

The Frontier Woman —

## Atkinson Reader Urges Others to Maintain Scrapbooks As a Hobby

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you Santas and Mrs. Santas! Got the tree up? Watch out the kids don't try to eat the trimmings, I've known it to happen before. If you have children and can possibly afford it, you've just got to have a tree and trim the house.

You know what? You can fix a wreath for the window by putting evergreen on a coat hanger which has been bent into a circle. Fasten with fine wire or string, and add some pine cones, holly or bittersweet. The handle is an ideal hanging idea.

There are some rather beautiful candles for use this year at the holiday season. If you have a set of the Christmas villages, complete with houses and church, you might want to use some of the choir boy candles, arranged in front of the miniature church, or build a small church of cardboard. One of those gingerbread houses would make a good table centerpiece. That is, if you can keep the guests from eating it.

A fun idea for Christmas day and a centerpiece is to put a large mixing bowl or some other receptacle in the middle of the table. Tiny gifts can be wrapped and put into the bowl with a ribbon leading to each plate.

When dinner is finished, a gentle bit of pulling will bring out the small gift. You'll find plenty of ideas for gifts at the five and 10 or can use candy, candy bars, nuts or nutmeats in the packages.

Those glass sugar plum and such trees can be used for other

things besides gumdrops. Try impaling colored marshmallows on them for a new twist.

Folks who love Christmas, and folks who love chocolate, will get a double thrill out of finding chocolate fruitdrops, individually wrapped in their Christmas stockings. These chocolate drop cookies get a Christmasy look through the addition of candied cherries and candied pineapple. They are delicious with ice cream, and pretty to serve with the holiday eggnog for an informal party. Best of all, they require no decorating.

### CHOCOLATE FRUIT DROPS

One cup sifted enriched flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1 cup chopped raisins, 1/4 cup candied cherries, 1/4 cup chopped candied pineapple, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, 1/4 cup melted shortening. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Add raisins and cherries and pineapple. Beat eggs until light and add sugar gradually. Add chocolate and melted shortening. Mix well. Add flour mixture. Drop on greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven of 350 F. for 10-to-12 minutes. Makes about three dozen cookies.

### Children Will Like Scrapbooks, Too—

Mrs. Marie Wehrly, of Atkinson, wins one of our three-months' subscription prizes today. The other goes to Mrs. Joe Timmermans, Highway Market, Sutton.

Atkinson, Nebr.

### Dear Blanche and Readers:

Do you have a scrapbook? It's a hobby that makes for interest though not especially expensive. It would be a good one to start a youngster on.

My scrapbooks really mean a lot to me. In one I have odd bits of knowledge plus poems both old and new. They are ones

have gleaned from magazines and papers. Poetry has always appealed to me, maybe because I never could compose two lines of poetry.

My best scrapbook contains cards that I collected during a period of years. Their place of abode was a pasteboard box for sometime. I really enjoyed picking and sorting preparatory to pasting into the book. These cards are very personal to me.

The biggest share of them came to me from my own children on various occasions such as Valentine's day, Easter, Mother's day, birthday and Christmas greetings. Many of these have perfumed centers or bows of ribbon. Lest I forget, there's a group of those cute, fuzzy animal cards from my grandchildren. They, too, get a kick out of looking at them. I guard this book most jealously.

It's sheer enjoyment for me to ride along country roads and see trees in the fall of the year. It's a time of year when a person's appetite perks up after the harvest of good things and the preparation for winter.

Do you enjoy cooking and baking? There's a lot of satisfaction to be derived from preparing a tasty dish. Why is it that home bread baking is fast becoming a lost art? The home variety has so much more flavor.

Homemakers, do you let your daughters practice cooking and baking? They will learn more by doing than by hearing or reading. After all they should learn the principles of cooking and sewing at home while they are growing up. Don't forget to give some praise where it is merited along with constructive criticism. No, it won't make a sissy of your young son to know the rudiments of cooking and serving. The pressure cooker saves so much in food flavors.

How about some fruity spicy cookies along with a glass of cold milk or perhaps you would prefer tea or coffee? As for me, give me a cup of flavorful coffee and I'm not particular what method is used in the preparation of the drink just so it's good.

Here's a recipe for prune cookies. I hope you will want to try them, they are good for the children's lunch box. They keep good if you don't eat them.

**PRUNE COOKIES**  
One cup shortening, 2 cups sugar, 1 cup pitted prunes (cooked and slightly sweetened), 3 eggs, 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda sifted with flour, 1 teaspoon salt,

1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Mix in order given. Drop from a teaspoon on a greased tin and press a piece of cooked prune on the top. No milk needed. Bake in a moderate oven.

Did you know that pies and ice cream were created by American cooks? In many European countries bread dough was the basis for sweets that took the place of our cakes and cookies. Yours for better homemaking, MRS. MARIE WEHRLY.

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### Sends Cranberry Turkey Mold Recipe—

Sutton, Nebr.

### Dear Mrs. Pease:

Well, will write again. I was feeling rather sad when we moved. I still do if I think back to the time we sold our nice herd of cattle and had the rest of the sale. But that is over, and we have moved and things are going along quite nicely. We miss our friends back there, of course, and think of them often.

But of course, being in the grocery business, like we are, we have met a great number of people and made lots of new friends, we hope.

People seem very nice, we don't get to go much. We are pretty busy most of the time, but I love the work. I don't think it's as hard on me as farm work was. Of course, I miss our lovely cream.

