

## Frontier Woman Still Receives 'Snow Letters'; Two Being Published This Week

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! What goes on at your house this week? Plenty, I'll bet. Here's a tip on lilacs that may be timely.

After the lilacs have bloomed, cutting off the old bloom will throw more vigor into the new growth. Cut off just the bloom itself and not the entire blooming plant.



Blanche Spann Pease

After year, you may have them planted too deep. The eye should not be more than two inches under the soil.

If you want your phlox to retain their true color and not go back to that universal and not so beautiful lavender parent color, don't let them go to seed. After the phlox blooms, remove the seed head. Phlox can be started by letting the clump multiply and then dividing it in the Spring, rather than reseeding itself.

You can still plant gladiolus bulbs for late blossoms. That is up until about June 1. The small size bulbs bloom later than the larger bulbs. Rub off the outside husk and it will bloom a bit quicker.

If you have glads in a windy location you may want to stake them when they get up a few inches. Glads are so dependable for cutting, I have never yet been able to raise enough of them to satisfy me.

The more you cultivate a glad, the better flowers you'll have. Last year we planted the same bulbs in the yard and in the garden. Those in the garden got a lot of cultivation, and the flowers were larger and lovelier—noticeably so.

When the glads have three or four leaves, it is time to feed them. The way I like to do this is by making a shallow trench along the side of each row, about four inches from the plants, and put in a balanced plant food. I

use about a half cupful to each 10 feet. Cover with two inches of soil, and water. Feed all the rows again when flower spikes begin to appear. You'll have lovelier, larger glads and better bulbs.

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### Prize-Winning Letters —

We still have "snow letters" for you. There seems to be no end to them but we think our readers still enjoy reading about our phenomenal Winter and Spring, so we're still using them. A three-months' subscription today goes to Mrs. Dwight Hammerlun, of O'Neill. Another three-months' subscription goes to Mrs. Herman Ziems, whose address will be Ewing, before this appears in print. We are sending a small surprise gift to Mrs. Charley Ross, of Redbird, for the use of her letter.

March 26, 1949.

### Dear Mrs. Pease:

Being a silent reader of your Frontier Woman for some time I have finally decided to be one of the many who write.

With the three babies in bed for their usual afternoon nap, all is rather quiet except for a March wind blowing outside. We have three youngsters.

Our oldest boy, age 5, is in school this year. Our little girl, Pamela Sue, is just 17-months-old and what a live wire she is! Her biggest thrill of the day is when her brother comes from school and hands her the lunch pail with a few left overs and it pleases him just as much to see her eating from it. The baby, "John", was just two-months-old on March 4.

He was born during the bad weather but thank goodness we were at Norfolk near a hospital and doctor.

We were snowbound in Norfolk for eight long weeks and when we did come home we had to be met at the highway with a team and sled and taken the rest of the way. It was very cold and windy, but all survived the trip and some day baby John can tell he had a "hay ride" when he was four-weeks-old.

Of course, our Daddy wasn't a bit happy to have us home again after batching all this time! All in all it seemed pretty awful—being separated so long—especially over Christmas.

Well, Blanche, this letter is getting rather lengthy so will close with a few household hints that I find very useful.

To remove vegetable stains from the hands, rub with a slice of raw potato.

If pins taken out of the diaper are put in a piece of soap from bath time one day to next day, they will be easier to put into the diaper.

To prevent curtain rods from rusting, rub them with ordinary floor wax. The curtain will slide on more easily, too.

You can bake an extra pie in your full oven if you will set an empty can in the oven and set the extra pie on that.

MRS. DWIGHT HAMMERLUN  
O'Neill, Nebr.

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### Mrs. Ziems' Letter —

March 17, 1949.

Dear Mrs. Pease:  
We are still here in the Rio Grande Valley but hope to get started back home yet this month, and will be home long before this will be printed.

The tulips are blooming and so are the amarillas. The rose bushes lost all their leaves in the January freeze, and are just now starting to bloom again.

The citrus trees are damaged worse than the folks here care to admit and hundreds of acres are being pulled out and will be replaced by vegetables or cotton.

The homefolks here don't can and plan for winter, like we do in the North. Everybody goes to the market for their food, bakery breads and cakes are in demand, although fresh corn bread and biscuits are their favorite bread. Mustard, spinach, Swiss chard, are planted for greens and some use beet tops, too.

Our winter garden we planted on Christmas day is coming through the freeze better now. We are using lettuce, and will soon have carrots to eat. We are getting yard and garden minded for home, but after reading the Ewing and Frontier papers have decided gardening will be put off for a while up there.

