

The Frontier Woman —

'How Does Mrs. Pease Find Time to Do All She Does Beside Writing?'

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! Comes now the season of the year when I just keep a tub of water in one corner of the kitchen, and every so often dice into it from the top of the kitchen table.

What's that? You don't believe me? Oh how you don't believe! For less probable things than that! This time of the year I don't like to make any more work than I have to, and when it comes to cooking why not do it in the earlier hours of the morning—before it gets so hot. Quite a good share of the cooking can be done then, if you'll just set your mind to it and arrange things that way.

By all means if you have a refrigerator make full use of it. Prepare enough potatoes to last several meals. Say you boil a kettle full with the jackets on. Peel them before they get cold and put in the refrigerator. For lunch, dice some and brown in bacon fat. For supper, how about potato salad?

Then, next day, dice some of the potatoes into a greased casserole, and season with salt and pepper. Use a cheese sauce over them and warm up in the oven—and you've got potatoes au gratin for lunch. Slice them the long way and brown in butter or oil for supper the next night.

When you cook the eggs for the potato salad, boil an extra 2 or 3 to stuff and use them to dress up the cold meat plate. 'Twill make the meat go farther and add variety to your meals. An extra boiled egg sliced over spinach makes a delightful and edible garnish.

When you make up the gelatin salad for the refrigerator, make up a tray of plain flavored gelatin, too, and have it on hand to serve as a garnish with that chilled tapioca dessert you have planned for lunch.

Do your baking in early morning and warm up the rolls at mealtime, or use ice box dough, and bake up a batch in a hurry, having the oven on only a little while. Bake up cake, cookies and such in early morning and keep chilled—they'll do for several days.

Make up a double batch of prepared pudding mix. Serve half with whipped cream and nuts, tomorrow add shaved sweet chocolate and coconut. The dish won't even taste the same.

2 Subscriptions Awarded This Issue —

Dear Blanche: When I read in today's column that you were just 1 step ahead of the deadline, I felt my old hand reach for a pen because our family enjoys your column very much. In fact, did you know that the men folks also follow The Frontier Woman?

We were visiting recently and when the woman of the household mentioned how much work she had to do

every day, her husband said, "I wonder how Mrs. Pease finds so much time to do all she does besides writing?"

I do have a washing short cut. That is, when one has to wash by hand either because of lack of facilities or rain (because of too much rain like this past week.) I bought a little rectangular-shaped vegetable brush in town (I buy everything in town as I find it pays.) When I come across little socks, overalls, cuffs and seats of trousers that have been in mud during a romp outside, I find it so easy to scrub these places with the little brush, also for those creases in let down hems.

And do you know what I overheard a young woman tell her friend in one of the grocery stores just the other day? If you don't want to cry when peeling onions, just try whistling.

Well, I bundled my family up and hurried home to try it. Believe it or not, it works!

I find I learn so much from your column. I think readers are so unselfish, too, to share their ideas with the rest of us.

FRECKLED MOTHER.

Freckled Mother, what a good neighbor you are, to come to my rescue in time of need. I had to read that part about "Mrs. Pease getting so much done" out loud to my husband. He wants to know if my readers think I do the yard work and raise the chickens and garden? Grin. Maybe I ought to confess that he raises the chickens, Bob raises the garden and the 2 men do most of the yard work. I never heard of that onion peeling hint, but darn it all, I never could learn to whistle!

Dear Mrs. Pease:

I always borrow The Frontier pages from my neighbor so I can read your column. I do enjoy it so much. I have 5 children, 2 girls, and 3 boys, ages from 9 years to 15 months.

My garden sure looks wonderful after having this much needed rain that we had. I planted quite a few cucumber seeds so I can have lots of cucumbers to pickle. Here is one of my favorite recipes for sweet pickle.

15 MINUTE SWEET CHUNK

Four quarts cucumbers sliced or chunk, 3 cups water, 5 cups vinegar, 1 medium sized onion, cut fine, 1 teaspoon cloves, 1 teaspoon all spice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon black pepper. Mix vinegar, sugar, water, salt and spices together, put on stove and let come to a boil before putting in the cucumbers and onion. While vinegar is coming to a boil, slice or chunk the cucumbers and cut the onion up fine. I prefer dilute size or rather large, just so they are not seedy. But any size can be used.

When vinegar comes to a boil put the cucumbers and onion in and let come to a boil and boil 5 minutes, then can them while hot in glass jars, like you would fruit. This recipe can be used to make beet pickles. Cook the beets first, and peel and slice, then vinegar over them and let pour the hot spiced sweetened

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COMING IN OUT OF THE DRAFT... The race was on. Passage by congress of the 19-through-25 peacetime draft bill brought a rush of youths within the susceptible age group to join national guard and reserve units throughout the nation. One provision of the bill exempts members of the national guard or active reserve groups from service in the armed forces.

