tangled cords we must unvravel.

We have phones at desks, in the living room,

One by each recliner, others in bedrooms.

All will ring often when we're nowhere handy,

So we bought a portable phone; it's a dandy.

Alas, that didn't prove to be our salvation——

We forgot we'd left it in another location.

NICE NURSE

At 82, I have ailments a-plenty,

Not quite, but almost twenty.

One of them wallops me now and then

So that I have to give up and give in.

Millo does her best to ease my pain

And get me on my feet again,

Serving me soups, salads, and advice;

At such times she's even nicer than nice.

---And I appreciate her care.



DON"T BELIEVE 'EM!

Scads of experts have published their conclusions

About our nation's problems and their solutions.

One more observation may not be wanted or needed

And like most others, it may go unheeded.

So often those who seem to know the right track

Are not in official positions to think and act.

This standoff probably would occur more seldom

If folks didn't believe all politicians tell 'em!

CHRONIC FATIGUE

A medical researcher at a cost of millions

Has found a disease threatening jillions.

Now he needs another bundle of our cash

To seek a cure to stop it in a flash.

He offers no proof that folks desire to cure it

As many may find it more fun to endure it.

"Chronic Fatigue" is what he calls his success.

In the 1920s my Father called it "Laziness."

SATURDAY NIGHT

We had revered customs in the days of yore

That we may see again nevermore.

One was the regular Saturday night scrub

That we took in a No.3 wash tub.

That Saturday custom is not entirely obsolete

Altho' we may daily the soaping repeat.

Let's hope the bathing makes us all less meaner

Whilst the habit makes us so much cleaner.



CLEVER COOKERY

Our pioneer ancestors ate whatever they had And did not fall for every food fad.

Now, as of old, clever homemakers cook hubby's dishes So that he may eat just about what he wishes.

At least that's what MIllo does for her long-time man,

Although she claims to be retired from pot and pan.

Ferd hasn't retired from eating her cooking.

He will eat some of nearly anything

Except brocccoli, green peppers, spinach and stuff

Of which he delares he's alredy had enough.

* * * * * * REACTIONS

Farm folks have noted when temperatures change
Animals react in corrals or on the range.

Some get playful and others belligerent

As most attitudes seem to be different.

People respond to changes much the same

As many drivers get wilder and few turn tame.

Is the barometer or jet stream the cause,

Or is it a coincidental" just because"?

READ THE MANUAL

Man's discoveries and inventions are beyond numeration As new ideas are advanced in each generation.

God provided materials but few instructions

On how to plan and build huge constructions.

God gave man more specific directions

On how to live to pass His inspection.

Now man is in the Electronic/Space Age technologically
But most are still in the Stone Age theologically.

----People just won't follow directions1



TALENTED LADY

My Little Millo is a talented lady--On this subject I don't mean maybe!

She has manners, class, and good looks,
She's one of the world's finest cooks;

She plays the organ, reads lots of books,
Painted more pictures than we have hooks.

My Millo is all of the things a wife should be;
Best of all----SHE MARRIED ME!

POLITICS

As election campaigning drags to its weary end

Citizens of all parties should be glad,

As fiery orators are running out of wind;

There is no good reason for voters to be sad.

Those who win offices will be satisfied

And losers may wonder why they even tried.

YOUTH WINS

Stronger and younger folks have more fun;

Most can walk faster then I can run.

Smart ones can think more than I can remember

'Cause my mind is not as fast or limber;

People talk faster than I can listen,

So I don't even know what all I'm missin'.

TOO LONG

Some folks like long conversations;

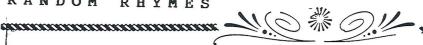
Others could listen from now on.

But things may be misdirected

When two long callers are connected.







MISFITS

If you can find a suit or shirt just your size You should feel you've won a jackpot prize. It's not easy to find "Large", "Medium", or "Small" Now that labels claim "One Size Fits All." That might be true for the fashion fad crowd For whom only sloppy dress is allowed. But for folks who like to dress up neatly, The opposite is the case completely: ONE SIZE FITS NOBODY!

