

Holt County Woman Enjoys Christmas Season in California

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people. How about ham this week? You can maybe buy a whole ham and then you'll have the where-with-all for so many good meals. The ham can be cooked in water, pressure cooked, stuffed and baked, or baked. But we thought we'd tell you how to use just parts of the ham as you go along.

You can braise the ham butt. Cook the ham butt in boiling water, allowing about 20 minutes for each pound. Take ham, drain, remove rind and put butt into a baking dish. Pour a pint bottle of tart grape or pineapple juice over the ham and bake in a moderate oven of 350 degrees, allowing 10 minutes to the pound. Baste frequently. Add a little ham stock to the sauce, thicken with browned flour, season and strain sauce over ham. Serve at once.

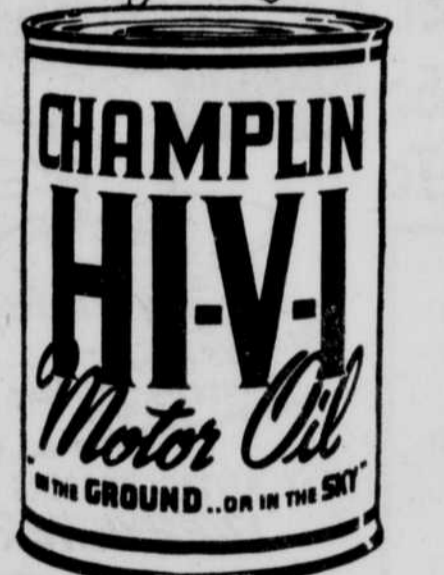
Or you can cook the ham butt in water, allowing 20 minutes to the pound. Let cook in water. Make a quart of apple sauce, add one cup brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves. Remove rind from butt and place in baking dish. Cover fat surface of butt with the thick apple sauce. Bake in a moderate oven of 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 45 minutes. Serve hot or cold. Serves six.

Or maybe you'll like to serve a ham slice with orange? It will take a one-pound slice of star ham, one pint milk, two oranges, 1/2 cup brown sugar, six to eight cloves.

Place ham slice in baking dish. Cover with thin slices of orange, each stuck with a clove. Cover with brown sugar. Pour over milk and bake in a moderate oven of 350 degrees Fahrenheit for one hour. Baste often. Serves four.

"Grandma," of Atkinson wins a three-months' subscription to The Frontier this week.

Portrait of a Wonderful Woman— She was a plain Irish woman who had many startling character traits. She was a true pioneer, coming to the country when it was new. The closest railroad was at Neigh and the closest church was at O'Neill. She grew up in the East in a small mining community. On



hearing of the Middle West being the land of milk and honey, she and her miner husband migrated to Nebraska. Like many - a - couple they were doomed to disappointment and cursed the day they heard of this land. This woman longed to go back to see her people but it was not for her.

She reared a large family amidst the greatest of privations. Her husband passed away shortly before her youngest child was born. Hers was now indeed a hard life with no pension or state aid to help. Fuel was so scarce that the child even had to scour the country for "prairie roses." They also burned dried corn stalks and hay. Lots of buffalo bones were picked up on the prairie—bringing in a few nickels.

This mother reared her family with a great respect for the church. I imagine she stressed honesty in all things for she was known to say: "Be honest and you will always have a friend." She had a word of welcome to every stranger who came to her door.

Although I am no advocate of women taking up the habit of smoking, I can make an exception in these early pioneer lives, if they could find even a night of comfort in smoking a cob pipe, they were surely entitled to it. It was surmised that someone in that household smoked a pipe and it wasn't the man in the house. On one occasion a caller found the room filled with smoke and had heard the noise as the ashes were knocked from the pipe.

She enjoyed visiting with young and old and it was her custom to treat a child who would sing or dance for her. She believed in sharing good things with her neighbors and friends.

We mourned her passing, but knowing her leaves pleasant memories imprinted in our lives.

"GRANDMA," Atkinson.

