

The Frontier Woman —

Process of Building a Yard Is a Long and Costly Process—But Pays Dividends

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! For the love of spinach, will you look at the calendar! The last day of March! Before we know it, it will be tulip time and daffodils will be dancing in the breeze.

I can hardly wait for that time. Should have a few more daffodils this year as I understand they multiply very fast.

We invested in some new tulip bulbs last year to go with those we had I did have quite a quantity of yellow tulips and a rainbow collection of various colors, so too these we added a collection of parrot tulips and a few of the double, a more rarer variety Keizer room, Pink Beauty, Murillo, a Clara Butt, and a few of the very early Red Emperor. We would still like to add some Rembrandt tulips to our collection. And I still hope to have some hyacinths some day. I do have some of the grape hyacinths, a gift from an Iowa friend, but would like some of the other type.

Personally, when I grow flowers I like to have most of them the type suitable for cutting. I like flowers that I can bring into the house and enjoy, and during the season of flowers, I keep every room filled with them.

Tulips are so stiff-stemmed that they are not easy to arrange in most types of vases but we enjoyed them both cut and uncut last year. I had a few of the Fantasy, Parrot type of tulip. It's a truly a beautiful tulip and I think any of my readers who enjoy tulips would get full value from an investment in Fantasy tulips. Some day I hope I can afford to buy a quantity of daffodils for naturalizing, as they are among the very first of Spring's gifts and they do cheer our beauty and color starved hearts so mightily.

When a landscape specialist was in our community last year, I asked for help and suggestions for foundation planting around our home. We had already made a start using the Dwarf Leaf Spirea (Dwarf Ninebark) and Spirea Arguta, which blooms early, besides the Spirea Van Houttei which we are also using as a hedge in the south part of our yard. He recommended the Red Anthony Waterer which is a dwarf Spirea. It has red blossoms and we are going to use some

of these this year and finish up our foundation planting.

Rabbits did quite a lot of damage to the spirea we had out. I hope to have spirea blossoms for the house from those set out last Spring.

We have a large yard, part of which we do not have seeded, but hope to seed later when we have put down another well. The part of the yard seeded is enclosed in a Chinese elm hedge. In the Southern part of the yard, which is also fenced and is a separate affair, we are now making plantings of spirea as a hedge to inclose. We are using the Spirea Van Houttei type. This will not have to be clipped, or trimmed. The elm does have to be, but was chosen because of its fast growing properties.

The southern part of the yard incloses the Iris beds, tulip and daffodil beds, and the peony beds. These were used because they do not need to be watered continually. We also have some roses in this part of the set up, but they do not have enough protection from the heat and except in Spring, do not do very well.

The process of building a yard, maintaining it and adding to it as a long and costly process. It takes money and it takes a lot of work and water. But we felt entirely justified, for we enjoyed it so very, very much that its dividends in beauty and enjoyment have been priceless.

We do not wish to give the impression that it is either outstanding or particularly beautiful. It is very ordinary, but we enjoy it far beyond the bounds of its commonness. Any family owning their own place could do as much and most of them would derive the same sense of satisfaction from the investment.

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Subscription Winning Letters—

"A Happy Housewife, of O'Neill" wins one of our three-months' subscriptions today. She does not want her name revealed.

"Mrs. W. W. W., of O'Neill" wins the second three-months' subscription award today.

Dear Mrs. Pease:

I have read your column so many times and really enjoy it. We don't take The Frontier, but I hope this letter passes so we can. But I don't suppose it will, because I never was lucky in this way. I thought maybe I could give some of The Frontier readers some useful hints.

How to use left-over egg whites: (1). Make a meringue of your stiffly beaten egg whites, sweetened and flavored. It will substitute ably for the whipped cream topping that is a luxury of the past. (2). Make meringue shells by beating until stiff four egg whites, gradually adding 2-3 cup of sugar, then a little vanilla, then the last 1-3 cup of sugar. Beat until the mixture will not fall from a spoonful of it held upside down. Shape into cups on a baking sheet lined with wax paper, hollowing out the inside of the cup with the back of a small spoon. Bake in a very slow oven. Then fill with a lemon mixture, chocolate pudding mixture or a coconut cream filling makes a grand dessert. (3). Make cornflake macaroons by folding together 2 beaten egg whites, 2 cups of corn flakes, a cup of shredded coconut, a cup of sugar. Drop by spoonfuls on a buttered baking sheet. Bake at 350-F. for about 15 minutes until brown.

