

The Frontier Woman

# Homemade Gifts Welcome

By MRS. BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Since our reader letter today is a rather long one and full of Christmas ideas we will use it first this issue to make sure we have plenty of space.

Dorsey, Nebr.  
Dear Mrs. Pease:  
As I was visiting with friends, the subject of Christmas shopping was brought up. One friend said, "Please don't mention Christmas shopping to me! Everything is so high I will never be able to stretch my budget to cover my list!"

I know it is nice to receive expensive gifts, but many times some little inexpensive gift brings as much joy and satisfaction as some expensive gifts.

Did you ever try to make a game of your shopping and see all the different things you can get that are useful? Sometimes if we take only a few minutes to make something with our own hands, it

is cherished more dearly than if purchased at a store.

Here are a few suggestions that might help someone who thinks they cannot afford to give gifts.  
Pillow cases. Who ever heard of a home that couldn't use another pair? If you don't have some muslin on hand or colored percale, it doesn't cost much and the figured kind probably will be new, but practical also. The muslin variety can be embroidered with a few simple stitches, such as a "Mr. and Mrs." design or a design created by using the new ball-point paints. Even rick-rack or bias tape may be used.

Then there are those cute little aprons made from the large size dishcloths. If you want something more expensive, make an apron out of handkerchiefs, using ribbon for the band. It takes three handkerchiefs to make one apron.

If one lives on a farm, your friends in town will enjoy dressed fowls, home made butter, some jelly or jam made from the wild fruits, even a jar of your relish, pickles or most anything that is home canned, popcorn to pop. Some home grown

Children enjoy a sack full of nuts to crack or a box of home made candy or even popcorn balls make welcome gifts. Inside the popcorn balls, add a little trinket. This makes them still more fun.

Little stockings can be made for all members of the family and filled if you care to make them. Take the pattern from a man's work sock. Make your stocking bags from different colors. They can be made from used material.

Here are some suggestions for different ages: For a three-year-old the following could be put into a stocking—gum, a small toy or stuffed animal, small comb, barrettes, balloons, animal soap, candy.

For the school age, use the above but pencils, scratch pads and crayons may be added.

If you happen to be one of those ex-teachers and still have some construction paper left, make a color book.

Picture books are always welcome and these can be made of old wallpaper books, using the nicely colored pictures that we find in magazines. Even glue or paste and little scissors can be put into the stockings.

Now for the grownups—there are lots of little things to add. Bobby pins even to the color of the hair for the one you are going to send them to. Hair nets, a package of gum drops or mints, a dish scraper, chore girl, a bulb for the flashlight, or a battery. Some envelopes, a tablet which can be decorated with pretty flowers from your seed catalog, making fancy stationery out of plain white, a pastry brush, some cookie cutters, a package of Kleenex, paper napkins, a new mixing spoon. There are many items if one only stops to think.

Each gift can be wrapped separately. Close the stocking with a string before being put into the running stitches around the top. Tie ends and you can either just write the name on, or you can make very pretty tags from old Christmas cards.

I use old Christmas cards to make tags from and also to make my Christmas stationery, the plain parts on the backs being stapled together to make scratch pads to be used at home or if the girls care to, to use them in school.

This permits them to have an extra dime or two to use for something else. It really saves on buying scratch pads.

Many do not know that orphanages and old folks' homes will take Christmas cards, if you cannot use them at home. There are some very cute little work baskets that can be made from them also. My youngest daughter made me one several years ago and I liked it very much. She made it at school as a Christmas gift.



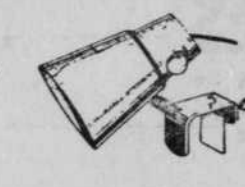

With these few suggestions I hope I have given you other ideas about Christmas shopping and that I will be seeing some new suggestions to help me along with my gift suggestions. We always like to change every year.  
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## Celia News

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Terwilliger and sons were Sunday dinner guests at the Robert Mick home. Rodney Frickel stayed at the George Beck home Saturday while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Frickel, and children did Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Lee Terwilliger went to the Jack Winings home Monday, December 5, and helped care for the household while Mrs. Winings was hospitalized.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McKathnie and children and Mrs. Blanche Rouse and Marvin were Friday dinner guests at the Maude Rouse home at O'Neill.

Mrs. Rose Straka and children and Alex Frickel were Friday evening visitors at the Ray Pease home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Maloun and son were last Thursday evening visitors at the Marvin Focken home.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck were Saturday evening visitors at the Alvin Heiser home. Hillside chapel attendants held Sunday services at the Joe Hendricks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and sons and Isla Ruda were Sunday dinner guests at the Louisa Lauridsen home. Bobby Knudson and Miss Isla Ruda were Saturday Butte visitors. Miss Ruda attended the study course at the public school building and Bobby visited Raymond Tunink.

