

The Frontier Woman —

Missouri Reader Likes The Frontier's Use Of Maiden Names Identifying New Mothers

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! What goes on at your house this week? It would seem from our mail that more people like to contest as a hobby than we realized. And some of them contest quite successfully, too.

We're using 3 letters from readers today and we think our readers will enjoy them for today there's a bonus letter, so you can get set for a feast of letter reading.

How many of our readers have tried using canned soups in casserole dishes? It's a good way to add a lot of flavor. For instance, mushroom soup in a pork chop casserole—use in the condensed form. Of course, most folks know that mushroom soup or cream of mushroom goes very well with many chicken casserole dishes. Tomato soup combined with sausage and rice makes a



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good casserole dish and cream of celery soup in ham and potato scallop is really something.

Tomato soup condensed in beef and macaroni casseroles is another idea, and have you tried condensed tomato soup in a noodle baked dish?

Next time you make chicken gravy, if you want to point it up or if you want it to taste like chicken gravy when it really isn't, add a can of cream of chicken soup to the gravy. It's tops!

Want to make a different sandwich butter? Add a tablespoon of grated onion and 1 tablespoon condensed tomato soup to one-fourth cup of soft-ened cream butter or margarine.

Prize Winning Letters—
"One More Contester," of Dorsey, wins a 3-months' subscription today and so does Mrs. Clarence Todd, 1058 W. Madison, Springfield, Mo. Mrs. Roy Lanman, of O'Neill, has been sent a small surprise gift, as this week we are using a bonus letter.

Dear Mrs. Pease:
Breathes there a woman with soul so dead, who never to herself has said:

"That contest prize was meant for me, I take my pen in hand and see; who knows the judges may delight in just the things I'm going to write."

And once her brainchild is in the mail she can settle back and dream for hours on end of the things she will buy with that grand first prize. Satisfied to dream of a lesser prize? Never! After all what real contesteer ever seals the envelope on an entry she has spent hours shaping into the right form, and then says to herself, "I don't think that is really good enough to be awarded more than one of the last 50 teaspoons."

Certainly, the contesteer spends long hours reading manufacturer's claims for the product, and many more hours trying to come forth with an idea that is not all ready printed in the advertising on the package, or, at least, an idea that will be like a shot of penicillin to the printed claims.

True, I have never won the grand prize of 10-thousand-dollars or so and a new 4-door sedan, but I've spent many enjoyable hours working contests of every description. My winnings in merchandise awards have run in various channels depending upon the sponsor's products.

I've received soap, candy, flour, blankets, quilts, chest and silverware set, subscriptions, certificates on furniture, etc., and cash occasionally in amounts from a lone dollar to five hundred, one time. Yes, Mrs. Pease, my contesting has been fun and profitable although I have never really hit the jackpot. I still have my dreams and in the meantime every new contest is a challenge to my ability. Maybe, like you, I am accused of neglecting my family when I spend time on my favorite hobby, but as long as my family doesn't complain, I don't believe they are too badly neglected. And the winnings and enjoyment I receive in my contesting more than compensate for the time involved. Others may prefer to crochet or embroider and I love to see their results of their hand work, but me, I'll take a contest any day!

"ONE MORE CONTESTER."

This Reader Won In Radio Contest—
1058 W. Madison
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Pease:
In starting this letter I should like to tell you how very much I enjoy your column. Not only the household hints and recipes but the chatty notes and serious ones, too.

It is such fun to read the ones written by former classmates and friends with whom I have lost contact the last 5 or 6 years.

By the way, I like the way The Frontier includes the maiden names of the mothers in the birth columns. I have been away from O'Neill for 7 years now and for about 5 years did not receive a hometown paper and lost out on a lot of the news.

You spoke of contests in your last column. The first contest I ever entered was a local radio contest last summer and I was called on the telephone and was very surprised when I won by knowing the right answer to the quiz. A radio interview ensued and relieved the monotony of that week's housework. They are fun and if you work hard at them they can probably be profitable, too.

