

The Frontier Woman

# Grandma Dried Tears with Apron

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE, Homemaking Editor

Looking for a Lenten dish that is a bit different? How about trying this escalloped potatoes and kraut casserole? This is still the time of year when kraut tastes good and this hearty dish will save you time. If you do not observe Lent, serve boiled or baked frankfurters with this casserole.

## ESCALLOPED POTATOES AND KRAUT

One No. 2 can kraut, dash pepper, one cup thinly sliced onions, two cups sliced cooked potatoes, one cup grated American cheese, one 10½-oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup, 1/3 cup milk, paprika.

Season kraut with pepper. Place half of kraut in four individual casseroles. Add a layer of half the potatoes to each casserole. Sprinkle potatoes with part of grated cheese. Repeat layers using remaining kraut, sliced onions and potatoes sprinkled with cheese. Combine mushroom soup and milk, pour a portion over mixture in each casserole. Sprinkle remaining cheese and a dash of paprika on top of each casserole. Bake in moderate oven of 350 F. for one hour.

It is when you hear farmers complain about the price of cream and then see them buy butter substitutes at the local store. Isn't it funny, some of the things that stand out in your store of memories? One memory of my granddaddy is of him standing with both my arms tight around his leg by a big water barrel on a stone boat behind the horses, old Nell and Bill, and hearing him singing to Jesus, his Saviour, "Tell mother I'll be there, in answer to her prayer."

I remember grandma scolding me for eating so many fresh cookies and all the time it was my daddy sitting upstairs eating them as I brought them to him. Grandpa's big apron was always a highlight of simple size, it was used for so many things. Some of the uses being carrying cobs and kindling for fires, and vegetables and fruit from garden and orchard.

She always used to carry little chickens and eggs from the hen house in her apron and when the chickens got bigger, she used that apron to flap them from the yard and garden.

Grandma's apron always dried our tears and sometimes cleaned our noses. It always handled the hot pans from the stove, and scared the flies from the table at threshing time.

One of the many memories of daddy was when we children and he were through with the chores in the evening. After we had milked the cows we would sit there in the corral on our stools in the cool of the evening, the big moon smiling down on us, and daddy would tell us things that happened when he was a kid.

He told us poems he had learned when he was a boy and sang old songs to us. I liked those old songs better than the new ones. Mama always sang or whistled at her work. She never seemed to get many new clothes, we six children usually needed something more than she, she said. I remember her big loaves of fresh bread and a big cookie jar.

She had always a ready hand to fix our hurts with a kiss or a bandage.

Though but a short year since the folks were laid away to rest, memories are still so many and fresh. Only yesterday our little six-year-old boy said, "I wish grandma could be here to patch my shirt, I liked to hear her humming when she came to see us."

Being a lover of horses, I remember some of them very well, although some of the memories hurt. When I was small, four I think, daddy got us a Shetland pony. We named her Dixie. We rode her back and forth over a big cave in our yard the first day and then later to school. She raised three colts for us so we always had horses to ride or drive hitched to a buggy to school. I remember raking hay with them.

During our 16 years of married life, my husband and I have had several teams of horses. The ones I loved best were Dick and Maud, the blacks, and Barney and

Topsy, the sorrels. We had these teams during the winters of '48, '49 and '51. We still use teams in feeding hay around springs and corrals. It's easier with a team than tractor and cabling rack and I like it when he feeds in the field and doesn't need a driver, when brr... it's cold!

In summer, we usually hay on bottomland and I still like my team to rake with. Some say it's so slow with horses, but they seldom get stuck as a tractor does in a swamp. Then you need a dragline or old Barney and Topsy to get the tractor out.

DORSEY HOMEMAKER

## Mike Williamson Heads Ewing Co-Op

EWING—Carol Summerer was elected secretary of the Ewing Co-operative Creamery at a meeting held Thursday evening at the creamery.

On Saturday, the co-operative creamery held its annual business meeting at the Eldorado theatre. Charles Wilcox was guest speaker.

A report was given by the Manager Julian Sojka for the 1955 operation, followed by a discussion.

The following officers were elected: Mike Williamson, president; Veri Tuttle, vice-president. Retiring officials are Harry Taylor, president, and Willie Shrader.

Prepare Sewing for Hospital. EWING — The Jolly Worker's club members sewed clothing for

the General Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church when they met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Louis Shrader. The society is packing a box to be sent to the Jane Cook hospital at Frenchburg, Ky.