* * * * * A VIEW ON TEEVEE

A great invention is TeeVee For things you want to see, For those who have a cause to peddle Or who have a quarrel to settle. But people who absorb TeeVee news Also imbibe newscasters' views. Technology is decades ahead Of TeeVee programming dead. Sports is a thing TeeVee does best' There's little good in the rest.

RETIRED

A situation that could cause dizziness Comes when you're out of business. It seems we have as much to do as ever; It's hard to say "Not now!" or "Never!" There are errands to be made, Merchandise bought, and bills to be paid. It's enough to drive one out of retirement If work were not the main requirement.



INCOMPLETE SUNDAY

Sunday just isn't commplete without church

But sometimes we are caught in the lurch.

As God's people we need worship and prayer

Even when we cannot be there.

If we hear a good sermon on Tee-Vee

It's still impersonal for you and me.

We may be early, we might be late,

It's better if we can participate.

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HOW TO SLEEP

A good night's sleep is a blessing

When we are dreaming and resting;

Slumber can be elusive and wearying

If we are too tired or worrying.

Of suggested ways to bring on sleep,

Most effective include books too deep,

Soft music, TeeVee without its uproar,

Or a dull speech we've heard before.

PILLS FOR ILLS

For ailments of every description

Doctors can write another prescription;

Mostly for tablets, capsules, and pills

Which seem small 'til you get the bills.

Some produce results you can identify,

The purpose of others seems only to mystify.

So we gulp them down without explanation

Hoping they'll head off surgical operation.

HAPPY DAY

Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! This was the most happy day.
Millo got the Library shelves filled and Ferd's complaints stilled.
But the days seem to stay so busy that we still may get dizzy.



"Tis said life is like a big hotel

Where folks check in and stay a spell.

Every day some worldly guests check out,

To seek better accommodations, no doubt.

Heaven is for those who know the Saviour,

Not just for good or bad behaviour.

We may be surprised in that land so fair

At who is and who isn't there.

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ADVICE

It's seldom safe to give advice

Even just to be kind of nice;

It's risky to tell how to cure a cold,

Choose a dentist, or a lawyer bold.

Whether things turn out wrong or right

It safest to keep lips buttoned tight.

I'm not going to tell you twice:

Take my advice---don't give advice.

* * * * * ENJOY READING

We are dumfounded when an athlete finishes college

Without learning to read and write for knowledge.

Less publicized are those who read but don't enjoy it.

They are missing much if they only employ it.

from every age appear somewhere on a page

Experiences from every age appear somewhere on a page

That could make each of us something of asage.

Through reading we learn about past generations

And are better prepared for our destinations.

* * * * * HOW IT IS

Everybody should have a sweetheart
From whom they nevermore will part.
So I love Millo and Millo loves me;
That's how it was; that's how it will







EARLY BIRDS

Poor Richard's Almanac many years ago
Advised early to bed, early to rise,
Promising it would bring in the dough
Besides making us healthy and wise.

As years go by, early to bed has more appeal
But taxes take too much of our weal;
Early rising depends on how we may feel
With aches and pains from head to heel.

MILLO RETIRES AGAIN

Millo has finished her library chores;
She'll classify and label books no more.

For months she read mainly for the shelf;
Now she can read to enjoy herself.

Moreover, her time is her own
Except when she's busy on the phone.

That Old Man likes things this way--He will have more time with Millo every day.

THANK GOD!

It's nice to be young and dashing

But youthfulness is not everlasting.

One of the greatest joys of life

Is recalling years with your dear wife

And sharing pride in the family you've raised;

You're abundantly blessed and God be praised!







CHRISTMAS KIDNAPPED

For centuries, Christmas, as the name implies,

Was celebrated as the nativity of Jesus Christ.

Although sacred, soon it was a popular holiday

With addition of Santa Claus, and play,

Christmas trees, gifts, toys, and elves,

As we honored one another and ourselves.

Now the anti-Christ moans in accusation:

"What's Jesus doing in OUR celebration?"

INFLATION

We thought the U.S. Mint made all the money

But that's a joke that is not funny.

Politically motivated inflation has boosted prices

So that any purchase could cause a crisis.

We now have to pay at least a dollar

For "a dime's worth," no matter how we holler.

Politicians have come out ahead in this stew--
Congress says it can spend your money better than you.

