

The Frontier Woman

'How Did We Fare Before Plastics'

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE, Homemaking Editor

As I sprinkled my clothes today, I wondered how many homemakers never have tried the large specially made plastic bags to hold their ironing after it is sprinkled. (The accompanying letter from Mrs. Holcomb made me think of it.)

I've been using one of these huge bags for a couple of years and I find my ironing simply does not dry out when I use one of these bags. I usually sprinkle clothes the night before and have them ready to iron right after breakfast.

I sprinkle them so that the hardest to iron garments come first to be ironed. I plug the iron into one of the numerous outlets in the living room. To the right, I place the bag of clothing to be ironed. To the left goes a service cart on wheels and a number of wire hangers.

As I iron shirts, I put them on hangers and hang them in the living room closet (twice as close by) to be sure they are thoroughly dry. This goes for my blouses and dresses also.

Any flat pieces to be ironed go on the service cart, including pillow cases, handkerchiefs, table cloths and so on. Then when the ironing is done, only one trip is necessary to hang everything in its proper place in the wardrobe closets and one trip with the service cart puts everything in the flat line away.

When I'm ironing anything long, I set up the card table in front of the ironing board for the tablecloth, or whatever is being ironed to extend on.

When folding clothing and articles after washing, the service cart is handy, too. Socks can be paired and shorts and shirts folded in their proper places and put on the cart, towels and such also placed on it and one trip made to put each pile of clothing or household articles in its proper place for storage.

The service cart is useful for many things besides serving and clearing a table.

It may be used for cleaning articles, pushed before you as you pick up to save extra trips, when you are canning, at any time when extra space is needed for various uses.

There have been times, in fact, when I could have usefully put two of them to use. If made in a decor suitable for living room use, they would be just the thing for

storing magazines and newspapers. Our family takes two daily newspapers, numerous weeklies and many, many magazines and such. We need lots of storage space for our various newspapers and magazines.

— tfw —
Chambers, Nebr.
Dear Mrs. Pease:

As I prepared by sons' school lunch this morning, I noticed that there were several plastic bags in use. In one was a loaf of home-made bread; in another was a plate of fried chicken, and in a third were carrot sticks. Before the lunch was complete I had gone to the freezer for another plastic bag, this one being filled with sugar cookies.

Then I stopped to take inventory as the merchants are doing at this time of the year. But my inventory was of the ways in which I was using those handy little sacks. When all the uses were checked, I wondered what we did before the days of plastic bags!

They are in the freezer. A fruit cake and a chocolate cake are there to be seen in their plastic coverings. In another are rolled cookies and right beside is one of dry cookies. Loaves of bread are in the sacks, the ends twisted and fastened with a rubber band. The large size sacks have roasting chickens, while home-made noodles are in the quart size bags. Beef roasts are stored in plastic for it is then easy to see just what kind of roast I am taking out, nearly all lean meat, one with some bone, or one with considerable fat. Fresh hamburger is frozen in bags, too, for it is easy to pack and a rubber band closes the top quickly. Vegetables and berries are in their plastic bags inside the cardboard containers.

They are in the refrigerator. Bowls of leftovers are slipped into bags before being stored in the refrigerator as it prevents drying. Carrot sticks and head lettuce are keeping fresh in plastic.

They are in my cabinets, too. In place of a bread box or drawer, I put each loaf of bread into a separate bag. The bread can then go into the freezer for longer storage or be kept in the cabinet for immediate use, much easier than cleaning a box or drawer. The electric toaster and waffle iron are in large plastic bags on cabinet shelves. The bags keep out dust and moisture.

And yes, I put my nylon hose in plastic as insurance against the danger of snagging in dresser drawers.

Do your other readers have still more uses for these do-it-all bags?

Sincerely yours,
MRS. LEROY HOLCOMB

Stuart News

Mrs. Nellie Stephenson of Wayne spent several days last week visiting at the Willard Zahl and George Minning homes. Mrs. Stephenson is a sister of Mr. Zahl and Mrs. Minning.

Miss Vesta Mitchell of Butte visited over the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Mitchell.

Dennis Brewster, student at the University of Omaha, is spending the end of the semester vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brewster.

