

The Frontier Woman Plant Glads at Intervals for Constant Blooming 10 or 11 Weeks Later

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

If you want to watch the pennies at your house you aren't any different from the rest of us. If your budget is stretched to the breaking point, perhaps there is somewhere you can manage a little extra saving.

Maybe you are not using enough of the cheaper cuts of meat. Buy more hamburger, beef, and soup bones. Try some of the extender dishes made with other ingredients to stretch the meat. Variety meats such as liver, heart, and tongue offer savings.

Salmon, tuna and canned luncheon meats offer savings, too. Remember that pink salmon will do very well for salmon loaf or cakes while you'll want to buy the red for salads and such. Canned luncheon meats are usually all meat and offer you more meat for your money. Bologna, wieners and cold cuts are also all meat and with warmer weather are very appealing.

Bacon squares will often be satisfactory and can be had for a fraction of the cost of fancy sliced bacon.

You can make your own biscuit and pastry mixes, and save money that way. Many of you already bake your own bread, but if you do not, it is another way of saving money.

Many homemakers are expert at making soap and can do so

at a big saving. It is particularly satisfactory for doing the family laundry.

Eggs are cheaper at this time of year and can be used more often for a meat substitute. You can use canned milk in place of bottled milk for cooking. It is every bit as satisfactory and cheaper yet is the new non-fat powdered milk that is sold in packages.

Many of the season's newest dresses come in beautiful materials but they can be washed at home and the cleaning bills saved will be sizeable by the time the season is done!

Use drippings more often as seasoning and save the butter or margarine for the table. Many of the new shortenings, and lard are suitable for baking and ever so much cheaper than using butter. Some homemakers think they simply must use the best of everything—yet often a cheaper brand will do just as well. Often cheaper brands and cuts have just as much food value.

Raise a garden this year. The saving in foods eaten from the garden to the table is great, and if you can the surplus the easing of your budget will be extremely noticeable.

Deep Purple Recommended— If you don't have too good luck with annuals, here's an idea that helps me. After the seed is planted, cover the surface with either gunny sacks or newspapers. They have to be weighted so they won't blow away. Keep the surface moist but don't over do it. When the seeds start to come up, you can remove the covering.

If you want some early blooms from annuals, or you didn't get around to order perennials, don't forget that you can often get the things you need from your greenhouse—usually quite reasonable.

One year I bought some deep purple petunias. Long before my annuals were blooming, our hearts were gladdened with the deep purple of the blossoms.

It's time to think about planting the first gladioli, and they usually need to be treated for thrips. This is done with a lysol solution. Don't forget to do it.

If you plant glads at intervals of two weeks apart, starting in late April and continuing through May, you will have continual blossoms. Glads bloom 10 to 11 weeks after planting. The small size bulbs bloom later than the larger bulbs, they like a sunny location, and will usually grow everywhere, but, of course, richer ground will produce larger flowers and taller spikes.

If your lilacs do not do so well, remember that they like a sweet soil. Plant them as early as possible in the spring.

When planting lilacs do not trim the tops any. Lilacs often respond to applications of lime, using four quarts of lime to a large bush each year.

After the lilacs have bloomed, cut off the old blooms and you will throw more vigor into the new growth. Cut off just the bloom itself and not the entire blooming branch.

—tfw—
Mrs. L. H. Hoy
Wins Subscription—
Lynch, Nebr.

Dear Blanche:
I have written several letters but just don't mail them so I hope this will finally reach you.

My little girl received several nice books for Christmas and one of those stories about the little "ole" man who changed jobs with his wife because he figured she had such an easy life. But before the day was over, he had so much trouble that he decided to do his own task the next day and she could do her own. I think a lot of men no doubt feel the same way as the hard work is usually done and a nice meal awaits them when they come home tired.

But on the other hand, there are countless women who fail to realize the load a father

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Odd how a little story can create an avenue of thought.

I have some floors and furniture to dust but I find that stopping in the midst of routine to do something one enjoys doing has a great deal to do with one's happiness and disposition. Other than trying to write letters, I enjoy new recipes. I have found that a satisfactory way of keeping recipes is by pasting them in an old book. However, I never paste one in until I have tried it to see if it is suitable for my family. That way one can find a good recipe in a hurry, in place of keeping hundreds which one would never use. A good idea is to paste them in groups such as pies, cakes, vegetables, etc.

How many readers, I wonder, keep a vegetable brush handy for jobs such as washing a meat mallet or shredder for vegetables? Try it if you haven't.

This little hint might save some friend a heartache. Don't leave a lemon or the juice standing on any of your porcelain sinks, stoves and such. I had the sad misfortune of discovering a rough spot on my stove where I let one lie as the acid eats the surface.

MRS. L. H. HOY
—tfw—
Casserole a Favorite
When Winter Revisits—
Atkinson, Nebr.

Dear Blanche:
Seems as if spring isn't sure what kind of weather to give us. One day the weather has you thinking in terms of garden, flowers and chickens. The next day it's winter again—like last weekend. Here is one of our favorite casseroles. It's nice to stick into the oven (wood range) when you leave for church.

When you get home dinner is all ready.

MARY ANN'S CASSEROLE
One-half pound sausage (I use left over meatloaf, ham or any other kind of left over meat), one number 2 can pork and beans, one large onion (sliced), ½ cup tomato juice (use catsup instead of tomato juice if you prefer), ¼ teaspoon pepper, one cup apples (sliced, leave skin on), ¼ cup brown sugar, two teaspoons salt, ½ teaspoon chili powder.

Cook sausage slightly. Pour off melted fat. Combine all ingredients and place in a casserole. Bake 1½ hours in a very slow oven, makes four ample portions.