We attended the all states picnic here at the McAllen park on November 14. There were 2,700 people there, 26 states represented, also some from Canada. Twenty-two were from Nebraska, but none that we knew. It was put on by the Chamber of Commerce but a big percent of the tourists had gone home.

We visited a four-acre garden of cactus. There are species from all over the world. It was quite a showy collection. The trip to Port Isabel was most interesting, too, as we saw a government freighter and was allowed to go on board.

Will enclose a recipe for Spanish rice. I have eaten this and like it.

While we have enjoyed the winter here a lot we are anxious to get started home. Our sympathy has been with you all,

### Sandhill Sal

It's sort of late to think of it but Henry Wallace knows now what it's like to be plowed under.

Goldfish may not be overly intelligent but at that they probably have twice as much sense as those college students who used to swallow them.

A young person has arthritis; an older person calls it rheumatism. Just the difference between two generations, we'd say.

In some colleges if you are expert with a pigskin you don't have to study too hard to get a sheep skin.

through the long, hard winter, and we hope some bumper crops will be your reward. I have a cold and am writing this to fill in my spare time.

### SPANISH RICE

Put ½ pound hamburger (or left over meat) cut in cubes in a frying pan. Add one tablespoon fat, two cloves of garlic, two small hot peppers or one large one, two teaspoons chili powder, two tablespoons chopped sweet peppers, one small onion, one teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon black pepper, two tablespoons catsup, one cup rice, brown, add water to cover, simmer until rice is done.

This is really good but has a little too hot a seasoning for our household. But it can be varied to suit tastes. This is served a lot down here.

MRS. HERMAN ZIEMS,  
Ewing, Nebr.

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### Surprise Gift Winner —

March 17, 1949.

Dear Frontier Lady:

After so long a time, I believe I'll make another try at a three-months' subscription to add to mister's name. We have been snowbound for so long we are thankful to be able to see over the snow. Although some places it is rather high yet. We haven't seen our roads out our lane since in November. It is so full yet we have to travel the ridges. Had to go out through pastures, fields and meadows for so long, and nothing but a team could get out that way and the Mr. had to make a sled, as a wagon was too much of a drag. It was all a horse could do to wade the snow, without anything to pull. It is nothing strange to have to shovel cars out, but we can truthfully say now that the men even had to shovel the team out, after they had fallen into the drifts so deep their feet would not touch the ground, so they had to shovel out.

I have lived here all my life but never have seen anything to compare to our winter of '48-'49. We had to have the army dig us out of the snow. For a while it looked like we would need the navy to get us out of the water, but it turned out colder so roads are not quite so bad.

I believe I have shoveled more snow this winter than we had last winter. We had no mail for so many weeks during the blizzards that we have no plans as to when we could mail any letters, either. But really kept busy caring for the stock and shoveling out everything so many times. When we couldn't get out, we didn't expect the mail carrier either. We have a little granddaughter in O'Neill who was nearly two-months-old before roads got so could see her. Her name is Mary Catherine Ross, she was born December 30, 1948, on her great-grandmother Ross' birthday. The great-grandmother passed on 30 years ago this month. Time really flies.

When I bake bread, I always manage to have more dough than I want for bread. So roll out the rest and pinch the edge together. Cut quite thin and place in well greased pan that has a generous amount of brown sugar in pan and let rise before putting in oven.

Pour cream over rolls according to amount of sugar in bottom of pan and you will have a lovely, oh, so good pan of rolls. Of course, rolls shouldn't bake as long as loaves of bread, or they will be too dry, at least the goody in the bottom of the pan will. Here is a quick tossed salad we like here.

Take a small amount of lettuce, a small onion a shredded carrot, a celery stalk, a tomato and a small amount of cucumber, a boiled egg and a banana, if you have it. Put all together and add French dressing or salad dressing. It's mighty good. You can leave out any one, two or three of the vegetables or the fruits or add other things and it will still be good. I like to add a few diced beets, too.

Well, something tells me I better ring off and hit the hay. I'm the only soul out of bed here for the last couple of hours. I rather missed Mary Devine Brennan's writing and now I see she has a sister who promises to be as good.

MRS. CHARLEY ROSS,  
Redbird, Nebr.

### CALF WITHOUT A TAIL

CHAMBERS—T. E. Newhouse reports the birth of a Hereford calf born without a tail. The calf otherwise is "perfectly normal," he says.

The average U. S. coffee drinker annually consumes the equivalent of a year's production from nine coffee trees.

### Ewing Seniors 'Sneak' to Lincoln

EWING — Members of the senior class took their annual "sneak day" trip to Lincoln on Friday, May 6. The group, under the sponsorship of Supt. A. S. Evans, left Ewing at 4 a. m. and returned at 2:30 the following morning. Among the places of interest which the class visited were: The Lincoln Star, the University of Nebraska campus and museum, Gold and Company, radio station KFAB, and the state capitol.

