

# The Frontier Woman

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! Do you mean to tell me April is this near to "flying the coop" and that that's May peaking in the window? I don't believe it. Why April has just gone with wings on it. Where does the time go? And you've still got some of that painting to do, haven't you, and I surely thought I'd have that soap cupboard cleaned out and repapered by now!

and then often pleases the best of them!  
Do something! Paint your toenails and scare the old man into thinking you've gone nuts, or paint the kitchen chairs—maybe that will be easier on pappy. But do something different. Honestly, maybe a new dish would put you all in a better frame of mind. How about it? Want to try this date pudding, or maybe a blushing Betty?

### DATE PUDDING

One-fourth cup minute tapioca, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 2 cups hot water, 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, 6 tablespoons brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 1 cup chopped dates. Combine ingredients and bake in covered pan with an oven meal—if you're fixing on the oven. Bake at 350 F. for 1 hour. Serve with whipped cream. Good! This recipe calls for no flour and comes to us from the home service department of Consumers Public Power district.

### BLUSHING BETTY

Four cups rhubarb, cut in 1 inch pieces, 1 cup sugar, 1-3 cup raisins, 2 tablespoons butter, 1-3 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup sifted flour, 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1-3 cup milk, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Place rhubarb in shallow...

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- ★ WE HOPE that our building program, which is now entering a new phase, will not inconvenience you in your shopping. Our big, new building will, in effect, "envelope" our present store. This procedure is accompanied by a certain amount of temporary measures. During the next week or 10 days we ask you special consideration. However, we want you to know that our business is being carried on as usual.
- ★ WE ASSURE you that despite the construction activity we'll do our utmost to take care of your needs, and we hope that you will not be inconvenienced in any way.
- ★ WHEN COMPLETED this summer, our new store will be one of the finest of its type in any city of the O'Neill class in Nebraska or South Dakota. In fact, we hope you'll agree that our store will do justice to cities many times larger than O'Neill.

## BEN FRANKLIN

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low, buttered cake pan. Sprinkle with 1 cup sugar and raisins. Cream butter and 1-3 cup sugar, add egg and beat well. Sift dry ingredients together and add alternately with milk and vanilla to the creamed mixture. Spread over fruit. Bake with oven meal of 350 F. one hour.

**Prize-Winning Letter—**  
A three-months' subscription has been awarded to Miss Minnie Gathje, Atkinson, route 2, for the following good letter.

Dear Blanche:  
Here it's Monday, and letter writing day for me. So must get busy, for the day is well spent already and only one letter written so far, with 3 more waiting to be answered.

Enjoy 2 of your department's every week and so much. The recipes all sound so good, but have never seen a potato pancake recipe. We are so very fond of them so will send our recipe along. Am also sending along a marshmallow pie recipe which is very good—we have made it a couple of times.

Since Christmas I have done quite a little crocheting, mostly hot pan holders in the evening, and now one of these days I will have to sew me some aprons and a house dress. Well, it's the time of year when people move, house-cleaning time, ordering baby chicks, and planting gardens. Of course, all of that is beyond me, but in my mind I can envision all this. How I would decorate rooms, and so on, even landscaping a yard, but guess the only landscaping I will do is arrange my flowers different in the east window.

How beautiful everything will be when the meadows are fully green, flowers come forth in their gay colors, and the trees are dressed in their lovely leaves. I love to go near a creek and see the crystal clear water flow gently by a bunch of little willow trees, a splash of little flowers here and there, and to top it off fleecy white clouds floating between my vision and the blue sky. Doves cooing in the distance, birds singing, bees humming, all of this and many more such things are what makes this wonderful country of ours.

AS EVER,  
MINNIE GATHJE

How glad I am you wrote that good letter, Minnie. Chained to a wheel chair with useless legs you may be but your mind soars up and out and you can see the beauties of nature. Nor have you sat bitter, doing nothing and expending no love on others. Yours has been a good and useful life. You have many friends and I for one have always admired your courage and fortitude. Many people love you, and the affection we feel for you you have earned by your own nice personality and unselfishness. Most of us have good legs, but few of us have lived at peace with ourselves as you have done, and few of us too have so amply earned the respect of our fellow citizens.