Dorothy Scott was a Saturday supper guest at the William Maloun home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sicheneder and daughter, Gail Ann, and Stanley Johnson were Friday evening visitors at the Ed Bausch home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Maloun and Billy and Alex Forsythe were Friday afternoon visitors at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks, Jerry and Nina were Friday evening visitors at the Mark Hendricks home.

Dorothy Scott was a Saturday supper guest at the William Maloun home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Braun and family were Sunday supper guests at the Marvin Focken home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobias and sons were Saturday evening visitors at the Emil Colfack home. Stanley Johnson spent most of the week at the John Sicheneder home.

Earl Schlotfeld was a last Thursday morning visitor at the Ray Pease home.

Lois Adams visited Isla Ruda Wednesday evening, December 7. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman and sons were Friday O'Neill visitors.

and son were Tuesday evening, December 6, visitors at the Duane Beck home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rahn were Sunday dinner guests at the Joe Hendricks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobias and sons were Sunday dinner guests at the Merrill Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Maloun were Tuesday, December 6, visitors at the P. W. Kilmurry home.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Phipps and son, Charles, and Reverend Jordan of Lincoln were Wednesday, December 7, dinner guests at the Leon Hendricks home.

Buddy Focken, who works at the Hansen ranch, was a Saturday supper guest at the Clarence Focken home.

Clarence Focken was a Tuesday evening, December 6, supper guest at the Donald Focken home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilmurry and daughters, Mary Catherine and Patricia, were Saturday O'Neill visitors.

Jim Hendricks and Paul Focken helped the Atkinson high reserves defeat the Springview team, 26-25, in a basketball game played at Springview Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilmurry attended the parochial grade school operetta, "Little Blue Angel," at the public school auditorium Sunday afternoon. Their daughters, Mary Catherine and Patricia, took part in the operetta.

Emil Colfack and Denton were Tuesday morning, December 6, visitors at the Duane Beck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hendricks were Sunday dinner guests at the John Spence home.

Congress Like Treating Patients

"Since August 6 I have traveled over 10-thousand-miles in the Fourth district of Nebraska," Congressman A. L. Miller (R-Nebr.) said this week.

"I have visited 25 county fairs, held 38 two-hour government clinics in each of the courthouses and spoke to over 100 groups of various organizations."

"We interviewed and tried to do of assistance to several hundred additional people who had problems of their own. Being a member of congress is not unlike practicing medicine. When I see a congressman people either want relief from a pain or illness. As a congressman people either want something from the government or they want to get government out of their hair," the Kimball medico-turned-congressman explains.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tibbets, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reed went to Grand Island Saturday for the annual Christmas party given by the Thompson Tobacco company.

Miss Mildred Crabb, who is attending Wayne State Teachers college, spent the weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. Dorrance Crabb.  
C. J. Gatz left Sunday for Nevada on business.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHT

Christmas has traditionally been the festival of light. Today the electrical capacities of many a city are taxed to the utmost to supply the necessary current for this brilliant illumination. And that is all to the good.

But in the midst of the lights of Christmas, let's not miss the LIGHT of Christmas. Christ is that light!

Every ray of cheer that has any promise of endurance, every beam of brightness that can effectively banish the shadows of spiritual darkness, has its point of origin in the Babe of Bethlehem.

Only the Son of God could say: "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."  
Will Christmas find you basking in the LIGHT of Christmas, or only in the lights?  
If you have no church affiliation, this is your invitation to join us in our worship of the only Light of all mankind, Jesus Christ, the Savior.

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STUART—The Women's society of the Community church met at the home of Mrs. Ora Yarges on Thursday afternoon, December 1, with 18 members present.

The devotional program was given by Mrs. Bessie Gettert, Mrs. Noma Hall and Mrs. D. D. Su.

The organization accepted the goal of \$160 for the Missions and Christian education for the year 1956.

A Christmas donation of \$10 was voted for the Mother Jewel home in York and \$10 to the Wall Street mission of St. Louis.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Walter Gill and Mrs. C. R. Myers.

**Other Stuart News**

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson left Monday, December 5, for Palmyra where they attended funeral services for his mother, Mrs. Sena Johnson, on Tuesday, December 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Myers and daughters of McCook came on Thursday, December 1, and spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gill. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gill and family were dinner guests at the Walter Gill home to complete the family circle.

**New C&NW Agent at Lynch**

LYNCH—J. H. Price, a veteran North Western railroad station agent, has been transferred to a similar position here. Mr. and Mrs. Price and sons moved here this week.

**Other Southfork News**

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawk were in O'Neill Wednesday afternoon, December 7. Mrs. John Hawk accompanied them as far as Inman where she visited her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawk and Jack were O'Neill shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Johnny Silzouskie and daughters were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hawk Saturday evening.

Floyd Tucker was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pruden Sunday afternoon.

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