

The Frontier Woman

Chambers Couple Perishes in '88 Storm; Herd of Cattle Frozen on Keller Hill

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Here's April. Easter's over and it's baby chick time. Better hurry up and finish the housecleaning so you'll have free time to plant the garden and the flower beds!

All that work makes you hungry, even to think about it, doesn't it? How would you like to make a cocoa marshmallow gingerbread today? It's about as yummy and special as you could ask for.

COCOA MARSHMALLOW GINGERBREAD
Three-fourths cupful shortening, one cupful molasses, one cupful brown sugar, one tablespoon ground ginger, one teaspoon cinnamon, four tablespoons

cocoa, one cupful sour milk or buttermilk, two eggs, one teaspoon soda, 3½ cups flour. Sift flour, soda and spices together. Cream shortening, sugar and cocoa, add molasses and well beaten eggs, then flour, alternating with sour milk. Beat very hard, pour into shallow well greased pan, bake in moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes. When finished, place halved marshmallows over the top of the cake, return to oven until they begin to brown slightly. Chopped nuts may be added to this gingerbread for variety.

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Retells Story of 1888 Blizzard

Mary L. Neimand of Chambers wins our three-months' subscription today with a story of the 1888 blizzard, as told to her by her late husband.

Dear Blanche:
I read those letters in The Frontier and see you are short of letters. Many write about the 1888 blizzard. My husband, the late Carl Neimand, lived through it. He told me it was a real nice morning. His father and he were out feeding the cattle and the oxen. They called the oxen Old Red and Willie. He said in just a little while it began to get dark and his father took him by the hand and said, "Hurry up! It looks like something bad is coming."

They barely made it to the sod-house before the wind got strong. They tried to open the door. He said the snow wind and cold was great. It about froze his eyes shut.

Their neighbors, the Croppers, had some calves running out on

the rye field and Mr. and Mrs. Cropper were out after them. Grandpa Neimand said, "They will never make it." They worried all night about them. The next morning the sun shone brightly but it was terrible freezing weather. So the first thing Grandpa Neimand did was to go over to the neighbors. They had three little boys. The oldest was seven years of age. He asked if mama and daddy got home. They said, "No," so he knew they must be lost. He told me the little boys were happy, busy cooking a big kettle of beans. The kettle was full of beans and they were twisting hay to cook them.

He said those little boys didn't seem aware of the danger their parents were in, but knew enough to get something to eat. They found found Mr. Cropper in a hay stack with both legs frozen.

Then they set out to find her. She went with the wind—as far as my old home place where Whitakers now live. There by the creek in the rushes and willows, she stood partly up. She was frozen to death.

It was impossible to go against the wind. I think he said they amputated his legs. They buried her on the corner of Grandpa's old homestead until spring. Then they took her up and buried her in the Chambers cemetery.

My husband said she was such a nice neighbor. His mother could hardly get over her death.

My husband said she was a relative of Carl Bartell, the blacksmith. If I'm wrong, perhaps some one will correct me on this. I was only 4-years-old at the time.

These last two blizzards were bad but nothing like that.

I once asked my mother what all the bones were on the Keller hill and she said they were all from the cattle that froze to death there in the hills.

Let's hope we don't have any more like that. My husband told me Lee Baker saved his life by spending that terrible night in their hog shed. Mr. Neimand said that the next morning the hogs and cattle walked right over the sodhouse.

MARY L. NEIMAND
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It's Nice to Know That—
The garbage can will be easier to keep clean if you empty the coffee grounds in a separate receptacle. If it is the type which will rust, pour melted paraffin in the bottom to keep it from rusting.

Save large paper sacks and slip a paper plate in the bottom. This will hold the sack open and more upright and it is easier to put garbage in the sack in the garbage can. Garbage may also be wrapped in newspapers and deposited in the garbage can.

The best garbage cans either have a tight fitting lid or one operated with a lever.

At Honeywell Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rubick, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Coats and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Rubick and Katharine and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson and family of Wakefield were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Honeywell at Chambers.

Notice to Taxpayers

I have been appointed local assessor for O'Neill City and will be located during the day time in the assembly room in the basement of the Court House to help you with your personal tax schedule. If you can bring your last year's copy it will be of some help.

H. W. TOMLINSON

Assistant Assessor



Capped at U of N Nursing School

Miss Phyllis Seger (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seger of O'Neill, was among 49 at the University of Nebraska school of nursing capped in exercises at Omaha's First Presbyterian church on Sunday, March 29.

Personals

Don Becker spent the Easter weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Becker. He is a student at Creighton university, Omaha.

Miss Lou Birmingham returned to Omaha Sunday evening after spending several days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham.

Don Graham arrived home on Wednesday, April 1, from Creighton university, Omaha, to spend his spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham.