"Just Me" also wins a three-months' subscription to The Frontier.

Dear Mrs. Pease: Been quite a spell since I wrote you my last letter that brought the three-months' subscription. Thank you so much. The family enjoyed every bit of it. On account of bad roads, snow and all, the paper didn't arrive on schedule but when it got here it got twice - over reading. As I have only been home from California a short time I missed reading much of the papers. Also missed most of the snow but not to any disappointment to me. Just doesn't seem like it could have

Sandhill Sal

Your best helper is what keeps your spine from unraveling and your ears apart. Next best helpers are at the ends of your own sleeves.

Nothing is so rare as a Sunday afternoon in June when there's a freezer of homemade ice cream and one of Mom's super angel food cakes!

Ice cream you freeze with a hank crank is twice earned, and therefore tastes twice as good.

One of the reasons why picnic food tastes so good—you nearly starve before the food's ready.

been so bad in this country this winter as it really was. Pictures of snowdrifts and stories in the papers and told by people are almost unbelievable.

I spent the winter in sunny California with my three daughters—two that are married and have their homes in Pasadena, a very lovely city. Yes, the weather out there was very unusual this winter—wind, rain and cold. A poor introduction for visitors, but I enjoyed it very much. People don't stop for the weather when they want to go as it will change in an hour or so.

On the evening of January 10 it had been raining most of the afternoon.

It began snowing in an hour or so, the ground was covered. People, young and old, ran out on the street saying, "Oh, isn't it nice? Hope it doesn't stop." Then in the morning as soon as it was light around five o'clock, we heard voices in the street calling out "Merry Christmas, happy New Year!" Everyone was out throwing snowballs.

On several instances men and women, 70-years-of-age were washing each other's faces with the white stuff, and rolling it. It was six inches deep in Pasadena. But up near the mountains in Altadena it was 11 inches. School was dismissed for two days, so the children could play in it. Most of them had never seen snow before and it was certainly a thrill for them.

Now for the interesting things and places I saw while in California. I cannot begin to tell about them all, but here are a few to begin with.

I reached California on December 5 so of course all the Christmas decorations were in full swing. And I think I saw them on all the streets in Los Angeles, Hollywood, Englewood and Pasadena. They were just beautiful. All the large store windows, such as Bullocks, Mays and Broadway. It was something to look at.

I thought the main street in Hollywood was the nicest—small Christmas trees on all the lightposts, lit up at night it was very pretty. Most of the streets and decoration reached across with bright and shiny bells and stars. We drove up the mountains one evening so we could look down over all the cities. Some sight with all the lights. We drove down Christmas tree lane. Also saw the 100-foot tree in Los Angeles all lit up to the top. Then the New Year's parade. The rose parade was the most wonderful thing I ever expect to see with all those lovely bands, beautiful horses and such lovely floats, all made of flowers as fresh as the day they were gathered. To say nothing of the beautiful Queen of Roses and the other pretty girls in the parade. Oh yes there were pretty cars and pretty men, too, on horseback and driving the cars.

I also got to go to Forest Lawn cemetery after Christmas and was very much surprised at the decorations on the graves there, of Christmas trees all decorated in pretty tinsel and colored balls and so many nice flowers. It was very pretty, it covers most of a large mountain, or it seemed like a mountain to me.

We went to several radio programs, saw the Judy Canova show, G. E. Houseparty got to see several movie stars. Also to the beach. It was fun, but I don't especially care for the ocean.

Last of all, I went to Santa Anita to the horse races which I enjoyed immensely. It is a very pretty place with all its pansies in bloom on the green carpet and there were some wonderful horses there, too.

After a long train ride home I was glad to be back to good old Nebraska although there snow and mud was still knee deep. The next trip I make to California will be by car. Although I enjoyed the train trip one meets some very nice people and it was fun, but going by car one could stop at interesting spots and see more that way. This is getting to be quite a long letter so will sign off. Hope all you people who spent a winter in California enjoyed it as much as I did.