Ten towels were also made for the hostess by the Jolly Worker's. Gifts were presented to the following members who observed birthday anniversaries recently: Mrs. Joe Tomjack; Mrs. Will Shrader, Mrs. Kittie Fry; Mrs. Emily Johnston and Mrs. Victor Vandensnick.

At the April meeting, to be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Wiegand, bulbs will be exchanged by the members.

Mrs. Roland Horde presided. A potluck lunch was served.

Other Ewing News Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schindler of Elgin spent Sunday at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Urban.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Serr of Clearwater went to Stanton on Sunday, March 4, to attend open house for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, former residents of the Ewing community.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming were Mr. and Mrs. George Bonge and family of Orchard, Mrs. Dora Townsend and Duran Rutherford, both of Page, and Mrs. Frank Belmar.

Mrs. Ralph Eacker returned Wednesday, March 7, from Grand Island where she had stayed at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Fuller, while they made a trip to Denver, Colo.

Venetian blinds, prompt delivery, made to measure, metal or wood, all colors.—J. M. McDonalds.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Cloyd March 4 were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Timmerman of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brokaw and family of Norfolk.

Mrs. Kittie Fry was a guest on March 4, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader, and family.

Mrs. Kittie Fry spent Thursday and Friday, March 1-2, with her sister, Mrs. Mark Hemenway, near Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies, Mrs. Rose Bauer and Catherine went to Plainview recently where they called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boies.

Miss Fern Pruden was hostess at a party Friday, Mar. 2, at her home. The group of ladies was entertained by Mrs. Hattie Butterfield of Orchard with games and demonstrations.

Don't be sorry. See our wallpaper display before you buy.—Scovie's Western Auto, O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spangler entertained at a 1 o'clock dinner recently in honor of the fifth birthday anniversary of their son, Leon. A candle-light cake made the table centerpiece. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ebben Grafft, were guests.

## DAMAGE \$200

An unoccupied car owned by Dr. Edward M. Gleason, parked near the H. J. Lonus residence, was struck by a car driven by James Reynolds during a blinding snowstorm Friday evening, March 2. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Received a shipment of the new Winchester model 77 automatic.

Scovie's Western Auto, O'Neill.

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## It Happened In NEBRASKA---



The first frontier schools conducted for Indian children were missions. But the migratory Indians were seldom near the missions except during corn-growing season. Even then, older children were often kept out of school to frighten blackbirds away from the corn fields.

AS REFRESHING AS these tales of early frontier life is the friendly glass of beer which has come to be long—in today's Nebraska. Beer is the refreshing beverage of moderation, so right to serve when friends drop in or at family gatherings. Keep it on hand—always!

NEBRASKA DIVISION • U. S. BREWERS FOUNDATION, 710 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Lincoln, Nebr.

Dr. Edw. J. Norwood, O.D.  
Optometrist,  
from Crawford, Nebraska,  
will be in O'Neill on  
At the Hotel Golden  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
9 A.M. to 5 P.M.  
Eyes Scientifically  
Examined  
Glasses Properly Fitted  
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## REFEREE'S SALE

The Joseph Gilg Estate Lands Will be Sold at Public Auction on

# MARCH 19, 1956

At 1:30 P.M. at the Court House in Bassett

Terms 20% cash on sale date, with balance on confirmation when possession will be given.

480 acres of good hay and pasture, at south edge of Newport; improved 50 acre tract at southwest corner of Newport; auditorium, store, three houses and lots in Newport; house and lots in Bassett; and 280 acres pasture land about 25 miles south of Newport.

**Arthur A. Weber**  
REFEREE  
Bassett, Nebraska

## The Case Where One Head Is Better Than Three

You've probably heard about the proposed merger of Nebraska Public Power System, Loup River Public Power District and Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District. These units, working together, are the producers of virtually all the electricity used in the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska, exclusive of the Omaha area.

What does this merger mean to you, the electricity user?

1. More possible savings in your electrical bills. (You now pay less for electricity than the average homeowner in any neighboring state.)
2. An increasing amount of electricity, made possible by fast and low-cost expansion of the State's power supply. (Electricity demand in Nebraska is expected to double by 1960.)

This merger of Nebraska's power-producing agencies is needed. It's a case where one consolidated district with one management team and one board of directors is better than three separate power entities

— no matter how closely those three work together.

### The proposed merger:

- will streamline operations, resulting in cost savings
- is favored by bankers and investment people who believe that consolidation can bring lower interest rates on money needed for power expansion
- will give all people in the area served a bigger voice in power matters. (Directors would be elected from the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska, exclusive of the area served by the Omaha Public Power District.)
- will safeguard public power benefits, including irrigation benefits, for all people of the State.