W. F. Finley, M. D.  
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**SPRING IS HERE — FLOODS, TOO . . .** More than 2,000 acres of valuable farm land were inundated by heavy rains and melting ice and snow throughout the Rock river area near Moline, Ill. Property damage was extensive and spring planting was delayed, keeping fertile fields out of production until they were dried up.

Here are Miss Gathje's good recipes:

**POTATO PANCAKES**  
Three cups raw grated potatoes, 1 onion size of egg, cut fine, 2 teaspoons salt, 2 eggs, 1 heaping tablespoon flour. Put all together and beat good, then fry in skillet. Use a little more lard than for pancakes. Serve with sausage for supper.

**MARSHMALLOW PIE**  
Eighteen marshmallows, 1/2 cup hot milk, dissolve marshmallows in double boiler with the hot milk. Then set aside and cool. One cup cream, 1 cup crushed pineapple. Whip cream till it stands in peaks, fold into marshmallow mixture. Then add pineapple. You may use a graham cracker crust or an ordinary baked pie shell. Sprinkle top of pie with either graham crackers or chopped nuts.

**Millie Also Wins Prize Subscription—**

A prize subscription of 3 months also goes this week to "Millie" of Dorsey.

Dear Mrs. Pease:  
Got the recent sample copy of The Frontier that they put out and I surely enjoyed it. A neighbor has been kind enough to let me read her paper. To tell you the truth I think it sure is improving. So I think we will soon be a subscriber. I never could expect to win a subscription as I never was lucky that way.

I thought you might get a laugh out of our courtship. (If my husband knew it he would laugh.) I met him in church, he had been working in Knox county and came home over the weekends and came to church with his folks.

But the part I wanted to tell you was of our first date. We had seen each other several times and one Sunday afternoon I went to a coyote hunt with friends. We had done lots of walking and all were tired so after the hunt, kidding me, he asked me to come over to his car, it was closer and he would take me to church that night. I decided to go home with him. So we started back to the car and the ground had sort of thawed, mud picked up and I said something about zipping up my overshoes. I bent over to zip them up, and at the same time he bent over to zip them for me, and the shotgun he had over his shoulder came down on my head with a bang.

Needless to say, it hurt him about as much as it did me, and oh what a head ache I had.

I always tell him that the reason he got me was that he stunned me right from the first.

My husband has been so loving and kind, never cross. I have been ill so much and more trouble than help to him, but I try my best to help him and my 2 children. I really thank God for such a wonderful husband. Do you wonder why I love that man!

MILLIE

We're glad you wrote, Millie, and I get a kick out of your telling about your first date. Expect our readers did, too.

## REGIS HOTEL

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Barta, Chancie Hull and Edward Carson were among those here Wednesday, April 21, repairing the Dorsey-Lynch telephone line.

Emerson Tyler, of O'Neill, called at Redbird Monday, April 19.

Miss Rose Maly was here Monday, April 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hiscocks, of Dorsey, stopped here Monday, April 19, enroute to Lynch.

Arthur Bessert was here on business Monday, April 19.

Miss Erva Hull called at Redbird Tuesday, April 20.

Michael Hull autoed to Lynch Tuesday, April 20.

Among the visitors in Redbird Thursday, April 22, were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luedtke, Donald Landman, of O'Neill, was in Redbird Thursday, April 22.

Mr. and Mrs. William Conrad were in Redbird Thursday, April 22.

W. H. Hartland was here on business Friday, April 23.

Michael Hull visited Pete More Saturday, April 24.

### Merk 10th Anniversary—

**CHAMBERS**—A group of relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker Sunday evening to surprise them on their 10th wedding anniversary. Those present were: Mrs. Lela Grubb and Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Guais Wintermote and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Grubb and children and Mrs. Stanley Elkins and Ronnie.

### Attend Meeting—

The following attended a bottlers' meeting on Sunday at the Fontanelle hotel in Omaha: L. M. Merriman, James Lyons, Fritz Belzer, Bob Stevens, Robert Asher and Dale Nissen.