P.S.—I visited several of the graves of Holt county people buried in Forest Lawn.

Saladeas— Try those crisp, crunchy little flowerets from raw cauliflower for salads. Try them with sliced orange, green pepper, chopped celery and a tart dressing.

Ripe olives are grand in the salad dressing — or did you know that all the time? Especially good with banana and orange salads. Use a tart French dressing for the base. A bit of Roquefort cheese crumbled into French dressing adds sophisticated flavor—especially good with fruit salads.

It doesn't take time or a thunderstorm to make sour cream. Just add a little lemon juice or vinegar to sweet cream. It's fine for salad dressings.

Send Us a Letter— We're needing good letters for The Frontier Woman. Each week we give one or two three-months' subscriptions to The Frontier for letters printed. Sometimes we print an extra letter, when we have enough letters on hand, and

for that we mail out a small surprise gift. Try to remember that it will be August probably before your letter can appear in print and make it reasonable for then as to recipes and such. Don't send just a line or two and a recipe, if you write that type of letter try to include a couple of your favorite recipes and some hints or other ideas. Of course we always welcome original letters of all kinds.

Send your letter to Mrs. Blanche Pease, The Frontier Woman, Atkinson, Nebr.

Masons to Leave— Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mason will leave O'Neill next week for Des Moines, Ia, where Mr. Mason will be a city salesman for Swift & Co. The Masons came to O'Neill from Omaha in July, 1948. Mr. Mason's successor here will be Kieth Landon, of Ames, Ia.

Clyde Roberts, 67, Burial at Stuart— STUART— Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. for Clyde Roberts, 67, who died at his home here Sunday morning. Mr. Roberts had been in ill health for several months. He was a long-time resident and a prominent citizen of Stuart.

Other Stuart News— All of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Slaymakers' children and their families were home Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30, at a family gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Gauthanbaugh and Peggy, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Slaymaker, jr., and children, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hickerson, of Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carlisle and children, of Atkinson; Mr. and

Mrs. Wesley Slaymaker and children, of Atkinson. The two daughters, Virginia and Avis, remained for a week's visit in the parental home. Mr. and Mrs. James Allyn and family, of the Cleveland community, started Wednesday, May 1, for the Black Hills and then on to Sundance, Wyo. They will visit the P. H. Steck family there. Mrs. Steck and Mrs. Allyn are sisters. Brooke Stuart, son of Mrs. Dale Stuart, and Rex Coffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coffman, are home from the University of Nebraska for the Summer. Mrs. Clyde Roberts and niece were business callers at Springfield Friday, June 3. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weidage, of Atkinson, were dinner guests at the John Krobart home Sunday.

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ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL, recently given this new official title, was conceived about three years ago to alleviate an acute need for first-class rural general hospital facilities in the area. Up until now, 60 thousand dollars has been raised through subscription and solicitation. The minimum goal by this method is 100 thousand dollars. The U. S. Government, through the U. S. Public Health Bureau and the Nebraska Department of Health, is keenly aware of the need for first-class hospital facilities in this area and will make available 100 thousand dollars in the form of a grant for building purposes.

THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, a Roman Catholic order successfully operating a number of large hospitals throughout the country, have provided a building site in O'Neill, have agreed to operate and staff this hospital when completed, and, in addition, have agreed to assume up to 100 thousand dollars indebtedness, if necessary, in order that this hospital plan can become a reality.

THUS, AS OF THIS WEEK, only 40 thousand dollars is needed before work can begin on this medical center. The U. S. Public Health Bureau and the Nebraska Department of Health estimate that, when completed, St. Anthony's 40-bed capacity will meet the hospital requirements for more than 30 thousand people in the Sand Hills area.

TIME HAS COME that the hospital movement needs your help. And your help is needed badly. After three years of preliminary planning and limited solicitation, the third—and final—drive is being launched. St. Anthony's Hospital will be built, there will be no turn back, the goal is in sight.

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—St. Anthony's Hospital Building Committee.

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