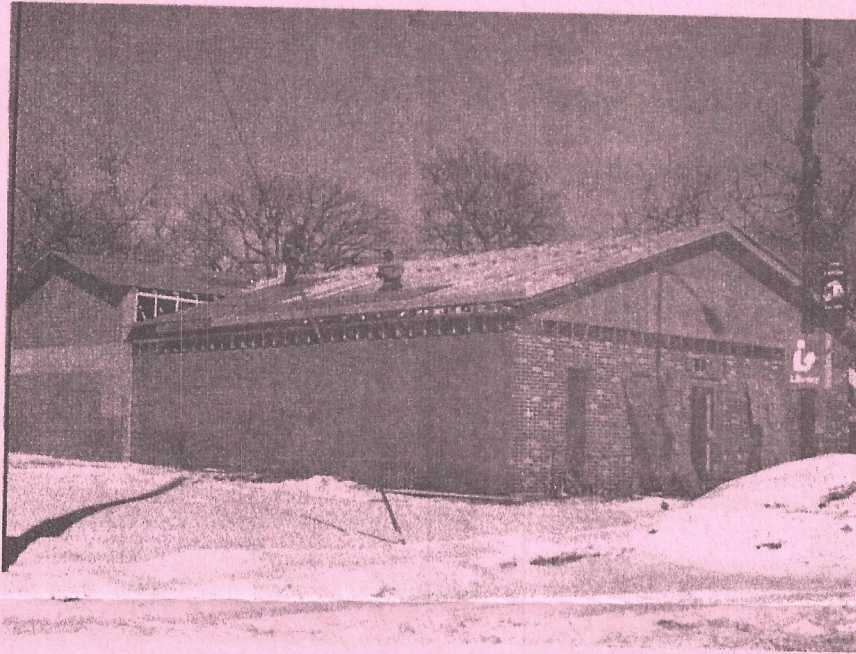


# FERTILE REMINDER

MARCH 2014



*The front of the library in progress*

## MARCH

3 Firemen meet

5 Recycle

11 Fertile Girls Meet

11 Garden Club

15 Reminder Deadline [fertilermd@wctatel.net](mailto:fertilermd@wctatel.net)

17 Library Board meets

18 City Council

19 Recycle

25 Reminder mailed

### FERTILE FACTS YOU ALREADY KNOW!

Fertile is a city in Worth County, Iowa, United States. The population was 370 at the 2010 census

The total area of Fertile is .94 sq. miles.

The community was first called Rhodes Mill after William Rhodes, who settled there in 1856 and built a house. A land speculator created a fictional town nearby and named it Fontanelle, though the locals called it Putsey. Fertile was established in 1877, and named for the quality of the soil in the valley it was located in. Fertile was incorporated in 1908.





## City of Fertile

### City Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2014 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

#### Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Holly Lovik-Hanna, Tad Miller and Nick Bailey; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.

*Tad motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the minutes of January 21st meeting with grammar corrections.* Unanimous.

No report on Pronto.

• *Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to accept agenda.* Unanimous.

Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

#### City Maintenance Report

- The exhaust manifold bolts are broken on the plow of the pick-up truck and needs to be fixed.
- Steve also suggested updating the drag for the ball diamonds to keep the weeds down.
- Steve will be checking to see if there is someone locally that would be able to laser line the water pump.

*Jeff moved, Nick 2nd to approve the maintenance report.* Unanimous.

#### Mayor's Report

- John Greeve, City Attorney, is working with Chris Diggins at NIACOG to update the ordinances.
- Joyce has updated the Fertile Emergency Operation Plan for 2014 to include new city council members.
- An updated list of email addresses for the council members was distributed to each council member and is available at the City Hall.
- Joyce also updated the current information for the City of Fertile with Black Hills Energy, Alliant, WCTA, ICAP and State and Federal files.

- Joyce met with First Gabrielson Insurance to review the policy for the fiscal year 2014 / 2015. The city will be receiving a credit voucher of \$917.47 for the vested fiscal year 2014 / 2015.
- Library paid the City of Fertile \$6000.00 towards the architect fees.
- Julie Ward has been approved as new member of the Library Board and will serve a 3 year term. Thank you Julie.
- 2014 Motorcycle Rider Education courses will be sponsored by NIACC and Abate, Inc. Check local postings for more information.
- *Holly motioned, and Tad 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

#### City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented the January Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request. The following is a summary of the year-to-date income, expenses & fund balances.

7/1 - 1/31	General	WCDA	Roads	Utilities	Total
Income	143,189.35	79,670.00	23,733.22	82,485.96	329,078.53
Expense	129,744.78	111,827.50	40,490.67	84,171.63	366,234.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,444.57</b>	<b>-32,157.50</b>	<b>-16,757.45</b>	<b>-1685.67</b>	<b>-37,156.05</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>65,728.91</b>	<b>-32,157.50</b>	<b>32,567.03</b>	<b>94,907.78</b>	<b>160,946.22</b>

• *Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous

• *Nick motioned, Tad 2nd to approve Jan Bills* Unanimous

#### Upcoming Meetings

- Budget Public Hearing Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 7:00 at the Fertile City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 18th, 2014, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Jeff moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

