

The Frontier Woman

# Sincerity Needed in Compliments

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

And here we are again about to begin another year! Loudly, we claim that next year we will certainly do our shopping early. In fact we will start laying good buys away before spring. Come next December 14, 1954, however, and a large percentage of us will still have Christmas shopping to do. Humans were ever thus and likely will continue to be!

However, let's make one resolution this year. Let's smile sincerely as we go along the street and let's pay people compliments when they earn them. May they be sincere, gracefully given ones. If there is one type of person I can't stand, it is he or she who sprays the compliments about meaning not a word of them, using it only as a form of self salesmanship.

That sort of person is seldom believed for long, sooner or later people find him out and detest him. That type turns personality on and off, like an actor on a stage, and it's usually the way they see themselves, too.

Sincere appreciation of the good points of others is something else again and a word of praise, given in that way, often gives some one a lift that is badly needed. All of us get to feeling low sometimes, disgusted with ourselves and wishing we could crawl in a hole and pull the edges in after us.

Several years ago there was a merchant I knew, in business in our town. He was quite adept

at paying compliments. But some how or other people began thinking he wasn't sincere. His business finally failed and when he decided to leave town and start up somewhere else, the mantle of friendliness and compliments which he had made a business of brassily wearing, dropped from his shoulders.

He didn't really care much about anybody and it showed plainly then. I don't think he was a success in the next town, either.

**Wants Formula for Eliminating Boxed Letters**—Mrs. Louis Neilson of Chambers wins our three months subscription today: Dear Mrs. Pease: Some time ago in picking up our copy of The Frontier, I read of your desire for letters from people in this part of the country. I meant to write to you as soon as we reached home, but first one thing and then another interfered. However, I have put this letter first on my schedule for today, so here goes.

It runs in my mind that we have met at a Nebraska Writers Guild meeting but I am not sure and, inasmuch as your name is not on the 1953 membership list, I am wondering whether you dropped out, even as I have considered doing.

Circumstances are such that I very seldom go, and I am not sure as to the wisdom of belonging. However, I still feel it is a good thing to have some connection with such organizations and may go on as usual.

I have lived in Chambers almost three years now and really like the country and the people. The sight of haystacks moving down the road still intrigues me, and I think, always will, to love to see the "cattle on a thousand hills," too.

People predicted that I would be lonesome for office routine after I became a housewife (please note I do not say a mere housewife) but not for one minute would I go back, no matter

what salary was attached to the office. I am sure I have heard Loa Hubbard, who lives a few doors east of us, mention you. If you ever come to Chambers, we would be glad to have you call on us. Ours is a gray stucco house just outside the village limits.

I usually listen to the "Voice of The Frontier" and occasionally hear a name I recognize. Of course, the longer I live here, the more chance there is of hearing such names.

Didn't Loa tell me you have a new house? Ours isn't new but we added a room made by enclosing the porch, and I revel in having my desk, typewriter and writing supplies within easy reach. My only complaint is box-elder bugs. Have you a magic formula for getting rid of them.

Mrs. Louis Neilson, Chambers, Nebr.

I doubt if we have met, Mrs. Neilson, as I have not belonged to Writers Guild for more than 10 years. I did belong for a few years in the late 1930's but I found I got to only two or three of the meetings. Unless one can take part in the group meetings and discussions, I couldn't see much point in belonging, although it is a fine organization. Like most other organizations of its kind, the meetings were mostly all held either in Omaha or Lincoln.

Usually there are reasons for this, because of administrative difficulties, a place to meet and such that they're held in those cities. But it meant a long expensive trip each time, for me, so I dropped out.

Yes, we moved into a new home about a year and a half ago and I really enjoy it. I have a desk and a specially built chest for my writing supplies, books etc., in the living room, which is a very large room.—Mrs. Pease.

**Relatives Gather at Hanley Home**—Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan had all their family for guests at Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sullivan and the Misses Nan and Peggy, all of Omaha.

They were guests for Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hanley and family, north of O'Neill. They returned to Omaha Sunday.

**Visit Here**—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowker of Seattle, Wash., visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowker and family. The Howard Bowkers were enroute to their home after having spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowker, at Neligh.

**To Cheyenne**—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thiorin and daughter, Miss LaVonne, returned late Sunday from Cheyenne, Wyo., where they had gone Christmas day to spend a few days with relatives.

## Ewing News

Mrs. Hallie Maben entertained Mrs. Iva DeBilanz at a 1 o'clock dinner Christmas day. Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Wright was enjoyed at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lehmann, at Chambers. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lehmann of Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mosel and family of Orchard.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies on Christmas were Rose Bauer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bohn, all of Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prellwitz of Omaha.

The Dierks family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks for the holiday dinner. Present were M. H. Dierks of Ewing, Mrs. Wil-da Cary and family of Holdrege, and callers in the afternoon were Miss Margaret Meuret of Brunswick and Gene Bradstreet of Norfolk.

Mrs. Bertha Urban had as her guests for Christmas her son, "Bud" Urban.