You also advised letting people live their own lives, and I firmly agree with you on that score. We can't all think alike and just because I have a neighbor that cleans and waxes her floors once a month, I don't necessarily feel I should. I don't particularly like cleaning floors. I do my ironing immediately after a washing but I don't feel everyone ought to just because I do. I like ironing but some people hate it.

But don't we have a wonderful feeling of accomplishment when we finish a task we haven't looked forward to?

Now for a recipe, which I'm sure everyone will enjoy. So many of my friends have asked for it. It is called Hamburger Barbecue but was immediately dubbed "Todburgers," by our friends. It's to be served on buns.

TODDBURGERS
Cook 2 pounds hamburger with 2 large chopped onions and 1 green pepper chopped, 2 cups water, 1 small bottle catsup, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1 tablespoon sugar or more if you like, 2 tablespoons yellow prepared mustard, and 1 teaspoon salt.

SANDHILL SAL

Mary has a new spring hat, she likes it very well; when papa got the bill for it, he really had a spell.

Some people's weight continues to rise, even though they "just taste" potatoes and pies.

Word to wives: Diplomacy is the art of letting your husband have your way.

Sweet mystery of life—why can we never find a blotter when we NEED one?

Cook together one-half to three-quarters hour. This serves about 8. It really tastes better if you cook it the day before you serve it and reheat just before serving. My 2 little boys, aged 2 and 3, like it very much.

Very truly yours,
MRS. CLARENCE TODD.
(formerly Virginia Schultz)

Surprise Gift Winner—
Dear Blanche Pease:
Whew! If you could guess the nerve it took to start this letter.

Anyway, here goes for a few lines to you and am sending a cake recipe—one that I have used for several years, and have never had a failure. Hope it will help someone else out who doesn't have one as good or better.

Well, we had a real snow this time, didn't we? I've been crocheting some this winter as a hobby. I like it very much but can't seem to relax as some do. I don't enter contests really, but I do save all kinds of boxtops and send them and 25 cents, etc., and gets lots of nice things.

I do like the foodsaver bags. I use them for meats, vegetables, cakes and almost everything.

BURNT SUGAR CAKE
One-half cup butter or margarine, one and one-half cups sugar, 3 egg yolks, 1 cup water, 2 cups cake flour. Beat this 5 minutes after butter and sugar have been thoroughly creamed. Then add 5 teaspoons caramel syrup, 1 teaspoon vanilla, one-half cup cake flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, beat thoroughly and add 3 beaten egg whites.

CARAMEL
Brown 1 cup sugar in skillet when it smokes pour in a cup of hot water. Boil to a heavy syrup.

If this passes the waste basket I might try again. Have wanted to write for a long time, but can't seem to think of anything worth while.

Here are a few hints:
If you get a scald or burn, try putting vanilla on it and the wound won't blister.
Wax candles can be cleaned by wiping them with cotton dipped in alcohol.
Run apples through a food

chopper when making apple-sauce cake. You won't need to use cooked apples.

MRS. ROY LANMAN,
O'Neill, Nebr.

Send Us a Letter—
Each week in The Frontier Woman we give a 3-months' subscription to The Frontier for the 2 letters which we print from readers. If we have enough letters on hand, we mail out a small surprise gift to another reader for the use of her letter.

Why don't you write us a letter? You can write about anything you wish. It can be a household type, chatty letter, or an original letter telling about something humorous or interesting. Send your letters to Mrs. Blanche Pease, The Frontier Woman, Atkinson, Nebr.

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The P-TA will meet at the school Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Main features of the program will be talks by Miss Elja McCullough, Holt county superintendent of public instruction, and Miss Alice French, O'Neill public school instructor.

Scout groups, clubs and individuals who wish to plant trees, shrubs or flower gardens in Ford park are asked to contact Raymond Eby, who will show them where such plantings are to be made to fit in with landscaping plans that have been made for the park.

It has been suggested that each Boy and Girl Scout patrol, Brownie and cub patrol plant and maintain a tree in the park. Plantings may be made for Arbor day or at times to suit the groups' convenience.

Winters in Pomona—
Mrs. E. J. Eby returned Saturday night from Pomona, Cal., where she had spent most of the winter. She visited with relatives and for a time occupied an apartment alone. Mrs. Eby drove to California with relatives from Springfield.

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