Sandhill Sal

Grandpa Knottall who lives down the road a piece says he doesn't know what this world is coming to. Grandma Biltmich has learned to fly a plane and every time she goes over grandpa's house she not only buzzes him, but also flips her wings.

Man has mastered every tongue in the world except two: his wife's and his mother-in-laws.

Add a few nuts if you like.

How to use left over egg yolks: (1). Make a pudding sauce by beating three egg yolks with 1/4 cup brown sugar, two tablespoons butter, a tablespoon of water and a pinch of salt. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, if at all lumpy, beat with an egg beater. (2). Make a gold cake using only the egg yolks which will give your cake a rich mellow gold color. (3). Fry the egg yolks in a frying pan when done, let cool, cut in shreds with scissors, and use as a topping for soups, or grate the cooked yolks and use as a salad garnish, or on canapes or as a little side dish to be served with chunney.

I'm sure this will be of some help to your readers as I have found so much good from left over egg yolks, especially after I have baked angle food cake. I always try to keep this little verse in mind and it helps a lot.

REMEMBER

Always remember to forget the things that make you sad. But never forget to remember, the things that make you glad. Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue, but never forget to remember, those that have stuck by you. Always remember to forget, the troubles that passed away, but never forget to remember, the blessings that come each day.

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"A HAPPY HOUSEWIFE"

Dear Mrs. Pease: I have intended to write to you for months and express my thanks for your very helpful and interesting column. To many of us, it's one of the highlights of The Frontier.

I do enjoy the recipes and helpful hints so much and I would like to pass on a couple of mine.

This quick coffee cake is at its best when eaten warm, and can be made, "after company comes" to be eaten with coffee. I've often had it ready to pop into the oven for then or on Sunday morning for a breakfast treat.

QUICK COFFEE CAKE
Sift together 1 1/2 cups flour, three teaspoons baking powder, and 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt,

3/4 cups sugar. Blend in 1-3 cup shortening. Beat one egg and add 1/2 cup milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Put half of the batter in a greased 8 by 10 inch cake pan, sprinkle with half of the filling and nut meats. Pour over remaining cake batter and top with the rest of the filling and nuts. Filling: 1/2 cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, two teaspoons cinnamon. Mix till crumbly. 1/2 cup nut meats, added. Bake in a moderate oven of 350 F. for 20 to 30 minutes.

One of my most used hints is burning a newspaper in the room to "burn up" odors of kraut, onion, etc. Its quicker than airwick, however, used with airwick, it's fine.

It's soon to be Valentine's day (This letter was written Febr. 12) and our two youngsters are making big plans. We are making cookies for one of rooms, cutting them with a heart shaped cutter and writing the name of each child, in frosting on the cookie. There will be three dozen to fix. Which reminds me I'd better not take up any more time or space this time.

Mrs. W. W. W.

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Eggs for Easter —

You may want to plan to make some gelatin eggs for Easter. If so make a hole about as large as large as a lead pencil in small end of egg. With long needle mix yolk and white so they come out easily. (Egg white may be taken out separately if desired, but yolk will have to be broken.) Rinse shells with cold water. Dissolve different flavors of gelatine, using 1 1/2 cups of hot water for each package. Fill egg shells with gelatine, using a funnel to fill. Set on end in egg container and chill until firm. When ready to serve, break away shells. Serve in nests of whipped gelatine or shredded coconut. Coconut could be colored green and used for nest eggs.

You may want to start saving egg shells for this now, so we gave you directions some weeks ahead.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

PURPLE PANSY TROOP

The Purple Pansy troop met at the public school lunch room on Monday, March 21. The Girl Scout troop wishes to give their thanks to Mrs. Ben Sanders for inviting the troop to visit their farm this Summer for an outing sponsored by our leaders. The next meeting was held in the lunch room on Monday, March 28. — By Carolyn Moseman, troop scribe.

