

The Frontier Woman —

Article Says Housewives Becoming Bored; Darlings Should Spend Week On the Farm

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! My goodness, 1950 already! Have you gotten used to writing the "50" instead of "49"? Probably not! Neither have I.

There is one thing I surely hope 1950 brings our way and that's REA. It would be simply



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super to have electricity at our beck and call. Even decent lights would be wonderful. For years now we have struggled with kerosene lamps that give little light, always have to be filled and trimmed and with a kerosene mantle light that has a way of "burning up" and sooting up things in general. They nearly drive me crazy. The last couple of years we've used gasoline lanterns and lights which operate under an air pressure system and require generators. They are forever needing a new generator and new mantles!

Electricity would be wonderful, not to mention all the electrical appliances I might hope to buy and have them help me with my work. I already have a start along those lines. I have a bantam electric range (which I won). I wish now I had kept one of the radio-phonographs or the electric radio I won in the past couple of years, not to mention that automatic popper toaster. It does look as though we might get electricity in 1950. I also won an electric roaster about a year ago, but traded it in on a refrigerator. The refrigerator and stove have been such a wonderful help in keeping house that a thousand dollars wouldn't buy them if I couldn't replace them! How I wish every

farm homemaker could have just that much help. I have an electric travel iron but I'll be wanting one of these super electric irons that can be set for various heats. Oh, golly, I hope we get REA in 1950!

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'Lucky Mom' Writes Excellent Letter.
 "Lucky Mom," of Atkinson, writes an excellent letter for our enjoyment today. We also have a really good original letter from "Mrs. M. W.," also of Atkinson. So today it's a double treat of good letters.
 Dear Blanche:

Been planning for a long time to get a letter off to The Frontier Woman, but things didn't seem to work out that way. After canning was finally finished, came house cleaning, the kiddies had a tussle with the flu, and, say, there's nothing like a bunch of sick kiddies to keep you on your toes!

I was amused over an article I read about American housewives having everything so modern and so little to do they become bored with life. At first, I was amused but after looking around at the many jobs staring my way, I became a wee bit disgusted.

Wouldn't you other busy farm mothers like to have one of those bored darlings come and spend a week with you?

Believe me I would and I'll bet after she followed me around for a few days she wouldn't be bored. She might have a few kinks in her back but as for being bored, well, I think not!

Guess I do feel sorry for her though. When you're busy, you haven't time to be unhappy. She evidently doesn't have a precious baby to love and care for and what a thrill he gives all of us with his smiles and coos.

No youngsters coming home from school, wide-eyed and happy over the day's events, with a "Mom, got anything good to eat? Cookies?, oh boy!"

No little Susie to pull a chair up close to the work table and say, "What ya making mom?"

No mischievous little boys that just love to untie mom's strings and tell her there's company coming up the driveway when she's in the worst possible mess. She couldn't be bored while listening to Tommy practicing his music and Judy telling about her latest Bobbie Twin book all at the same time.

Perhaps it would be boring to be able to arrange your furniture any way you wanted to. But, believe me, it takes plenty of ingenuity to get the piano by the wall, where Susie swings with a black crayon; to write the new oil cloth around so you can't see those fancy designs a pair of little scissors made. Then there's the place on the dining room table where Tommy tried out the saw, from his new tool chest. Yep! It worked.

Time probably would hang on one's hands if he could clean up his house and it would stay that way all day. That, I couldn't say, having never had the experience. Ten minutes after I have cleaned up my dining room looks like a small tornado had passed through with blocks, comic books, colors and such scattered here and there, with the chairs arranged to represent a train or some such thing. Often I have to be very quiet as we're having school and whoever heard of anyone talking in school?

Course, when you do get the older ones off to school and the baby bathed and asleep and little Susie quietly coloring in a color book, and yourself sneaking a few minutes to read a magazine or write a letter, hubby can (and usually does) decide to saw wood, butcher, brand or some such job and sends you into a whirl again.

But that's home, and I, for one, wouldn't want it any other way. I wouldn't be surprised if some years hence, when I've made my nest egg and the kiddies have grown, some cozy evening I'll be sitting with hubby, the dishes will all be done, oh, happy day! Right after they were used, too, and not after Judy's hair was put up, Tommy's arithmetic finished or Susie's story was read. Then I'll turn to hubby and say, "Gee whiz, poppy, it's quiet, wish something would happen, don't you?"

"LUCKY MOM."

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'Time' by I. M. Today—
 What does the clock say? Tick-tock.

Yes, it will say almost what you want it to. "Time to get up, time to quit, time to go to bed."

Remember how time used to drag along when you were a child and it was such a long time between birthdays, and most of all, between Christmases. Then as a person grows older the time simply flies in the words of the poet, "How long, oh God, is eternity?"

People from other countries stand aghast at the hustle and bustle in the United States. Everyone is in such a hurry going nowhere fast, hardly being interested enough to help one less fortunate.

There's a time for everything, a time for sowing and a time for reaping. There's a time for work and a time for play.

Did you ever watch the busy little bee improving each shining hour? I don't enjoy being stung by the bee but I do like the honey and that takes time.

Make the most of today. Yesterday is gone and cannot be recaptured and tomorrow may never come.

In the great plan of human affairs we are forced to take time to die. Why not then take time to really live to the fullest for we pass this way but once. Bye for now.

"MRS. M. W."

Letters Needed For Frontier Woman—

Today I used the last letters I had on hand for The Frontier Woman. Let's hope some more come in the next few days or I won't have letter material for the next one.

You may write about anything you like in your letters. We are particularly pleased to have original letters, such as the two used in The Frontier Woman today. Those are tops!