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I guess I better quit writing for this time. I hope this letter escapes the waste basket. Will now say so-long to The Frontier.

MRS. DEAN PERRY, Emmet, Nebraska.

And they talk about my being a busy woman, why Mrs. Perry, I'll bet you are the one who really is busy. With 5 small youngsters, think of the washings and ironings and meals to cook, and all else there must be to do. I doff my hat to you busy mothers of children! And do some again, Freckled Mother and Mrs. Perry!

SOS For Letters —

Yes, I'm sending out an SOS for letters for The Frontier Woman. We do need them so badly and many, many of you read The Frontier every week who have never written to us. Yes, I do mean you, lady, sitting there so nicely reading The Frontier Woman, You sort of thought about writing to me, now didn't you? But that was as far as you got? Oh lady, if every one were like that you wouldn't get any Frontier to read. Edison wouldn't have invented electric lights, we wouldn't have any radios, or hardy anything else.

Pioneer woman, write us a letter. Tell us almost anything you like, and, if possible, include 1 or 2 of your best hints, helps or short cuts, we never have enough of those.

Sit down right now and send that letter. Address it to Mrs. Blanche Pease, The Frontier Woman, Atkinson, Nebraska. Remember we give a 3-months' subscription to The Frontier, for every letter we use.

Seattle Visitors Arrive at Redbird

REDBIRD—Henry Hull and niece, Miss Elsie Hull, both of Seattle, Wash., and Edward Hull, of Menlo, Ia., arrived on Wednesday, July 14, by automobile for a visit with Halsie Hull and family.

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Real Estate Transfers

(Editor's note: A glossary of the abbreviations follows: WD—warrants deed; QCD—quit claim deed. The instruments filed at the Holt county courthouse are listed from whom to whom, date, consideration, legal description.)

WD—J S Torey to Lena Tomjack 7-10-48 \$1- Lot 8 Blk 14 - Ewing.

QCD—Alvin Dale Thierolf to Pearl L Thierolf 7-12-48 \$1- W 1/2 SE 1/4 26 NW 1/4 35-31-9 July 13.

WD—DeLance Withers to Marvin C Frisch & wf 5-18-48 \$2300- Lot 8 Blk 23- Bitneys Add- Atkinson.

WD—Oliver O & Homer B Maring to J H Patterson & wf 4-5-48 \$1250- 300 ft by 456 ft in SW corner of SW 1/4 Sec 12-28-13.

WD—Dorsey S Conrad to Lawrence Rothchild and wf 5-20-48 \$4600- Part of SW 1/4 SE 1/4 32-30-14.

WD—Edward Humpal to Wm F Luchart and wf 6-18-48 \$3200- Lots 23-24 & 25 Blk 1 Ballons Add- Atk.

WD—John Grof to Dorothy A Scott & Mabel M Constable 7-6-48 \$4000- W 1/2 NE 1/4 3-31-14.

WD—Jessie Wertz Churchill to Norris W Coats & wf 7-7-48 \$335- Lots 5-6-7 Blk 8 Hallocks Add- Stuart.

WD—Charles Stevens et al to Nellie Komar 4-13-48 \$1050 Lot 7 Blk 29- Ewing.

Mrs. Morris Blackburn, Recent Bride, Feted

INMAN — A post-nuptial shower was given in honor of Mrs. Morris Blackburn, of Stanton, the former Miss Ruth Stevens, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith on Friday evening, July 16. About 50 guests were present and Mrs. Blackburn received many gifts.

Hostesses for the evening included: Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Anna Smith, Mrs. Melvin Smith, Mrs. Earl Stevens, Mrs. Robert Stevens, Mrs. Vern Wrede, Mrs. James Coventry and Mrs. Clarence Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn are moving about August 1 to Park River, N. D., where Mr. Blackburn is being transferred. He is employed by the soil conservation service.

Coffee Club in Session at South Home —

INMAN — The Coffee club met Friday, July 16, with Mrs. R. B. South at her home. A cover dish luncheon was served to the group at noon and the afternoon was spent informally. There were 18 members and 1 visitor present.

Harmony Club Meets —

INMAN—Mrs. Manuel Crosser was hostess on Tuesday afternoon, July 13, at her home to members of the Harmony Club. The time was spent socially. Mrs. Crosser served luncheon.

Old Settlers' PICNIC!!

