

### Oakdale Reader Offers Midwinter Discussion on Plants and Flowers

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Happy new year to all! Now we'll have to learn to start our letters 1953. It takes awhile to learn to write the new instead of the old year. Soon as new year's day is over we're going to try to save money, aren't we? And one of the ways to do it is by baking bread. And one of the very best and most delicious kinds of homemade bread is—

#### BUTTERMILK BREAD

Four cups buttermilk, two tablespoons sugar, two tablespoons salt, two cakes quick compressed yeast (or two packages granular), 12 cups sifted flour, two tablespoons melted shortening. Scald buttermilk, add sugar and salt and cool to lukewarm. Dissolve the yeast in lukewarm buttermilk. Add half the flour and beat until smooth. Add melted shortening and remaining flour, or enough to make easily handled dough. Knead dough quickly and lightly until smooth and elastic. Place dough in greased bowl, cover and set in warm place, free from draft. Let rise until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours. When light, divide into three

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equal parts and shape into loaves. Place in greased bread pans. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Bake in hot oven at 425-F. 15 minutes, then reduce heat to moderate, or 375-F. and finish baking 35 minutes longer. This makes three loaves.

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**Oakdale Shubin Wins Gift This Week**  
An Oakdale reader, Miss Mabel Guild, who is physically handicapped, is the winner of the three months' subscription to The Frontier this week. Dear Blanche, January windows are only interesting when they provide brightly colored flowers to the passerby and to the owners. This is the month in which the Christmas gift plants are the greatest enjoyment. Poinsettias, azaleas, cyclamens, are at their peak of bloom. The nearer we give these plants to the care they had in the greenhouse, the longer they will remain in bloom. Temperature, moisture and light are factors.

However, the old favorites must not be slighted as many of them not only grace our windows during the winter months, but must supply cuttings for summer beds and window boxes.

Begonias for the most part are resting now, with the exception of the Christmas begonias. While new begonia

leaves are forming, the old ones drop off, but they will soon be beautiful again. Let them rest but do not neglect them.

The geranium is a winter favorite at our house. The flowers are so bright. They appreciate sunny spots that are cool. The slips taken in the early fall are beginning to bloom, while those started last spring are blooming freely the last two months.

Cacti should be dormant now, but succulents need growing conditions as they will bloom next month.

Of course, the Christmas cacti is and has been a thing of beauty since Thanksgiving. The orchid cacti surprised us with a November period of bloom.

Never had this happen except in June. This is the time for dormant stages of the plant. Next month preparation for the blooming stage is to begin. Their large, red, waxy flowers are really beautiful.

Gloxinias can be blooming the year around if new plants are started at all times, as they bloom from 9 months to a year after starting. Like the amaryllis, they may be brought into bloom by observing their rest periods (of old plants).

Those having warm rooms with humid atmosphere and subdued light can count on African violets in many shades. A window full of these in bloom against a snowy background is one of the prettiest sights one can wish for.

Thoughtful folks who prepared pots of Coleus last fall had a cheery display. They should be sprayed with water every few days, for the cleaner leaves, the more radiant the colors on them. Cut them back, time after time, or they get so leggy that they are unsightly.

Vines look their best now, also ferns, when bloom is sometimes scarce. Busy Lizzy, the variegated leafed sultana, are constant bloomers. Who says January is a dull month? Certainly not those whose windows bring beauty daily into the lives of others as well as their own.

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**O'NEILL LOCALS**  
Norman Synder of Gothenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Synder of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cooper of Plainview were Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Golden and daughter, Miss Kathryn Ann, was the scene of a family reunion for the holidays. Present were Dr. and Mrs. Richard Owens and daughter, Nancy, of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. James Golden of Pittsburg, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller and family of O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hile of Columbus spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. George Janousek, and her husband and family. Mrs. Janousek and daughter, Christie, and son, James, returned to Columbus with them for a week's visit.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French was the scene of a family gathering on Christmas day. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tallon and family of Omaha, Dr. and Mrs. Ivan French and family of Wahoo, and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. French and family of O'Neill.

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**50 Years Ago**  
The Holt County Telephone company expects to make some improvements on their exchange in this city in the near future to accommodate the new subscribers. . . The holder of ticket number 708 will receive \$100 in gold by calling at the P. J. McManus store. . . The passenger train of the Great Northern jumped the track near Jackson and ran along the ties nearly a half-mile before it could be stopped. No one was hurt. . . J. H. Handley, who attends normal at Fremont, spent Christmas with his parents. . . Judge Kinkaid will leave for Washington, D.C., January 12 to be initiated into duties of a congressman, before taking his seat on March 4. . . A man came in the other day with this conundrum: "Why is a newspaper like a woman?" The various answers given are: Because it has some one to run it. Because both have to be known to be appreciated. Because both are good advertising mediums. Because it will change its dress. But the correct answer is: Because every man should have one of his own and not be running after his neighbors.