But you can send us the chatty household type of letter, too, which is full of hints and ideas. You can include a couple of your favorite seasonal recipes. Make it a recipe that you have actually tried and know is good.

Be sure to spell out the measurements. Give the method of preparation. If the food is to be baked, give the oven temperature. All of these things are important in a recipe.

Each week we give a three-months' subscription to two letterwriters. Send your letters to Mrs. Blanche Pease, The Frontier Woman, Atkinson, Nebr.

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FOODS—
LAZY LADY'S CAKE
 And aren't we all? Lazy ladies, I mean. This jiffy cake has a self icing. Four tablespoons lard, one cup sugar, one egg, one-half cup milk, scant one-half teaspoon salt, one and one-half cups sifted flour, one

SANDHILL SAL

Junior wants to know: If you have to keep milk cold to prevent it from souring, then why doesn't it sour in the cow? They claim life begins at 40. You can read it in book and verse, but at 40 I want to know, does it begin to get better or worse?

Oh, for a crick in the neck caused from gazing at our own television set instead of gawking at the neighbor's!

and one-half teaspoons baking powder, one teaspoon flavoring. Put all ingredients in a bowl and beat two or three minutes with a rotary beater. The batter should be light and smooth. Pour into a deep layer pan and cover evenly with the following mixture: one-half cup grated sweet chocolate and one-half cup finely chopped almonds. Bake at 350 F. 35 to 40 minutes.

MILE A MINUTE CAKE

This mile a minute cake is different. A brown sugar cake with dates and nuts, it has a peanut butter frosting. One and three-fourths cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon nutmeg, one-third cup lard, one and one-third cups brown sugar, two eggs, one-half cup milk, one-half pound dates, one-half cup nuts. Sift flour, measure and sift again with the baking powder, salt and spices. Combine all ingredients in the order given, adding the pitted chopped dates. Put in 9-inch square pan and bake in moderate oven of 350 F. for 50 to 60 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER ICING

Two cups confection sugar, three tablespoons butter, one teaspoon cinnamon, one teaspoon nutmeg, four to six tablespoons milk. Combine all the ingredients. Add the milk slowly until of the right consistency.

Chambers News

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard entertained the following for Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Porter and Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Eason, all of O'Neill; and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hubbard, of Chambers.

Mrs. Ruby Martin and Barbara Jean Wilcox left Monday for Oakland to visit relatives for a few days.

C. J. Barnum, of Norfolk, was in Chambers Tuesday.

Rev. Duane Hutchinson drove to Elgin Saturday evening, December 24, where he enjoyed Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Jeffers and daughter spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Anna Young, at Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hansen spent Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Hoef, at Norfolk, and Monday with his mother, Mrs. Tom Hansen, sr., at Tilden.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar DeHart and daughters were Christmas day guests of her mother, Mrs. John Cox, and sister, Hazel Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bell entertained the following to Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tibbets, Walter Richards and Dale Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bell drove to North Loup to attend a Christmas reunion of her family at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rice.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoerle on Christmas day were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoerle and family, of Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoerle and family, Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Hoerle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pavel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoerle also Mrs. Lloyd Hoerle's mother, Mrs. Cady, of McCook.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wink and family drove to Neligh to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stevens and children spent Sunday evening, December 25, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stevens, at Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Medcalf and Bobby spent Monday, December 26, in the E. H. Medcalf home returning to Sioux City in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Howe, of Fremont, and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Larson and son, of Ewing, were guests in the Henry Woods home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Star and boys, of St. Paul, came Saturday, December 24, and spent until Sunday evening, December 25, with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neiman and family, of Grand Island, had Christmas dinner with his mother, Mrs. Mary Neiman. They went to the Tom Englehart home in the evening to spend with her relatives.

Guests in the C. V. Robertson home for Christmas dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Robertson, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Robertson and children; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spann John Walter and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Grimes served Christmas dinner to the following: Mrs. Lois Adams, Jim Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kiltz and Phillis, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harley, and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grimes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley and Robert had as their guests on Christmas, her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Albers and son, of Lincoln; her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walter and Richard. Guests in the Wm. Lehmann home for Christmas dinner were their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. mother, Mrs. Anna Albers, and Bernard Mozel and daughter, of Orchard, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Wright and children, of Ewing, and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Medcalf spent Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Miller and family, at Clearwater.

Pfc. Marvin Green spent from Friday, December 23, until Tuesday, December 27, with his mother, Mrs. Hamp Smith, and other relatives. He is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kans.

The following were guests in the C. W. Rothchild home at Neligh on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shores and son, of Neligh; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rothchild and family and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hubel, of Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rathchief and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Good, of Oakdale; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanderson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Troxel Green and Shirley, of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barret, of Brunswick, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lybolt.

Marie Tangeman came home Thursday, December 22, from Denver, Colo., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tangeman, and family. They drove to Grand Island to meet her.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Myers and son entertained the members of her family at dinner on Christmas. They were Mrs. Blanche Edwards, Chas. Edwards and children, Gene Primus, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence ("Bill") Edwards, all of Chambers, and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Edwards and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Butterfield and daughter, of Amelia.

Pfc. Chas. Frady, of Scott Field, Ill., is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Ned Frady, and other relatives.

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gillespie were Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie, Mrs. Eldin Wood, of Alhambra, Calif., and Mrs. E. J. Eby and son, Robert.

Mrs. Nora Dailey, of Bristow, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dailey indefinitely.



HELPFUL HINTS

Budget and homemaking news by Bonnie McDonald

RING AROUND A WATER GLASS... left a stain on your varnished end table? To remove... moisten cigarette ash with water. Rub moistened ash onto stain with a tissue. Then refinish the spot.

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