Elmer Devall Grove (Same place as last year)

Thursday, August 19

• ANY ONE desiring concession rights for this occasion, write or see: Preston Jones, Secretary, O'Neill, Nebr.

Good Will Proclamation Heard at Meeting

INMAN — Arbutus Rebekah lodge met in regular session on Wednesday evening, July 14, at the IOOF hall. The international good will proclamation was observed in an appropriate manner and the past noble grands were guests at a surprise lunch following the meeting.

Other Inman News

Mr. and Mrs. George Morey, sr., of Lanton, Ia., were guests in the James Hopkins home Tuesday evening, July 13.

Mrs. Grace Jenkins, of Or-Fla., arrived Thursday evening, July 15, for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Jenkins is remembered here as Grace Keyes, the family having lived here 25 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown and daughter, of Independence, Mo., arrived Friday afternoon, July 16, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Youngs and Barbara.

Jimmy Kucera, of Neligh, spent the past week with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buckmaster, and family. Mrs. George Morey, of Conrad, Mont., came Tuesday, July 13, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hadden Geary, and to see her brother, Pfc. George Geary, who is home on furlough from Kessler Field, Biloxi, Miss.

Terry and Lynn Gallagher spent the past week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. George Winkler and son, of Tilden, were guests in the Gallagher home on Friday, July 16, and the boys accompanied them to Tilden.

Postmaster and Mrs. James McMahon drove to Norfolk on Saturday, July 17, on business. Mrs. John Conrad and daughter, Mary Lou, of Emmet, were weekend guests of their grandmother, Mrs. R. B. South, and Ronnie.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Alexander arrived home Saturday, July 17, after spending the past week in Kansas City, Mo.

Otto Miller Feted on 75th Anniversary

STAR—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, Eileen, Karen, Curtis and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Walter, Clayton and Clarence, and Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Miller, Arnold and Barbara went to Burke, S. D., on Sunday, July 11, and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller and family.

A surprise birthday party was held for Otto Miller. He was 75-years-old. He is a brother of E. A. Miller. It was also Clayton Johnson's 16th

birthday anniversary.

The dinner, served cafeteria style, included 3 decorated birthday cakes.

The folks spent the afternoon visiting and taking pictures.

Other Star News

Mrs. Marvin Johnson spent Wednesday, July 7, with her mother, Mrs. Awall Spangler.

Mrs. May Throckmorton visited Wednesday, July 7, at the home of her grandson, Albert Derickson, and family.

'Tomatoes' Topic of Project Unit —

CELIA — The Dickinson Project club met Wednesday, July 14, at the home of Mrs. N. R. Greenwood. The assisting hostess was Mrs. Ralph Reis.

An interesting lesson on "To-

matoes and Various Ways To

Serve Them" was presented by leaders, Mrs. Robert Martens and Mrs. Charles Milnar. Eighteen members answered roll call. Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg and Mrs. Fred Hayes were guests. The hostesses served ice cream and cake, coffee and a cold drink.

Vacation in Black Hills —

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Leidy and family returned Saturday, July 17, from a week's vacation in the Black Hills.

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Prices Jump To New High
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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Price moved up another seven tenths of a per cent between mid-April and mid-May to reach a new high.

Food prices jumped 1.4 per cent for another record peak.

The bureau of labor statistics said its consumers' price index for last month showed a general price increase of 9.3 per cent over last year, 27.9 per cent over June 1939, and 72.9 per cent above last year. Food went up 12.4 per cent above last year, 4.8 per cent over August, 1939, and 125.6 per cent over an average of prices between 1935 and 1939, hit 170.5 per cent for the entire country in May.

LIVING COSTS are up 72.9%

BUT YOUR ELECTRIC RATES ARE ACTUALLY LOWER THAN PRE-WAR!

No one knows better than the housewife that living costs have sky-rocketed. In fact, according to the Bureau of Labor statistics, living costs in general were up 72.9% in May 1948 over 1939. These are hard, cold facts. Hard on you and hard on us. For, while living costs have gone up, the cost of material, equipment and labor necessary to provide your electric service has gone up accordingly. For example, an electric pole that cost about \$14.50 in 1939 costs \$26.32 today.

Yet, with all of these increased costs, your electric rates are actually lower than before the war. Why? Because Consumers Public Power District has always maintained the policy of passing on to the users, the benefits

of this state-wide, publicly-owned system and has made 3 general rate reductions since 1939. Increased use of electricity and more customers have also helped to partially offset these rising costs while we have done everything possible to keep rates down. But, frankly, with the need for expanded facilities to serve growing electrical needs, and the constant increase in costs of providing service, we wonder how long we will be able to hold the line.

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