Rolland Peterson, student at the University of Nebraska, spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Peterson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coffman of Eagle, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. John Strode, Mrs. Anna Meusch and sons, Carl and John, were Friday, January 21, supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meusch and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coffman of Eagle, Colo., were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Menke on Friday. They returned to their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meusch and family, Mrs. Anna Meusch and sons, Carl and John, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boettcher of Atkinson.

Henry Fuelberth was a Sunday guest of Tom Berry and son, Warren.

Miller Says 20% Farm Price Decline With 90% Supports

"There are some who blame the 20 percent fall in farm prices in the past three years on flexible farm supports. These folks should remember that all basic crops have been supported during this time at nearly 9 percent. It would seem that with a \$7 billion crop in storage, the price would have declined had the supports been 100 percent of parity."

This statement was made this week by Fourth District Congressman A. L. Miller (R) of Kimball. "I would like to see a bushel quota on wheat plus a two price system tried. Each farmer would have a bushel quota based on the domestic consumption and foreign exports. The price on this quota could be 100 percent of parity."

The farmer could raise whatever he wishes. If he raises more than his quota, it could be put in storage, under bond, fed to livestock or sold at the world price. The stored crop could be used as his quota in case of crop failure. Some farm experts claim the plan would not work and is hard to administer, but I hope the farmers have the right to vote on this in 1955."

"Farmers have been getting less and less for farm products,



Congratulated by General

Sfc. Edward L. Kimball of Butte (left), receives congratulations and a certificate of achievement in Orleans, France, from Maj.-Gen. P. E. Gallagher, commanding general of the army's European communications zone. Sergeant Kimball,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Kimball, was commended for outstanding service as an equipment and maintenance foreman in company C of the 553d engineer battalion. His wife, Mary Jane, is with him in France.—U.S. Army Photo.

STEPFATHER DIES

O. M. Mark of Lincoln died late Thursday after a one week illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday in Lincoln. He was the stepfather of D. E. Nelson, superintendent of the O'Neill city schools.

To Atkinson—

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gettner and family spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Laible, in Atkinson.

When You and I Were Young... Weddings in Leap Year Show Decline

Firemen May Try Acrobatics

The fire department held a special meeting last week and decided to give the hall to the young ladies one evening each week. They have organized a basketball team and will eventually attempt acrobatics. . . . Marriages during leap year fell from the 118 of the previous year to 111, according to records in the county judge's office. . . . Guy Hamilton is planning to leave O'Neill for the state of Washington to help out his fortune in the great Northwest. . . . Miss Anna Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, and Dr. William H. Mullen of Bloomfield, formerly of O'Neill, were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Catholic church.

20 Years Ago

Three head of cattle belonging to Walter Richard of Chambers froze to death one night this week when the temperature dropped to 20 degrees below zero. . . . Armour and Company have completed their new hatchery. The incubators are installed and electricians are now finishing the wiring, so that everything will be ready to start operations within a few days. . . . W. G. Beha received word from Washington that the government had accepted his offer and that of the Episcopal church for the grounds on which to erect the new postoffice building in

this city. . . . Robert Hunt, 51, died at South Pasadena, Calif. A pharmacist by profession, he was born and reared in this city.

10 Years Ago

Thirteen of the 45 registrants who left from Holt county for Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., for physical exams were men from O'Neill. . . . Page and Atkinson will open the Holt county basketball tournament. . . . Funeral services were held at Holness chapel for Mrs. George F. Wadsworth, who died at Stuart. She had lived in Holt county since 1917. . . . State Sen. Dennis H. Cronin, 76, was honored on his birthday anniversary by his colleagues of the Nebraska legislature at the statehouse in Lincoln.

One Year Ago

C. L. Harding, better known as "Charley," quietly celebrated his 81st birthday anniversary at his home in O'Neill. He and H. D. Grady are O'Neill's only two surviving Spanish-American war veterans. . . . St. Joseph's hall of

Atkinson became the 1954 Holt cage champions. . . . The sounding of sirens and ringing of church bells will start the door to door appeal of O'Neill mothers joining motherhood throughout the nation in the march on polio fund drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Grenier and family and Roy Lanman spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mellor.

The Nebraska NHCA hairdressers convention will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday in Omaha.

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