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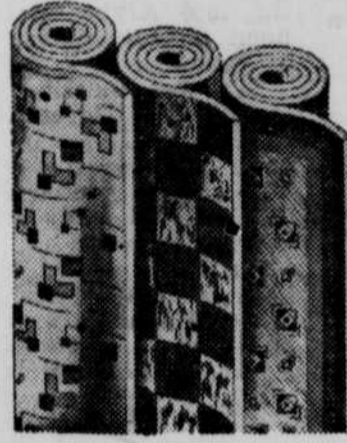


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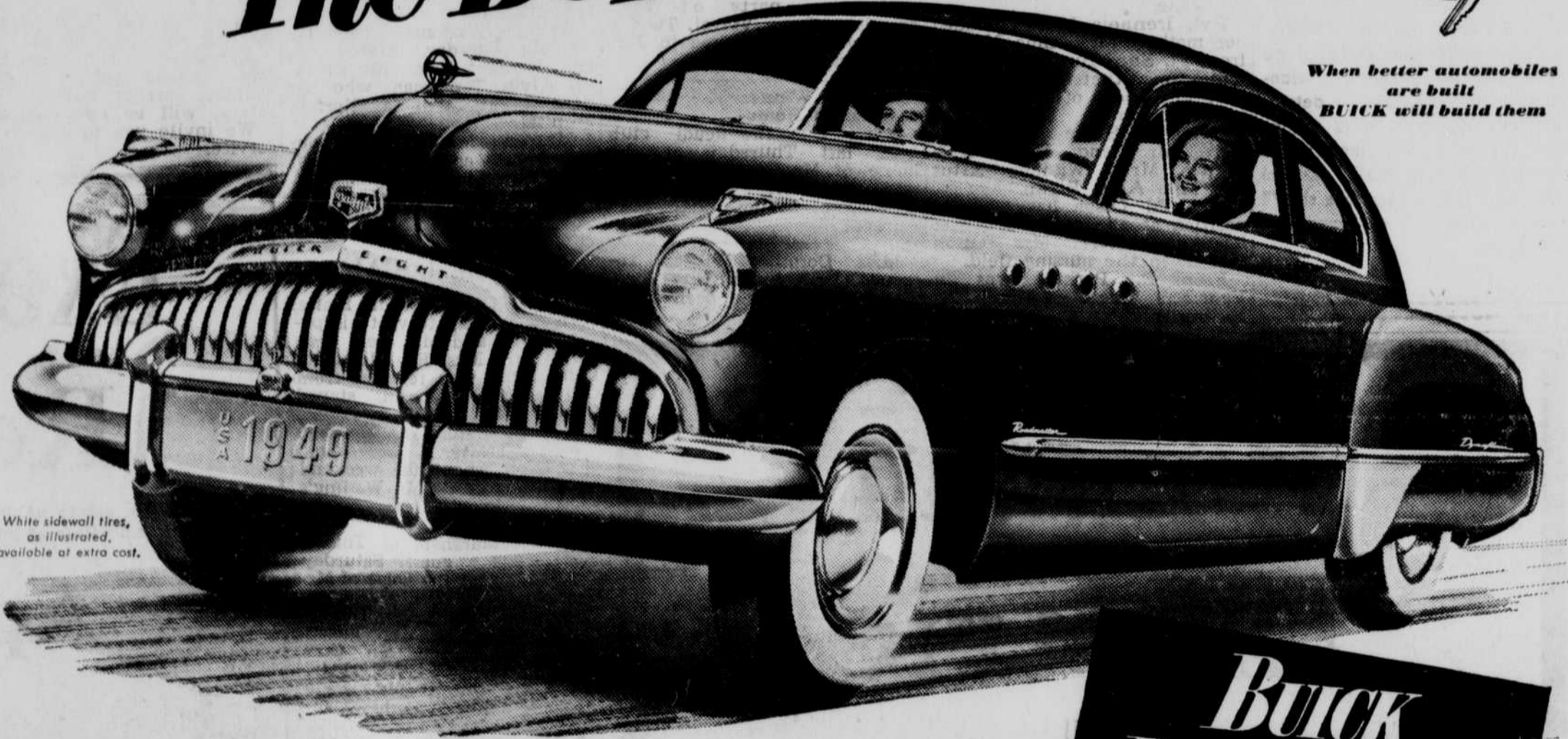
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