### Visiting at Madison—

Mrs. William McIntosh and son returned Saturday from a 2-day visit in Madison with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beaty.

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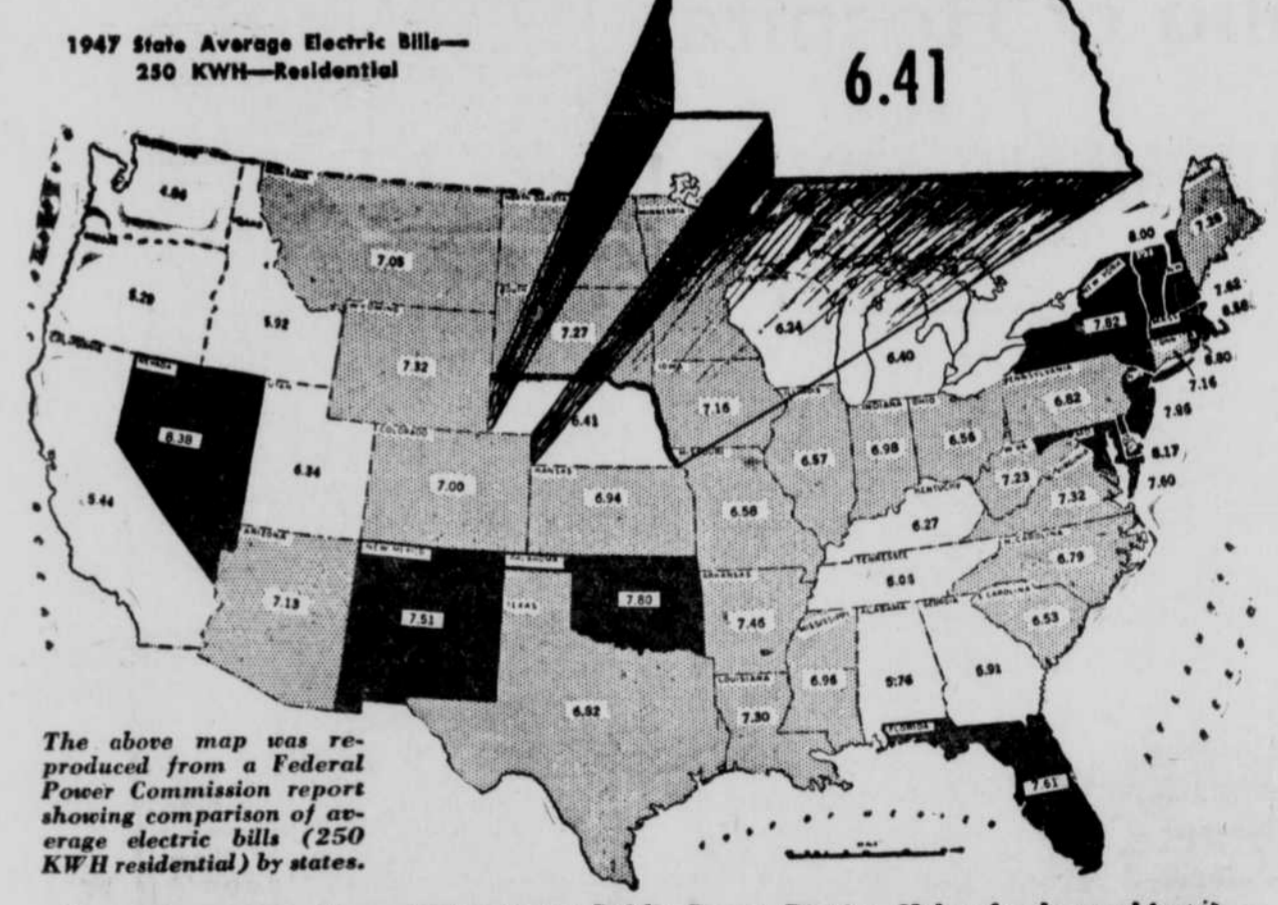
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Nebraska did not always hold this favorable position as shown on the map at right, which indicates typical average electric bills by states in 1935.



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