

The Frontier Woman

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! What's new with you? Did the baby klunk papa over the head with the hammer while papa was taking a snooze? Or did you accidentally use salt in the shortcake the night you entertained the husband's boss? Such things happen, you know, every once in awhile. Maybe you've got some stories like that to tell, if so, hustle them right in here to The Frontier Woman!

About Oilcloth — I promised to share with you this week some hints about oil cloth. Well, first when you get a new oilcloth, keep it waxed with either paste or self-polishing wax. If you actually do this, you will be surprised how much longer it will wear — about twice as long.

Don't wash it with soap and water. Warm water and a cloth is all you are really supposed to use. Soap is hard on oilcloth. Don't set very hot dishes on it. Use mats. More than once you've ruined a new oilcloth by having a hot dish stick to it, and come away with oilcloth sticking to the dish, and an unhappy skinned ring left on the new oilcloth.

If you take oilcloth from the table for any reason, roll it around a smooth stick, even the broom stick would do. Don't fold it up, it cracks easily, particularly when cold and don't fold the oilcloth onto the oilcloth face, it may stick.

If you accidentally cut into the oilcloth, repair it at once with a piece of adhesive tape directly under the cut. This closes it and the tape won't show.

Most everybody knows that oilcloth makes a good splasher behind the stove or sink. But not every one knows that it can be freshened when it's been washed and scoured so many times and looks dingy by painting it. If clean, it paints as readily and satisfactorily as any other surface.

Oilcloth also makes a satisfactory tiling for your kitchen. It is easy to hang, and looks nice. Use a thicker paste than for wallpaper. The marks of chair backs won't hurt it, and it can be readily washed and kept clean.

Some folks like aprons made from oilcloth particularly for

wash day, and some like the babies bibs made from it.

A slick trick with oilcloth is that of making new kitchen curtains (perhaps I should say blinds) from it. Use the rollers from your old blinds, cut the oilcloth the proper width and tack on the rollers so that the ornamental side is that which will show in the kitchen. You can have one of those new notes I've been talking about.

Oilcloth table mats are interesting, too. Simply cut the squares from regular oilcloth and use them as place mats at the table. A place mat sent for the child's desk at school will serve as a table cloth and make for a more sanitary lunch for him.

I have seen designs cut from oilcloth and used as delcomanias on such surfaces as they could be pasted. Quite effective, too, I might add.

Subscription Winning Letter — And now, before I use up all our space, may I present to you the prize-winning subscription letter for this week. It was written by Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, jr., O'Neill, Box 607.

Dear Blanche: I've been going to write you for so long now, but just kept putting it off thinking I'll do it soon — but never did. And I believe that this is the way with a very lot of your many readers. So today I thought I'd better get busy and write you, to let you know how very, very much I enjoy your weekly column in The Frontier.

Each Thursday morning when we get our paper I'm always anxious to turn to your page and see who wrote your prize winning letter, and also to get some new and interesting ideas.

I just can't figure out how you find time and have such a wide field of ideas and recipes, and I don't believe I've ever read the same ideas twice.

My mother and I especially enjoyed your article written a few weeks ago describing your kitchen. It sounded so much like the kitchen in mother's new home in the country, but she has quite a time getting used to it, having had a small kitchen in town. But after reading of your large kitchen,

I'm sure mother felt better about hers.

My own kitchen is very small, just large enough to cook in, but I really enjoy it. We finally have our own home, after trying to find one for nearly 2 years after my husband returned from overseas.

We bought a little 5-room house in the country, moved it to town after having finished the basement. Then it took about 2 months of hard work to remodel it, put in a bath, paint, sand floors, plaster and just a hundred little odd jobs before the happy day about 5 months ago we moved into our own home. But it was well worth the effort as we surley do enjoy it.

So you see I really do enjoy your many ideas, hints, slick tricks and recipes and put so many of them to use in our new home.

I believe my greatest time saver is wax. I just wax everything in the house that I possibly can and that takes in over half the things we have. It saves so much wear and makes things so easy to dust and clean.

I really believe I've written enough for today, but now that I've finally taken the time out to write you, I feel that it will be easier to do next time, and then I will send along a couple of my favorite recipes. But my letter of today is already too long. So will say bye for this time.

I'll be looking for your column each Thursday in The Frontier, and thanks for so much reading pleasure.

Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, jr., O'Neill, Box 607.

Mrs. McKenzie, what a good and interesting letter you wrote

us. I just know our readers enjoyed it a great lot and we will surely be looking forward to another letter from you with those favorite recipes one of these days.

How do I manage to come up with so many ideas and so on? When you have been keeping house for 22 years as I have, you learn a lot. For the past 16 years I have been editing a household department. I have also been writing household articles over that period of years. I now edit 3 household departments and 1 of them appears twice a week. The other two are weekly features.

You are bound to soak up a lot during that time, and to learn a lot if you are alert. Grin (you're learning rapidly yourself, but you aren't aware of it.)

As for recipes, well you ought to have a look at my files and cook books. Lastly all my knowledge has come from experience and I can't think of any better way to learn it! Can you?

Sincerely Yours
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WIND DOES DAMAGE
REDBIRD — The strong wind storm Saturday, April 3, blew the entire porch roof down from the Redbird store.

IMPROVE PLAY GROUND
REDBIRD — School district 3 is having 2 new swings and 2 new teeter-totters set up this week on the school ground. Miss Rose Maly is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhanev visited Sunday in Orchard.

Mrs. Thomsen and Mrs. Held Join Club

EWING — The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Ewing Methodist church held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at the church. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. A. S. Evass, vice-president of the group. She chose as her devotional theme: "The Whole Creation Is Our Lord's". The lesson also led by Mrs.

Evans, suited the season. It was entitled, "The Earth and Her Increase".

After a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. Earl Billings, president of the group, a lunch was served by Mrs. Henry Fleming and Mrs. J. L. Brown.

Guests of the WSCS were: Mrs. E. V. Ruby, Mrs. Lyle Abney, Mrs. H. A. Blake, and Mrs. A. A. Alden. Mrs. Blake, who moved to Ewing recently, became a member.

NOTICE:

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