BACK AT THE EASEL

Millo has started her oil painting again,

A hobby that produces beauty without pain.

Although she has pictured colorful scenes galore,

She's not satisfied; she always wants more.

Her works would look well hanging in a shop

Because their quality is right at the top.

Like many types of fancy, gourmet cooking

Oils give pleasure in the doing and in looking.







PAPER IS A CHALLENGE

Big Sunday newspapers are a challenge to their readers

Telling good news and bad about our leaders.

Electronic media tell some of it in pictures

Between commercials in limited time strictures,

While newspapers add more and more pages

To publish news stories and ads for all ages,

And describe the vast variety of goods and wares

That you can buy without going anywhere.

CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS COMING

Christmas seems far away in the spring

When new life makes you want to sing.

The sports seasons drag by, overlapping;

Soon it's a day for Thanksgiving.

Short weeks later Christmas is here,

Then we are greeting "Happy New Year!"

Thus the years roll swiftly by

We rapidly grow older and wonder why.

REST RATIO

In our youth when life was new and bright

We could work all day and play at night.

As middle-agers we quickly decided

Our time should be better divided;

It took longer rest to do our best

And perform our many chores on request.

The ratio changed again with our rusty knees;

A day's activity now demands two days of ease.



NO NEED TO SHOUT

Before electronic PA systems amplified our words
Orators spoke loudly and clearly to be heard.

Although today's platform speakers 'round about
Have microphones, they still yell and shout.

TeeVee announcers shake their fingers in my face,
Argumentatively, arrogantly, and crass.

If what they say is important, they need not shout;
I'd rather listen calmly to see what it's about.

WALKERS

Any hour you may meet Marchers in the Mall,

People who do not seem to be shoppers at all.

Grim and determined to keep their steady pace,

Even friends scarcely look you in the face.

Their precise routes and chosen rates of speed

May do something for their health they need.

Yet it must be boring not to stop and talk

But just walk, walk, walk, walk, walk, walk.

BORDER WARFARE

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Jews and Arabs still fight over The Promised Land,

Setting a pattern of strife on every hand.

Water, land, power, and wealth are primary aims

As tryants brutally advance their claims.

Wars go on; it looks like they'll never cease,

While people long for jobs, freedom and peace.

Weekly we have names of new nations to learn,

And cartographers have obsolete maps to burn.



HYPOCRISY

We, the people, deplore driving while drunk

But our actions make that look like bunk.

Millions of drivers imbibe in numerous bars,

Then head tipsily to drive their cars.

Gas stations push beer in bottles and in cans;

Teen-agers buy it to drink in their vans.

When drunken drivers cause a fatal crash,

Some respond: "How sad! Pour another glass."

HUNGER

When God created man and all of nature

He provided for food for every creature.

Most have to catch whatever they eat;

Man was told to work to fill his plate.

Hordes of people do no work and do little good,

Producing children for whom there is no food.

Our planet could produce plenty for its population

If loafers would go to work in every nation.

QUESTION

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One man succeeds in business and at home;

His children are upstanding and do not roam.

Another experiences many kinds of trouble galore;

Ills accumulate 'til there's room for no more.

One may thank God that he has been so blest;

Another may blame Satan for being distressed.

But why do good folks sometimes go ker-flop

While evil, godless people come out on top?





CHOOSE HAPPINESS

In conversation a preacher and an editor agreed

Lack of motivation perpetuates poverty's need.

Some seem to be born to do things and even be great

While others are disposed just to sit and wait.

We may be blessed with a nature always to be glad

We may be blessed with a nature always to be glad

And no one is doomed for life to be sad.

Fortunately, we may choose to follow God's happy way And enjoy His promised blessings day by day.

* * * * * COMPUTERS ARE CUTER

Our lives are regulated by computer;
In theory, nothing could be cuter.

They perform hard tasks at lightning speed
Printing it faster than folks can read,

Providing clerks push the right buttons;
Othewise the high speed goes for nothin';

In that case, you figure it just as quickly
With plain, old-fashioed arithmetic-ly.

* * * * * * WEATHER OR NOT

Before we had "wind chill index" zero weather was zero;

Now a zero blizzard WCI may mean twenty degrees below.