With this casserole we like corn muffins:
Sift into bowl ¾ cup yellow cornmeal, 1¼ cups sifted flour, three teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ to ½ cup sugar (we like ½ cup sugar best), add two eggs beaten and one cup thick cream. Beat until smooth. Put into paper baking cups or greased muffin pans. Bake in a hot oven of 425 F. for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 1½ dozen muffins.

If you have a gelatin salad in the refrigerator, your meal is ready for the table in less than half an hour.

Mrs. Natchel Rzeszotarski
—tfw—
Did You Know That?
Bacon should be placed in a cold frying pan and not overcrowded? Cook slowly, turning to cook evenly, and drain on absorbent paper.

Potatoes, breaded egg plant, onions, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage and squash may be fried in meat drippings? So don't waste them.

Green beans, rice, lima beans, dried peas, corn, hominy, potatoes and onions may be seasoned with meat drippings, too?

Bacon fat or ham drippings may be used as shortening in cakes, cookies, pastry, muffins, biscuits, yeast bread and rolls, griddle cakes and waffles?

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Recipe of the Week—
ROMANIAN POTATO CAKES
Four or five large raw pota-

atoes (one quart shredded), four eggs (slightly beaten), ¼ cup flour, ¼ teaspoon pepper, two teaspoons salt, two teaspoons baking powder, ½ cup uncooked cream of wheat, ¼ cup dry bread crumbs, 1/3 cup fat.
Shred potatoes. Add eggs, mixing thoroughly. Mix dry ingredients and add to the potato-egg mixture. Melt fat and add. Pour into greased pan about six by 10 and bake at 350 F. for one hour. Cut into squares and serve with creamed cooked meat. Serves eight.

SAYS SANDHILL SAL

In the spring a young man's fancy is still where it was all winter, fall and summer. Most girls fail to remember that for marriage you have to wield a mopstick as well as a lipstick.

Whoever said everything would come out in the wash never heard of the neighbor's little boy and the oil can.

Explorers, Leaders on River Outing

A group of Explorer scouts and seven leaders spent Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday, April 17, 18 and 19, traveling the Niobrara between Valentine and Meadville, 12 miles north of Ainsworth. The group experienced rapids, log jams, fishing, and the excitement of being on their own. All of the food was carried along, as was tentage and all other gear. The overnights were spent on the bank where ever convenient.

This trip was the second in a series of such adventures, the ultimate purpose being to establish a yearly trip of a weeks length for explorers from all over the Covered Wagon council. Last year's trip was strictly an experiment and was made only by adults.

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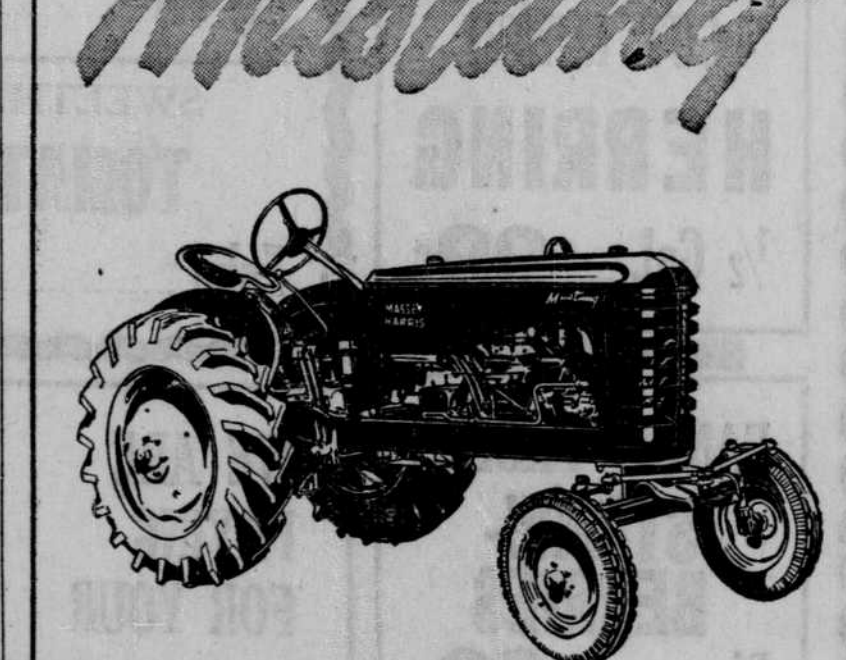


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O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rohde of Spencer were Monday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike London.

James Kurtz of Long Pine spent last Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lyons and family of Hosington, Kans., spent the weekend here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lyons and Mrs. Chet Calkins. Mrs. Lyons and the children remained for an extended two weeks vacation while Mr. Lyons returned to his work.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Marcellus accompanied by Carol Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Marcellus at Stuart on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mellor were Thursday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lanman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Livings and daughter of Sioux City were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kee at Emmet. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leidy.

Mrs. Billie Marcellus went to Stuart Friday to spend several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, Jr. went to Lynch Sunday to visit Mrs. Jack Bowby, who is a patient in the hospital there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bates, Mrs. Ralph Leidy and Carol were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kee at Emmet in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Kee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shriner have been visiting Mr. Shriner's brother, R. H. Shriner, and wife for the past few days.

Beverly and Kathy Klinetobe of Orchard spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Menkens and family of O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kline-

to be of Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Klinetobe, Gerald and Nancy of Clearwater, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Klinetobe, Beverly and Kathy of Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Menkens, Jimmy, Janice, Connie and Jerry Mack spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klinetobe of Page. James Bastian was a Saturday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houser in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mr. Houser.

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