### Up-and-At-It Club Reorganizes

The Up-and-At-It 4-H club girls met and reorganized on Friday evening, April 29. A new staff of officers was chosen: Alice Whaley, president; Barbara Streeter, vice-president; Doris Pierson, secretary; Twila Whaley, news-reporter; Elaine Babutka, song leader. Patty Pierson is the only other member enrolled. Leaders are Mrs. Merritt Pierson and Mrs. Clyde Streeter.

Projects were selected and plans were made for our next meeting which will be held the afternoon of June 5 at the home of Alice and Twila Whaley.—Twila Whaley, reporter.

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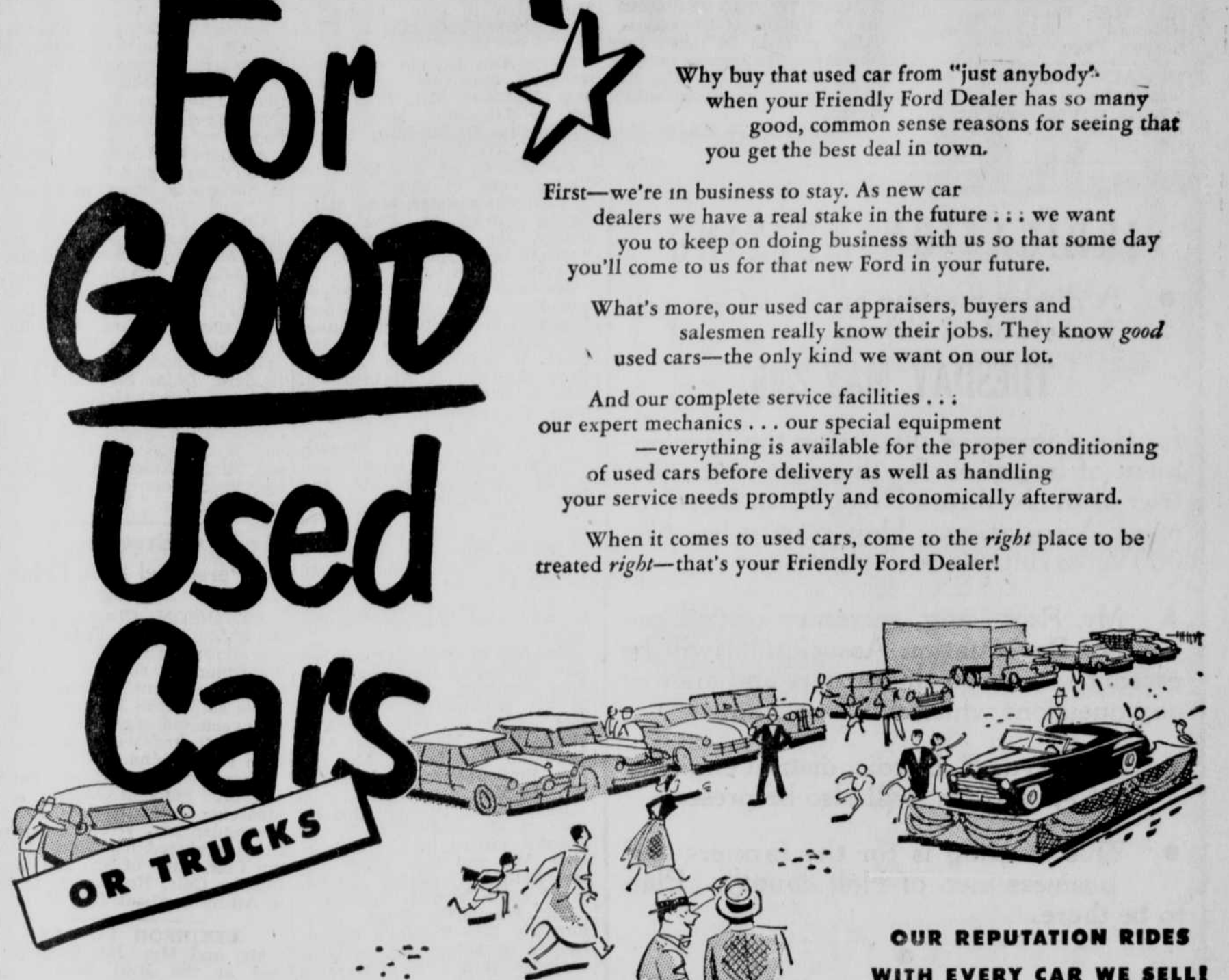
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