Mrs. Harriet Welke and daughter, Miss Valda Welke, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shain and son, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Biddlecome and family spent Christmas day at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schmisser of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Larsen ate Christmas dinner with relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pruden entertained her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper and family of Winner, S. D., and Pvt. Robert R. Pruden of Ft. Riley, Kans., who is home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Conner were 6 o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Conner and remained for an informal evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zeims spent Christmas day with his nephew, William Zeims, and family.

Mrs. Eva Kaczor had as her guests for a family get-together and dinner, Tony Zaczor, who is stationed at a camp in Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaczor and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Kaczor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kaczor and family, Joe Kaczor and daughter, Jolene, all of Ewing, Miss Alta Ord of Omaha was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baum, sr., are enjoying a visit from their son, Henry Baum, jr., who came home on Thursday and will return to Lincoln on Sunday. Miss Christine Baum came Christmas day and will return on Tuesday, also to Lincoln.

Pvt. Vernon Rockey of Ft. Bliss, Tex., is at home on his first furlough since entering the army in September. He is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rockey.

Pvt. Jerome Tuttle of Ft. Bliss, Tex., is home on a furlough during the holidays and is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verle Tuttle.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larsen spent Christmas day at West Point at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Starr and family. Other members of their family from Ewing for the family party were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer and family.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris on Christmas day were his father, William J. Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hahlbeck entertained the following guests on Christmas day and evening, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cork and family of Page, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barr and family of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hahlbeck and family, Ed Shobe, Mike Neckel, Mrs. Maud Boies, Jennie Brown, all of Ewing, Herman Korneck of Orchard, Mrs. Hahlbeck also sent a turkey dinner to her shut-in neighbor, Otto Lorenz.

The cub scouts held a Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 22, at the home of their den mother, Mrs. Clarence Hahlbeck. Decorations and a Christmas tree gave a festive spirit to the party. Games were played, followed by a period of building with tinker toys. Gifts were exchanged and lunch was served to the 11 cubs present.

A telephone call from Oakland, Calif., brought Christmas greetings to Ronald, Diane and LeRoy from their father, Forrest Hahlbeck.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Walter were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walter and children of Clearwater, Mrs. Salome and son, Charles, of Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Zeigenbein of Orchard.

The Ewing public school was dismissed Wednesday, December 23, for a holiday vacation. School will start on January 4, of the new year.

Saturday was the day for the Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Hazel Kimes and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kusek, and children of David City, and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Filsinger and family gathered at her family home to celebrate. The Kusek family returned home on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Valda Welke, who teaches at Holdrege, is spending the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Welke. She will return January 3.

Miss Leota Cary, who teaches near Spencer, is vacationing at the home of her parents in Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cary. Merton Dierks and Dale Van Vleck went to Creston Sunday to attend the wedding of a fraternity brother, Don Sander.

Mrs. Wilda Carr and children of Holdrege arrived last Thursday to spend the holiday vacation with her father, M.H. Dierks, and other relatives. Miss Mary Alys, who had spent a few days

at Scottsbluff visiting friends, returned to Ewing with the Carr family.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Allyn of Stuart spent Tuesday, December 22, at the home of Mrs. Edna Lofquest.

Rev. and Mrs. Ira Dixon of Colome, S.D., were recent guests at the Edna Lofquest home.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bergstrom were her daughter, Miss Betty Tanner of Spencer, and Myron Armfield of Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wunner went to Stanton to spend the holiday weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schueth had their Christmas supper on Sunday, December 20, at their home. Guests were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schueth, and son of Humphrey and Mr. and Mrs. George Walter of Clearwater. Gifts were opened.

Mrs. Henry Baum, sr., and son, David, were shopping in O'Neill on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe Butler of Lincoln spent a few days in Ewing last week. When they returned home, H. R. Porter accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bergstrom and daughter, Kay, had as their guests on Christmas day her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Turney, of Neligh and Mrs. Jessie Angus of Ewing.

Mrs. Edna Lofquest entertained at a family party on Christmas. Guests were her sons, Robert Lofquest, and family of Fremont, William Lofquest and family, Mrs. Carrie Bernhardt of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Myers of Neligh.

**O'NEILL LOCALS**  
Army Pvt. Donald D. Graham arrived last Thursday from Ft. Riley, Kans., to spend Christmas and a 17-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham, and family. He will return to Ft. Riley for eight more weeks of specialized training after which he expects to be sent overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jarman and son, Douglas, departed Sunday for Los Angeles, Pasadena and other California points. They will be gone several weeks and contemplate seeing the Tournament of the Roses and Rose bowl football game on new year's day.

Pvt. Ted Lindberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindberg, came home from Ft. Sill, Okla., Thursday, December 24, to spend a Christmas leave here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Enquist of Wausa visited Mrs. Augusta Lindberg Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benash and family of Beatrice visited during the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Winnie Wagner, and Thelma and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Benash, and twins, Bruce and Becky.

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