With fancy scientific gadgets, the jet stream, and

Expert weather prophets anxious to lend a hand,

As always, weather seems to have a mind of its own.

When forecasters miss, we may moan and groan

Because sudden changes tend to make us doubt it,

And still "Nobody does anything about it!"

THANKS!

When I asked Millo to become my wife

We had no idea what lay ahead in life.

The unforeseen wisdom of that action

Has brought us decades of satisfaction.

We didn't marry for money; we had none.

We married for love we had by the ton.

We thank You, Lord, for our growing family

And all other good things coming from Thee.

AMEN

THE REAL MEANING

Christmas has many different meanings

Depending on each person's leanings.

Merchants may spend the day counting their mon;

Children appreciate the presents and the fun.

Others spend the holiday eating and drinking;

Few use the time just for thinking.

Christians enjoy peace amid the world's strife

Because Christ brought them eternal life.

MAIL CALL

Has your postman been passing you by

When leaving letters for another guy?

There are easy ways to attract "pen pals"--
Order something from a catalog by mail;

Subscribe to a periodical publication,

Or contribute to some organization.

They may swap until all have your address

And you call a trashman to haul off the mess.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Happy New Year" is a gracious greeting

Used as Old and New Years are meeting.

It is an expression of faith and hope

That in coming months we will ably cope.

We ought not to worry about what's ahead

But trust in God for our daily bread.

As days go by, the good we may do

Will make others happy and please us, too.

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AFTER THE BOWLS ARE OVER

[A parody on "After the Ball Is Over"]

After the Bowls are over, after the fans are gone, After the games are lost or won,

When the players are demanding more dough

And only the stars make it big in pro.

Many a heart is aching, after all,

Because somebody fumbled the ball;

Many the hopes that have vanished

For coaches who didn't win them all.

A GIFT OF TIME

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A friend gave me a date book for Ninety Three,

A whole year of unused time just for me.

Now the pages are unmarked, clean and white;

To fill them well is my duty and right.

Reviewing last year's diary, I'm not sure.

The business of living filled them and more.

When we thought we had some time for leisure,

Things always popped up, not alway pleasure.







RESOLUTIONS

New Year's Resolutions used to be regarded

As turning new leaves for which to be rewarded.

Often the new leaf didn't last long enough to age,

Showing no more than a calendar page.

Of course, everyone should have good intentions,

But for them to work, they need our attention.

Better than resolving once a year to improve

Is to determine daily to make that move.

RHYME ABOUT NODDING

Readers of books and newspapers often doze;

Do authors snore when writing their prose?

Do poets pen dreamier rhymes in a trance?

Will workers grab 40 winks, given a chance?

TeeVee may cause viewers to droop their heads;

Drivers who snooze may wake up dead.

Church people may rest their eyes and nod

But not the preacher with a message from God.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Cost of higher education is going higher

As college degrees we all desire.

Better facilities and higher paid teachers
Should satisfy ambitious reachers.

Pleas that more money will better the schools
Have not produced according to rules.

Higher spending for higher education should do more
But in some ways it has lowered the score.







THAT LEFTOVER

I'm short on education about cooking

But have learned a few things by looking.

Names of foods may not tell what you're eating

As chefs sometimes come close to cheating.

A bigger household problem is what to do

With leftovers too small to divide for two.

One lone biscuit is too good to toss away;

Let it get stale and dump it another day.

YEAR'S END

Even tho' what's happened is history,

It's good to take a year-end inventory.

Chances are some mistakes you may recall,

Plus things you wish you hadn't done at all.

It's more pleasant to recall only good deeds,

Just as flowers smell nicer than weeds.

Plan the coming year to do something good

And don't let the "weeds" ruin your mood.

MISLAID BARGAINS

The day after Christmas sales proliferate

As prices are slashed for those who wait.

Merchants would rather bank less cash tomorry

Than to pay taxes and storage on inventory.

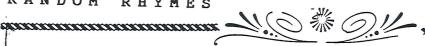
Christmas trees and decorations are marked 'way down

And thrifty shoppers can really go to town.

The smartest ones are those who will remember

Where they stored their bargains next December.