Miss Mary Thompson, a teacher at Winside, spent from last Thursday until Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sausser.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Britt and three daughters, Don and Alice Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Costello went to Ewing Sunday afternoon to attend the wedding of Miss Joan Ballenger, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Karl Ballenger, of Omaha and Rollie Dean Curtis of Clearwater, son of Mrs. Edith Yates of Colorado. The rite was performed by Reverend Ballenger in the Riverside Free Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Howard entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Soukup at a Sunday dinner at the M&M cafe, followed by a social afternoon in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bartos and family were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grutsch entertained at a family dinner on Easter Sunday. Thirty-four guests were present.

Bruce McElhaney, a student at Wayne college, spent the Easter weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney.

Richard Moses and two sons, Stephen and Billie, of Lincoln spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moses.

Easter weekend guests in the George Stuessi home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson of West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Zakrzewski entertained at a family dinner in their home on Easter Sunday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Podany and family of Butte, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zakrzewski and family of Star, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zakrzewski and family of Star, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fox of Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen of Minden and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bowen. Of their 22 grandchildren, 16 were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bryan and daughters, Barbara, Janet and Betty, returned to Lincoln Monday after spending the Easter weekend visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young. Mr. Bryan is an instructor in the university.

College Set Home—

EWING—College students who spent their Easter vacation with home folks in Ewing were: Henry Baum, Jr., and sister, Miss Christine Baum, of the University of Nebraska; Vernon Rockey and Marcus Pierson, both of Wayne State Teachers college; Miss Alys Dierks of Duchsene college, Omaha; Richard Spittler of Creighton university, Omaha, and Merton Dierks of the University of Nebraska.

Capacity Crowd Hears Cantata

'Victory Divine' Is Presented

EWING—A capacity crowd was in attendance at the production of the Easter cantata, "Victory Divine," presented at the United Presbyterian church Friday evening.

Rev. W. J. Bomer, pastor, was director and also narrator. The members of the choir are: Mrs. Carl Christon, Mrs. Wayne Fry, Mrs. Wilbur Spangler, Mrs. Verl Gunter, Mrs. Dale Pieper, Miss Altha Lou Miller, Mrs. W. J. Bomer, Mrs. Richard Napier, Wayne Fry, Ebben Graff, Louis Shrader, Verl Gunter and Leo Miller. Others assisting were Mrs. C. C. Chappell of the Ewing Methodist church and Mrs. Don Larson and Mrs. Walter Hiller, both of the Free Methodist church. Mrs. Wilbur Bennett was the pianist.

Other Ewing News
Mr. and Mrs. Will Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziems made a business trip to O'Neill on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Regan had a family get-together at their home on Easter Sunday. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock followed by an afternoon of visiting.

Guests were Mrs. Regan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spittler, also Rosalie and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Funk and children and Mrs. Nellie Komer.

John Dierks, Jr., of Omaha was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks and M. H. Dierks last week.

M. H. Dierks and his daughter, Mrs. Wilda Carr of Holdrege, were hosts at an Easter dinner on Sunday at the Dierks home.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks, Merton, Mary Alys and Sandra and Joe Gallagher of O'Neill.

Mrs. Edna Lofquest had as her guests on Sunday, March 29, her

son and daughter—in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lofquest and family of Wisner.

J. B. Spittler went to Wisner to spend Easter with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. King Spittler, and family.

Mrs. Alice Crellin was a bus passenger to West Point on Saturday where she was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dill for the Easter holiday.

Mrs. Loyd Angus spent Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 and 2, with her mother, Mrs. Cora Wilcox, at Macason.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bergstrom of Omaha were weekend guests at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bergstrom, and daughter, Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bergstrom were hosts to a turkey dinner on Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Munn and children of Ewing, Mrs. Bergstrom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Turner of Neligh, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bergstrom of Omaha.

O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guinan of Missouri Valley, Ia., were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sausser. On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Sausser took them to Pickstown, S.D., to see the Ft. Randall dam.

Mrs. Marie Strube and Al Strube were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strube.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Skulborstad spent Easter weekend in

Madison, Minn., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Skulborstad, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hillestad, at Nassau, and other relatives.

William Moriarity spent Easter with relatives at Missouri Valley, Ia.

Mrs. James Christensen of Norfolk arrived Sunday to spend several days visiting in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Siefken.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wetzel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worth and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth were Easter Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Page at Page.

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A farmer today has to feed himself and fifteen other people. Back in 1930 he had to supply food for 11 other people. By 1975, experts predict, for each farmer there may be 25 at the dinner table.

It would be nice if there were more land. But last year there was only 1% more land under cultivation than prewar.

What's more, there are fewer farmers. 17% fewer man-hours were spent in agriculture last year.

Yet the farmer in 1952, with less help and about the same acreage, managed to produce 40% more livestock, vegetables, cotton, grain, milk than before the war.

Who helps the American farmer in a spot like that?

Electricity for one thing, and of course, more tractors, trucks, farm machinery, pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and a lot more.

One big clue to productivity is his increased use of electricity. Farmers today use 500% more electric power than in 1940.

Electricity pumps water, dries hay, keeps chicks warm, grinds feed, milks cows. In fact, the "electrical hired man" can do more than 400 farm jobs.

But the important thing is that there need be no empty plates tonight, and that this was done in a typically American way.

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