The children like their new school very much. Of course, I miss my two big boys I had to leave back there. But when I think about it, it could be worse, and perhaps it will be, the way this old war is. We just have to hope and pray it will end before it takes more of our boys.

I'm going to send a recipe that I think would be nice for Christmas:

### CRANBERRY TURKEY MOLD

First part: 1 tablespoon gelatin, 2 tablespoons cold water, 2 cups turkey broth, 1 teaspoon grated onion, salt and pepper to taste, 1 cup finely diced celery, 2 cups diced, cold turkey, 2 cups chopped pimientos. Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve in hot turkey broth made from boiled and strained turkey bones. Add onion and seasoning to taste. Cool until slightly thickened. Fold in remaining ingredients. Half fill fancy molds and chill. When almost firm add second part of the recipe.

Second part: 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup water, 4 cups cranberries, 1 two-inch stick cinnamon, 6 whole cloves. Grated rind of 1 orange, 1 tablespoon gelatin, 2

tablespoons cold water, 1/2 cup finely diced apple, 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Boil sugar and water together. Add cranberries, spices and orange rind. Cook until cranberry skins pop open. Put through fine sieve, soften gelatin in cold water, dissolve in hot cranberry mixture. Cool to thickened, add apple and nuts. Pour in mold on top of turkey gelatin. Chill until firm. Unmold on lettuce and serve with mayonnaise blended with whipped cream and seasoned lightly with horseradish. Serves six to eight.

### MRS. JOE TIMMERMANS

### Send Us a Letter—

Why not take your pen in hand this week and send us a letter? Each week for the two letters used, we award a three-months' subscription to each writer. Wouldn't it be fun to win a three-months' subscription to The Frontier? You can write about anything you like. If you send recipes try to send at least two seasonal recipes and some time and labor saving ideas in your letter. Send your letter to Mrs. Blanche Pease, The Frontier Woman, Atkinson, Nebr.

### SANDHILL SAL

It's hard to keep up with the Joneses if they have steak every night for supper.

Most of us haven't saved enough to last us through a rain drop, let alone a rainy day.

There won't be any glamor on your pan if you crowd your feet into shoes two sizes too small.

## Gifts Going to Omaha Mission

EWING—On Wednesday, December 6, 13 members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Ewing Methodist Church braved the cold weather to hold the regular meeting at the church parlors.

The meeting was opened with the reading of a Christmas poem by the president, Mrs. Earl Billings, who also conducted the business session.

A box of Christmas presents will be sent to the Omaha city mission. This will be taken care of by Mrs. Henry Fleming, secretary of supplies. Bazaar and election day dinner bills were allowed and final reports were given. Plans were made for the Christmas party which will be held at the church parlors December 23.

Mrs. Sis Ebbengaard had charge of the devotionals. The theme was "Be Still and Know That I Am God". She also presented the lesson, "Spiritual Resources for Health".

The meeting closed with the WSCS prayer repeated in unison. A social hour was enjoyed by the group. The hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. A. R. Marquardt and Mrs. Waldo Davis, served a luncheon from a table decorated in a Christmas color scheme.

### Other Ewing News

Nick Belmar, of Dawson, Ia., has been a guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belmar, jr., the past week. On December 19 the operetta "Santa Claus Land" will be presented at the Ewing high school

auditorium. "Santa Claus Land" is a musical playlet in three acts. The setting for act I is the living room of a home on Christmas eve, and act II is the Palace of Santa Claus. Santa's palace is full of a variety of toys, all in costume, who entertain with singing and dancing. The operetta is being presented by the sixth and seventh grades under the direction of Mrs. Mamie Housh.

Regulations of the state department for normal trainers require that they spend two days of observation in rural schools. The Ewing senior normal training class has met the requirement this year by visiting four schools, one-half day each. The schools and teachers visited are: Emporia—Miss Eula Larson; Deford—Miss Maxine Schrad; St. John's—Miss Patricia Funk. Seniors who are in the professional training class are: Donald Kurpeweit, Wayne Pollock, Leola Cary, Beulah Cloyd and Thelma Primus.

The enrollment in the Ewing grade school this fall is 133. Students are distributed as follows: Kindergarten—11; first—12; second—13; third—13; fourth—16; fifth—17; sixth—15; seventh—16; eighth—15. There are 100 in high school: Freshmen—33, sophomores—17; juniors—26; seniors—24.

### Nash Play Picked by Atkinson Juniors—

ATKINSON—The junior class of Atkinson high school will present its annual class play on January 16 and 17.

The play selected is "The Sweetheart of U Baka Pi," by John Nash. Other information will be released at a later date.

The cast of characters includes: "Elva Anderson," Colleen Kennedy; "Opal Rogers," Ruby Meyer; "Kathleen Emery," Kathleen Huebert; "Beatrice St. John," Vivian Lemmer; "Rheba Saunders," Doris Bogue; "Lorraine Daly," Glenda Enbody; "Duane Runyan," Lavern Brady; "Grant Richards," Bill Richardson; "Oscar Hapwood," Larry Storjohann; "Willie Wright," Clayton Goeke; "Archie Oswald," Duane Shermer; "Lloyd Donnally," George Kahler; "Mrs. Mulholland," Leone Fix; "Dyke Ransome," John Osborne; "Hermann," Mike O'Conner; "Emma," Phyllis Watson.

Thomas Cooper, band instructor, has been selected to direct the play.

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