HAPPY FAMILY

A philosopher wrote simply, after meditation, "A happy family is but an earlier heaven." The reverse also might be just as true Considering troubles many families go through. We give thanks to God for blessing our brood, Making them loving, successful, and good. Blocks of marble memorialize some folks deeds; Our children are the only monuments we need.

CONGRESSIONAL TIME

Twice yearly we switch hands of our clocks Hopiing the sun will follow Congress' legislation; If we think that's true we're off the track, Because the sun is regulated by higher delegation.

THE ORGANIST

On the electric organ Old Ferd flails away Awhile almost every day on some days. He never plays in public lest musicians hear And stuff wads of cotton in their ears. People passing in the hall and nearby neighbors Overhear him struggling at his labors. He receives comments and requests on many days But he just keeps on playing anyways.

LOOKS WIN VOTES

The candidates in politicks Seem to see voters as hicks Who forget issues and truth When in the voting booth And vote according to looks Often electing clowns and crooks.



EASY TRAVEL

Today I've been on the go:

To the lands of Geronimo,

The big arch at St.Louis, MO,

To Copper Canyon in Mexico,

Out in space with an Astro

And from Chicago to Orlando.

In fact, I can go almost anywhere

Reading in my reclining chair.

* * * * * * OUR ARTIST

Millo might have become an artist greater

If she had started sooner rather than later.

When she began she took lessons and studied hard

To learn techniques that often win awards.

Videotapes become work, fun and a whole lot more

As she recorded and played lessons by the score.

Soon her paintings covered our walls everywhere,

Plus those of kin and friends here and there.

MY EPITAPH

Epitaphs may be more beautiful than true.

A poet visualized a cemetery where

Each had written his life's review

To replace what was chiseled there.

Some would reveal long hidden information

While others would make mourners laugh.

Would acquaintances recognize my inscription

If I wrote my own tombstone epitaph?

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ROBERT"S FAMILY

Robert's family really gets around

In the air and on the ground.

As numbers of planes keep multiplying

Robert helps them find room to fly in.

Brenda has pursued education near and far,

Flying to England to study peace and war.

David has made singing tours to Japan and USA

And now is in college acquiring knowledge.

Duane has been appointed a student ambassador

To Russia, next June to take a tour.

FAME IS A FLASH

When a successful person dies mourners praise his name,

Murmuring that he will always live in fame.

History books record names of perhaps one in a milliion;

Over centuries unforgotten are one in a billion.

Many hope that generations may share their passing glory

Until they search for an ancestor's hidden story.

The only way to ensure you will live in infinity

Is to follow God's road map leading to eternity.

* * * * * * RACISM PERSISTS

Under the law all races are the same;
Our actions do differences proclaim.

Many who pretend to ignore racial factions
Loudly demand "affirmative actions."

There are no color lines, they whoop,
But want "quotas" of races in every group.

Thus people try to justify whatever they prefer
Thinking what they want is always proper.





CHERYL

Our daughter, Cheryl, is a shining jew-ell

:There's hardly anything she doesn't do well.

With a Daughter, four Sons and Grand Children,
She goes at a pace that's bewilderin'.

While Dick keeps Conoco's oil and gas flowing
Cheryl keeps diets at six nursing homes going.

Active in her church, Cheryl reads many books,
And checks regularly on us Old Folks.

WHEN OUR KIDS COME HOME

When "Our Kids" come home, business perks up,
Whether it's briefly or there's time to sup.
We know they enjoy their home visits, too,
Because they show family love that's true.
There's more activity and a lot more fun
When our busy Grand Children also come along.
And we look forward to times like Christmas Day
When our Great Grand Children come to play.
Nevertheless, it's a well etablished fact:
Younger ones have energy we Old Folks lack.

THE MAIN THING

Again I sing you my song; it seldom is very long;
You've heard it all before, but listen now some more:
I love you! I love you! That's the main thing I do!

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AUTUMN DRAWS ON

It's usually colorful in the fall
'Til finally are there no leaves at all;
Then we know, as winter draws on,
It's time to put our winter draw'rs on.





CHANGE

Folks talking about a need for change

And how they'd like things to re-arrange.

Fact is, changes began in the Garden of Eden

As affairs moved up and down without reason.

We imagine that somebody else has things better

So we try to imitate them to the letter.

