

The Frontier Woman —

Wet Year in Holt Hard to Believe for Wadsworth Family Now Living in Arkansas

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Last call before Christmas! Only a few days away and a million things yet to do, huh?

Did Cousin Samantha give you a gift when you didn't expect one and Uncle Tutti-Fruti come through with something for Christmas you hadn't expected, too?

Well, stop sobbin' Mehitable,

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even if you haven't any money left, maybe you've got a cellar full of good things to eat. Traipse down cellar (watch the steps, dearie, you don't want a broken arm for Christmas) and pick out a quart of your choicest sweet pickles and one of the special dill ones, a pint of strawberry jam, and one of peach preserves. And for goodness sakes, what more could cousin Samantha ask for?

Wash the jars until they shine like diamonds, tie some Christmas ribbon around their necks and stick a tag on top of the jar. As a Christmas gift, it's super, for those who haven't these things.

And for Uncle Tutti-Fruti, how about 10 pounds of popcorn that you raised yourself? Or if Uncle has store teeth and couldn't manage the popcorn, he may like a cured ham, or a slab of farm bacon, or some of your choice watermelon preserves. Don't say you haven't anything to give until you look to see, gal. You may be rich in gifts that you'll hardly miss and they'll make somebody who hasn't those things awfully happy.

If bittersweet grows on your farm or ranch, and your city cousin has none, they'll welcome a bunch, sure, for their Christmas centerpiece, or even some fronts of evergreen along with your remembrances. —tw—

Former Holt Resident Wins —

Our 3-months subscription this week goes to Mrs. Joe Wadsworth, of Harrison, Ark., a former O'Neill farm woman, who moved to Kansas a year or so ago, later went to Arkansas.

Dear Nebraskans:

Each week as The Frontier comes we drop everything, sit down and for the time it takes us to read it we are transplanted back to Nebraska and our Holt county friends. We never appreciated our hometown paper as we do now, since we are gone from there.

As we read of your wet weather up there, it seems hard to believe, since we went through so many seasons when rain was a thing we prayed for rather than dreaded.

Down here it has been a trifle dry at times. Just this week we had an inch of 2 or rain which was very welcome to our pasture and fall crops.

The soil here is shallow and it takes frequent rains to keep things going. Shallow though it is, the pastures here will carry almost a cow per acre on the good land, so you see it's quite productive and that calls for more rain.

We haven't lived through a winter yet but I think the moisture comes in rain more often than snow.

We, too, have a new home and know the problems that arise in such a situation. We are finishing our walls in Celotex but haven't got 2 bedrooms finished yet. We have hardwood floors but don't have the sanding and finishing done. There is also 2 coats of paint yet to go on the outside of the house. So you see we have plenty to keep us so busy we don't have time to get homesick—not too much so, anyhow.

Our daddy drives the school bus to a consolidated school east of us. His route is 18 miles long so he and the children leave around 7:15 in the morning. They have hot lunches served at the school for 15 cents per pupil per day, so I haven't a lunch box problem, as I used to have. The children like this on most days, except when they have poke salad, which in northern language means plain old greens. Yesterday they had baked beans flavored with ham, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, cake and orange juice or milk, so

you see that's a pretty good meal for 15 cents.

SUGAR COOKIES

I am sending along a recipe for sugar cookies that I especially like this season of the year when eggs are high priced, 50 cents a dozen and I also like it for my Christmas cookies. They make a crunchy cookie for the between meal snack or the lunch box: 1 cup sugar ½ cup butter, cream together and add 1 teaspoon vanilla, sift 3 cups flour, with 2 teaspoons baking powder, add flour and milk (½ cup) to the butter and sugar mixture. Roll out thin and cut in different designs, or with a cookie cutter. Bake for 10 minutes at 275 F. This also makes a good filled cookie dough. Put ground raisins that have been cooked with some sugar, on the center of one cookie. Place another cookie on top. For variety in the filled cookies, press the edges down with your finger similar to pie crust edges.

Any of you Holt county friends who decide on a vacation to the Ozarks, be sure to look us up as Nebraskans are a welcome sight when we see them go through town and one with a "HL" number would have been doubly welcome.

MRS. JOE WADSWORTH.

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Let's carry the good will of Christmas over into the new year — give folks a Christmas smile, you'll find it will be returned with interest.

Display your Christmas cards. Get all the enjoyment possible from them, as they grow more beautiful every year.

Honored at Pre-Nuptial Shower—

STUART — Miss Avis Papke was guest-of-honor at a pre-nuptial shower given in the Community church basement on Friday evening, December 14.

Twenty-five guests were entertained by the hostesses, Mrs. Frances Roberts, Mrs. Warren Roberts and Mrs. Donald Krotter. Miss Papke received many gifts.

The Frontier for printing.

Best Wishes



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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich returned home from Chicago, Ill., on Sunday. Mr. Froelich went back to Chicago on Monday.

Miss Marilyn Duffy, of Casper, Wyo., is expected in O'Neill for the Christmas holidays. She will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy and other friends and relatives while here.

Edward McCarthy is expected home from Omaha on Monday and will spend Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy.

Mrs. Katherine Creig and son, Leo Carney and son, Jack, had Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dostal at Creighton.

Venetian blinds, prompt delivery, made to measure, metal or wood, all colors.—J. M. McDonald Co., O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stone were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cone on Sunday, December 9.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Determan plan to leave Sunday morning for Mapleton, Ia., where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Uhl, Mrs. Determan's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Chaney will have Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shade, of Grand Island, and Mrs. Ann Chaney and James and Marjorie,

of Stuart, as their dinner guests on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnhardt were Tuesday evening, December 11, dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Culver.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sauers were Thursday evening, December 13, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alm.

Double S & H Green Stamps given for cash purchases this week, Thursday through Saturday.—Hagensick Ladies Wear.

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Miss Mae D. Hammond, of Washington, D.C., arrived Tuesday to visit at the H. J. and George Hammond and Ira H. Moss homes.

John Phalin, of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived on Thursday, December 12, to visit his mother, Mrs. Frank Phalin.

Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grage will be Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and son, Bobby, of Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Regan, of Inman.

Mrs. Arnold Crane, of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. William Griffin plan to spend Christmas day at the home of Hugh O'Connor in Atkinson.

1/Lt. John Lee Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus, who is in the air force and is stationed

at Las Vegas, Nev., arrived home Saturday, December 15, to spend a 29-day leave with his parents.

DR. FISHER, DENTIST.

Mrs. Gladys Richardson, of Booker, Okla., arrived Sunday, December 16, and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson.

Mrs. Frank Phalin and son, John, plan to spend Christmas in Sioux Falls, S.D., with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Phalin and 2 sons.

Donna Asher is 9 —

Mrs. E. E. Asher entertained 6 girls on Thursday, December 13, in honor of her daughter, Miss Donna, who was 9 years old on Tuesday, December 11.

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