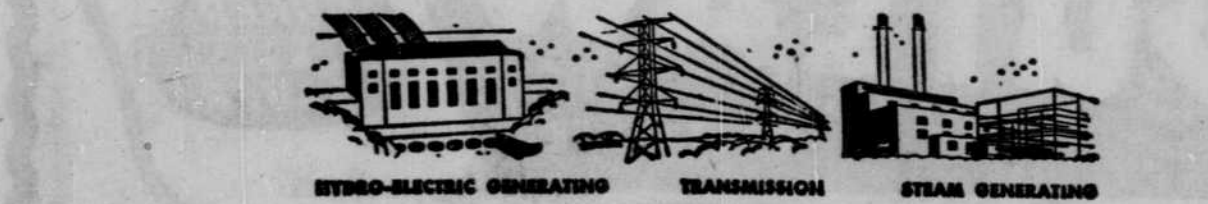
Your power producers have served you well in the past. Now your support for the future in this self-improvement merger is essential. We realize State power problems are complicated, so we urge you to ask questions, because...

OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS

Producers of Low-Cost Power for Nebraska's Expanding Needs

## Nebraska Public Power System

OF LOUP RIVER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT AND PLATTE VALLEY PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT



General Information: Place is well-fenced and cross-fenced; fine winter protection around building site. Mr. Burival, living on the place, or Colonel Thorin, the auctioneer-broker, will be pleased to show the place at any time. Farm will be sold as one unit or in two separate tracts, whichever brings the most money.

# Farm Machinery, Etc.

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| VAC Case Tractor and Cultivator             | M-M 7-Ft. One-Way Hog Troughs — Wood Gates       | New Saddle and Bridle                   |
| 1952 Oliver Tractor                         | 50-Gal. Hog Waterer                              | 300-Gal. Tank Gas LP, with reg.         |
| Comfort Cover for Oliver Tractor            | Loading Chute — Branding Chute                   | 500-Gal. LP Tank with reg.              |
| 2-Bottom 16-In. Plow (tractor)              | Registered Brand                                 | 300-Gal. Water Tank                     |
| 2-Row Lister — Sprayer                      | LP Heater for Branding Irons                     | 2—8-Ft. Water Tanks                     |
| 1,500-Lb. Feed Mixer                        | A-C Chopper                                      | 4-Section Harrow                        |
| 2-Row Cultivator with Fertilizer Attachment | A-C Hay Baler (round bales)                      | Hammer Grinder                          |
| 7-Ft. Power Mower                           | A-C Side Delivery Rake                           | Tandem Disc, 8-ft.                      |
| 14-Ft. M-M Windrower                        | Ezee Flow Fertilizer Spreader, 12-Ft., on rubber | Some Hog Wire — Slat Cribbing           |
| 2-Row IHC Eli, 1953                         | Manure Spreader, power take-off                  | Steel Crib Roof (for round 16-ft. crib) |
| Iron-Wheel Wagon Gear                       | Manure Loader — Cement Mixer                     | Lots of 1-In. Pipe, new                 |
| M-M 9½-Ft. Grain Drill                      | Fanning Mill — 4—Feed Bunks                      | 3—Garden Hose                           |
| 3—Wagon Trailers with Boxes, on rubber      | 3—50-Bu. Self Feeders                            | Chicken Feeders and Waterers            |
| Farmor M-M Tractor Cornpicker               | 200-Bu. Self Feeder                              | Electric Heat Lamps                     |
| Combine, self-propelled, pickup attachment  | 40-Ft. Grain Elevator                            | DeLaval Table Model Cream Separator     |
|   | LP Gas Tank Heater                               | Small Brooder House                     |

## Household Goods

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|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 20-Ft. IHC Deep Freeze                   | Servel Gas Refrigerator        | Library Table — Coffee Table |
| Magic Chef LP Gas Cook Stove             | Davenport and Chair            | 2—End Tables — Floor Lamp    |
| LP Gas Heating Stove, large electric fan | Coronado Elec. Washing Machine | Folding Steel Cot, Mattress  |
| Dining Room Table, 7 Chairs              | Chrome Breakfast Set           | Bed Spring and Mattress      |
|  | 9x12 Wool Rug — Cabinet        | 2—Dressers                   |

Terms on Personal Property: Strictly Cash.

# HENRY BURIVAL, Owner

COL. ED THORIN, O'Neill, Auctioneer - Real Estate Broker  
O'NEILL NATIONAL BANK, Clerk