Changes may be good or they may be bad;

Often we wish we had back what we already had.

* * * * * * PILE THE PLATES

Breaking bread together aids human relations;

People talk while taking on more rations.

A common mealtime topic is meals we've eaten

To complain or brag of fine foods partaken.

Judging from casual view of people's size

Different types may receive varying supplies.

Overweight persons pile their plates up higher

While slender folks to more pounds aspire.

RADIONICS

Since the invention of radionics

We've watched the growth of electronics

In everything from credit economics

To typewriters and organomics

And when electronic gadgets go wrongic

It's enough to make one histrionic.

* * * * * * BREVITY



THE PHONE

The telephone enables us to talk any place
 Transcending infinite time and space.

It's how our nation' business is done,
 Plus social calls and those made for fun.

It brings us good news from family and friends,
 Delivers sad messages, and some that offend.

It is worst when playing recorded sales pitches,
 Or when boresome callers give you the twitches.

SHARE MORE, HAVE MORE

'Tis more blessed to give than to receive";

This is a creed for those who believe.

Others' ambition is to get more and more,

Ignoring what happened to fortunes before.

Using judgment, the more that you share

Somehow, the more you have to spare.

A proverb says "There are no pockets in shrouds,"

So learn to give and you'll be proud.

HARD-NOSED

It is nice to be gentle and polite:

It is easy when things go right.

Yet kindness and courtesy may not work

When dealing with a careless clerk.

Some people seem to hold the view:

That they may take advantage of you.

Unpleasant as it may be, getting things done

Demands being hard-nosed with such a one.







CASHLESS ECONOMY

Time was when people carried no money

Mainly because we seldom had any.

Now with handsome incomes and bank accounts

Many still carry only small amounts.

They write checks and fumble for IDs

As others in line twiddle and wheeze.

Plastic money might not be even that fast.

Cash buyers exist mostly in the past.

GROWING OLDER

Hernando DeSoto sought the Fountain of Youth.

Before he died he learned this truth:

Nobody lives long upon this old Earth

Without getting older from his day of birth.

All the while we must sit sadly by and molder

Watching our friends growing even older.

RERUN MOVIES

I saw a bit of a 1935 movie tonight,

With Bing and W.C.Fields in black-and-white.

Both looked very young 'way back yon.

We, too, were young in days long gone.

We have enjoyed many years together

And our love is younger than ever.

[in technicolor!]

A LAST RESORT

ELectric typewriters sometimes won't start
And persuading them is quite an art.
They're supposed to tell you what is wrong
But they have minds of their own.
So after hard work and reflections
We decide to read the directions.



FAMILY RATES

We were proud when in an athletic contest

Our Children or Grand Children scored their best.

As they matured we are more than ever pleased

That they showed how well they were raised.

Older ones have useful careers with mates

Whose dispositions, like their own, highly rate.

All are Christians with character and dedication

That to others may be examples and inspiration.

TALENTS

Talented people may be born to achieve;

Others are gifted more than they believe.

We admire those who reach goals by faith and hope,

Developing new skills to extend their scope.

Many attain less than they're capable of doing

Because the effort required they're eschewing.

Saddest of all are poor souls out of balance

Who ignore opportunities to use their talents.

GEOGRAPHY SHORT-LIVED

Back when the world and I were young
Geography was simpler and a lot more fun.

Miss Purvine didn't teach much about border changes;
We studied cities, rivers and mountain ranges.

Later we learned border warfare has gone on forever
Because evil rulers are greedy and often clever.

Now it's a waste to memorize names and places;
Soon they may have vanished, leaving no traces.

SMART GOALS

Education is costly but is a goal to be sought. Wisdom, too, is needed but it can't be bought.



The Apostle Paul urged Christians at Rome

Not to be conformed to this old aerodrome.

"Be transformed by renewing of your mind,"

He wrote, hoping clean ideas they'd find.

He didn't anticipate powers that daily plea

For recycled rubbish in print and on TeeVee.

Greedy operators make more mon rerunning bunk;

Repetition of trash fills us with junk.

OUR CHILDREN CALLLING

It's a bright spot in any parent's day
When children telephone and say:
"Hello, Mother! Howdy Dad! We had to call
And ask 'How are things with you all?'"
It's good to hear them say they're doing fine,
As other loved ones join the line.
Often they have good news to brag about
That makes us want to yell and shout.