**25 Years Ago**  
A man in Chicago, Ill., is claiming the distinction of being the first man to be arrested for speeding with a new model Ford. The motorcycle cop claimed the man was driving 55 miles an hour. . . Mrs. Sumner Downey and son, Charles, spent Christmas in Kansas City, Mo. . . Miss Gertrude Wrede, who attends a nursing school at Hot Springs, S.D., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wrede, jr. . . The pageant, "New Born King," was presented in the Presbyterian church under the supervision

of Miss Elizabeth Henry. . . Billy Thompson of Inman turned over in his touring car at the west turn of the correction line south of O'Neill about 7 o'clock in the evening. He was pinned under the car an hour before being able to pull himself out. Several cars passed him but he was unable to attract their attention. . . The O'Neill Gun club will hold a blue rock shoot for ducks and geese on the grounds one mile east of O'Neill next Sunday afternoon. . . About 4 o'clock Thursday morning a fire was discovered in the basement and in the rear of the first floor of the M. S. Abdalla clothing store located in the H. E. Coyne building. The fire was extinguished before great damage was done other than smoke and water damage. After the fire was out it was discovered the store had been robbed of about 70 suits, 18 overcoats and some sweaters and gloves. The front window was broken out. . . Cecil W. Spry of Phoenix and Miss Cora Lucille Stearns of Ann Carr were married in the Methodist church.

**10 Years Ago**  
Thirty-six boys left Wednesday for Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. Among them were: John Flood, Richard F. Sholes of Inman; Laverne Morrow, Arthur H. Leach, Richard W. Wyant, Warren W. Wood of Page; Dominick F. Kubik, Donald D. Adams, Lloyd G. Brady of Dorsey; Howard E. Tielke of Stuart; Glea H. Wade of O'Neill; Joseph L. Cavanaugh of Chambers and Lloyd L. James of Atkinson. . . Mary Frances Gillan and 2/Lt. Gallord Abart of Ft. Monmouth, N. J., were married December 21. . . The O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy donated \$250 to the USO and the American Red Cross. . . Pvt. Arnie Mace, jr. of Sarasota, Fla., is visiting his parents. . . T/Cpl. Leonard Bazelman arrived home from Camp Carson, Colo., to visit his parents. . . A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fay Britnell on December 27.

**One Year Ago**  
Ramon Bright and son, Ardell, have purchased the Red and White grocery store previously

An old-fashioned greeting  
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The best way to say it is still  
"Happy New Year."

**HALVA'S ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE**  
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owned by Robert Schulz. . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hynes of O'Neill, a daughter, on December 28. . . Nineteen registrants left for induction on December 17. Among them was Ronald E. Borg, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg to enter the service. There were two volunteers, Fred B. Kaup and Frank J. Hamik, jr., both of Stuart. . . Clarence Benash of O'Neill and Andrew Wettlaufer of Page held farm sales. . . A marriage license was issued to Francis John Belzer and Miss Ruby Myrta Fox on December 29.

### O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCarville, jr., and family departed Monday for Winnebago where they will spend the new year's holidays with Mrs. McCarville's relatives. They will return Friday.

Christmas day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davidson were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Asimus, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Epenbach and daughter, Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Price of Sargent visited their parents, Mrs. Frank Sucky and Miss Helen and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Price. Mr. Price is teaching at Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allen and family spent Christmas in Meadow Grove at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Farran. Dickie Allen remained for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Allendorfer entertained the following at a Christmas dinner in their home: Mr. and Mrs. Ned Allendorfer and Mrs. June Lane, all of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allendorfer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alm held a family dinner in their home at Christmas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alm of Atlanta, Ill., Miss Doris Alm of Peoria, Ill., A/3c Ted Alm in the air force at Amarillo, Tex., Radio-

man Ic and Mrs. William Poff and sons of Hawaii and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Klein of Imperial. They all returned to their homes Sunday, except Radioman and Mrs. Poff, who remained for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tibbets, Tibbets and Debby of Omaha and Miss Edith Castleman of Leadville, Colo., spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tibbets.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCarville and family returned Sunday from Ellsworth, Minn. They had spent five days with Mrs. McCarville's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Egan.

**Mother and Daughter Entertain at Luncheon**  
Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher and daughter, Miss Betty, were hostesses at a 1 o'clock luncheon Saturday. Miss Betty, who teaches in Omaha, is home for the holidays.

**Family Gathers at Froelichs**  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich held their annual Christmas party for their family and relatives Christmas eve.

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