REPAIR MAN

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When your machinery breaks down

And the wheels won't go 'round

Repairmen will fix what hollers

For something like forty dollars.

Ferd will fix whatever comes toward him

If you only room and board him.

JUST SKIP IT

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There are times, just to be frank,

When my mind draws a poetic blank.

So that I won't be counted absent or late

This is all there is for this date. !



FAMILY ANTHOLOGY

The family of Ferdie J. and MIldred Deering

Began in 1935, the Great Depression unfearing.

He was a newspaper reporter who hoped to do better'

Millo was a young Texas girl when he met her.

They moved to Oklahoma City and their family started,

Cheryl Beth and Robert Edward, both happy hearted.

When Cheryl and Dick Wilson founded their family tree

They planted a grove that's something to see.

Dick made his career in oil, Cheryl as a dietician.

A daughter and four sons made their family completion.

Steven Kirk was born with a generous loving heart,
An ear for music, and a talent for art.
In boyhood adventures he was Superman and the rest.
He found his niche as a silk screen artist.

Carrie Lynn seemed determined from the first

To help people by becoming a hospital nurse.

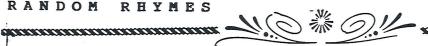
She married Randal Wakeman, a graduate engineer.

Andrew and Allison are smart as they appear.

Douglas Andrew always enjoyed doing things for others,
Including his parents, sister and brothers.

He and Terri, both therapists, chose Colorado to reside,
Where Luke Andrew has made them swell with pride.

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FAMILY ANTHOLOGY = CONTINUED

Kyle David showed leadership ability when young And people he meets are not strangers very long. Within weeks of receiving his college diploma He married Nikki and settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Clayton Cole never was one to follow the crowd; He went his way with his head unbowed. He is a good student at Oklahama University Where he enjoys studying life's diversity.

Robert is an FAA air space and procedures expert Who also is adept at making computers work. His wife Brenda has studied long and hard to qualify For a Master's degree after they had a family.

Son David James wanted to try his hand in sports, Music and hobbies of many different sorts. He now is working hard in his third year of college Studying how to communicate the world's knowledge.

Duane Jason is a tall, handsome high school student Whose talents toward music seem to be bent. He has been selected for next summer as part of a group To visit Russia as a student ambassador troupe.

Prospects are strong that this tribe will increase And additions to this saga may never cease.



HEALTH IS SCARCE

The only sinless man was Jesus Christ himself;
And perhaps the only perfect body as well.

Most babies are born innocent, pure and healthy;
Ailments quickly assail them, poor or wealthy.

Lucky ones escape major diseases until maturity;
Few stay that way until reaching futurity.

In fact, folks past forty have ailments a-plenty,
Which increase all the way past seventy.

DR. MILLO

When I am feeling bad and looking worse,
I call Dr.Millo to be my nurse.
This doctor is available night or day;
When I buzz she's there right away.
Her medical specialty is care of me;
She knows my case history A to Z.
If her cures fizzle, that doesn't stop her;
She just refers me to another doctor.

TEEVEE SNACKS

When a conversation starts with "Did you see?"

Prepare to hear a rave or pan of TeeVee.

Rabid fams of the tube can tell you all--
Politics, soap operas, and games of ball.

They listen to whatever's on, early and late,

Including midnight news to keep them awake.

While watching they manage the snacks to find,

Which may broaden the beam but not the mind.







Fashion designers are promoting more "casual dress."

Not easy for those already a misfit mess.

Designer clothing, even tho' sloppy, is expensive;

Rag bag choices cost less and are more extensive.

Oversize T-shirts, shoes that don't need tying,

And garments thrown on without half trying

Give wearers an aura of habitual carelessness.

Are their lives and work also such a mess?

A LONG GUESS

Scientists claim to be quite meticulous;

Yet some make the profession look rediculous.

Figures they use to calculate the earth's age

Are as jumbled as a Congress budget page.

They denounce the record of God's creation,

Putting faith in their own imaginations.

A space scientists says in a few million years

Planets will grow where a star appears.

[P.S.I'll just wait and see.]

WHENCE THE WORDS?

Curious people sometimes inquire

Whence come words for rhymes of fire.

Mostly you rearrange words used before,

Unless the rhyme needs something more.

Then you create a word that's necessary,

Or as a last resort, use the dictionary.







OUR ALBUM

Our Family Album helps us to remember

How happy we were when young and tender.

Snapshots reveal our Children's many talents, Work, play, and all the balance.

Our Grand Children's pictures add to delight, So active, so handsome, so bright.

Our Album shows how we have been blest, So we rate our family among the best,

POLITICS

We thought the U.S. mint made all the money

But that's a joke that's not funny.

Politically motuvated inflation has boosted prices

So that any purchase could cause a crisis.

We have to pay at least a dollar

For a "dime's worth" no matter how we holler.

Biggest factor in our high cost of living

Are burdensome taxes we must be "giving";

Politicians have come out ahead in this stew--Congress says it can spend your money better than you.

THANKSGIVING

Every day should be a thanks giving day

When we expresss appreciation and pray.

The Psalmist said it is a good thing to do, For all God's people, not just a few.

God blesses those who honor His Name--Daily bread and life eternal we may claim.

God gives opportunities and blessings galore: Without gratitude dare we ask for more?





COLD PHILOSOPHY

Old Man Winter holds us in his icy grip,

Causing motorists to skid and people to slip.

We have pleasant weather most of the time

But suppose it should always be sublime.

We wouldn't be happy with that kind of weather

Or all good or all bad of anything whatever.

We need variety in life to give us a test

That we may appreciate what is best.

EXERTION

One expects to get tired when working,

Planning, building, or soda jerking.

Even though we work willingly and hard,

We deplore the idea of getting tired.

Enthusiasm for exertion grows stronger

At play and we stay with it longer.

Attitudes may vary but this one will remain:

We don't mind how tired we get playin'.

BUSY RETIREMENT

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We moved to retirement quarters to get away
From tedious household chores every day.

What goes on around here could keep us busy
Until the whirl would make us dizzy.

There are exercise plans, movies, and painting,
Bible study, games of pool, and shopping,

Trips to concerts, gardening, sight-seeing tours.
If you have the stamina, they're all yours.

Do-It-Yourself projects haven't gotten in gear,
If we could do them, we wouldn't be here.







MONEY MANAGEMENT

Public officials like to raise our taxes

As they talk about cutting costs with axes.

They don't ask more for "pork barrel" projects

But use education and highways as pretexts/

We always face a deficit, and urgent need,

Or cutback in services, they loudly plead.

Should taxpayers put more in the pot

Before officcials use well what they've got?

WENERGY

We are endowed with energy for our deeds

But not always according to our needs.

We consume energy for work and for play,

And a lot of it is just wasted away

Kids have more nergy than most others;

Just ask their overworked mothers.

Older folks run short of energy first

And we usually need more the worst.

GREETINGS

We greet one another with happy thoughts

As the 'happiness is readily caught.

To friends and strangers we often say

"Good morning!" and "Have a good day!"

Whether we are sincere or merely polite

Such good wishes are always right.

Even so, unless we have a happy attitude

Our greetings may be as empty as solitude.





GONE SHOPPING

As we sat sippng our morning cup

"What's to do today?" wondered Ol' Ferd.

"Don't worry; something will turn up!"

Little Millo chirped like a bird.

By mid-morning "something" did appear

When Millo announced "Cheryl is here!"

And off to the shopping mall they went.

I'd guess half a day is not all they spent.

* * * * * * RECORD IDEAS

When you are in a crowd or at a dinner

Take along a notebook to pick a winner.

Record remarks that your thoughts provoke

Or serious: Skip those that are just a joke.

Your notebook may last for quite a pell,

As many talkers have not much to tell.

Don't waste energy recording stale nonsense,

Even tho' notebooks may be a small expense.

DOING GOOD

The preacher told us how

Christ went about doing good.

He also said we could do so now

If the Bible we really understood.

Actually I see it going on still

When I watch my magnamious Mii.

COLD FEET

There's an empty space in my bed

As you sleep elsewhere instead.

It could be because I'm getting old;

More likely it's because my feet are cold