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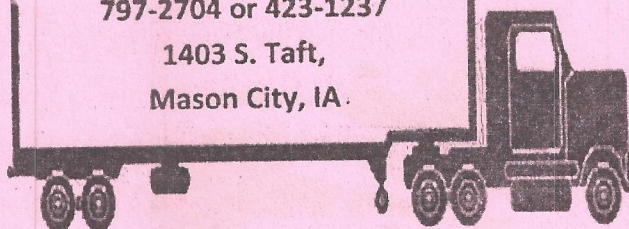
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**City of Fertile  
Bills Paid**

As of January 31, 2014

	Type	Date	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>					
<b>Checking</b>					
	Check	01/01/2014	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-3,500.00
	Check	01/01/2014	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-4,993.50
	Paycheck	01/02/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-130.19
	Paycheck	01/02/2014	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
	Paycheck	01/02/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-899.33
	Paycheck	01/02/2014	Russell, Joyce		-1,217.07
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,755.70
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	Hare Electric	Capacitor	-308.03
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	Kramer Ace Hardware	Christmas Lights & Bolts for Snow Plow	-90.89
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	Lake Auto Parts	Plow Hydrolic Fluid and Floor Dry	-166.53
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	Staples	Office Supplies	-23.98
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-160.56
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2014	Fertile Public Library V	Inter-Library Loan and Open Access	-751.55
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/08/2014	Larry Elwood Construction		-32,157.50
	Liability Check	01/08/2014	IPERS		-720.53
	Paycheck	01/15/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-63.65
	Paycheck	01/15/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-918.34
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/15/2014	Miller, Josh v	Snow Removal 2 hours	-24.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-72.50
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-768.46
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	Iowa One Call	Utility location	-15.30
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	Iowa Rural Water Association	IRWA Annual Conference	-295.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	Menards		-98.80
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	Pronto	truck	-171.51
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	The Amish Pantry	Lunch for volunteer movers	-42.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-43.75
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/21/2014	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-2,035.68
	Paycheck	01/29/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-201.83
	Paycheck	01/29/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-900.34
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/30/2014	CRW Architecture + Design Group	Preliminary Design, Construction Documents and Bidding Phase	-1,500.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/30/2014	IMFOA	Annual dues	-40.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/30/2014	Kramer Ace Hardware	Salt	-14.97
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/30/2014	Staples	Office Supplies	-70.64
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/30/2014	UPS	Water testing	-19.91
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/30/2014	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Full Service Payrol (Dec) & Paychecks	-91.00
	Liability Check	01/31/2014	United States Treasury		-1,589.92
	Liability Check	01/31/2014	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-552.00
	Sales Tax Payment	01/31/2014	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,010.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/31/2014	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Full Service Payrol (Jan) & Paychecks	-87.00
	<b>Total Checking</b>				<b>-57,813.35</b>
	<b>Total Operating Accounts</b>				<b>-57,813.35</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-57,813.35</b>

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**City of Fertile  
Deposits**

As of January 31, 2014

	Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>				
<b>Checking</b>				
	Deposit	01/01/2014	Incubator Rent and Electricity Deposit	497.99
	Deposit	01/02/2014	Property Taxes	3,358.48
	Deposit	01/02/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	2,386.58
	Deposit	01/02/2014	Casino Funds Deposit	2,913.22
	Deposit	01/08/2014	Library STL Deposit	32,157.50
	Deposit	01/15/2014	Utility Deposit	6,189.23
	Deposit	01/15/2014	Road Use Tax	1,530.21
	Deposit	01/16/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	30.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	Utility Deposit	1,286.81
	Deposit	01/22/2014	Farm to Market Deposit	2,686.94
	Deposit	01/30/2014	Utility Deposit	450.65
	Deposit	01/31/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	1,524.67
	Deposit	01/31/2014	Fertile Little League Deposit	126.88
	Deposit	01/31/2014	RUT Deposit	1,358.53
	Deposit	01/31/2014	Utility Deposit	3,245.81
	Deposit	01/31/2014	Interest	2.43
				<u>59,745.93</u>
<b>Total Checking</b>				
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	01/31/2014	Interest	4.90
				<u>4.90</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>				
<b>Total Roads Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	01/31/2014	Interest	2.86
				<u>2.86</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>				
<b>Total Water Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	01/31/2014	Interest	2.50
				<u>2.50</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>				
<b>Total Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				<u><u>59,756.19</u></u>

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**CLEAR LAKE | Robert E. Kennedy**, 81, of Clear Lake, passed away on Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at his home.

Robert Earl Kennedy was born Aug. 23, 1932, in Burchinal, the son of John L. and Grace (Barrick) Kennedy.

He attended ninth and 10th grade in Clear Lake and graduated from Fertile High School in Fertile in 1950. Robert enjoyed farming with his dad and also worked at American Crystal Sugar.

Robert married Carol Warner on Feb. 24, 1968, in Manly. To this union, two daughters were born: Cherie RaNae and Jodie Lynn.

The family moved to Renville, Minn., in 1975, where Robert worked for the Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative.

He retired in 1994 and he and Carol then returned to the Mason City/Clear Lake area.

During the time they lived in Renville, Minn., Robert enjoyed camping with family and friends, woodworking and making crafts with Carol — which they liked giving to others.

He was a member of the Renville Lion's Club. Robert was a regular attender of Harvest Bible Chapel.

He served on the Board of Trustees for the Pioneer Museum, was a member of: the Evening Lions Club, the Clear Lake Senior Center and the North Iowa Vision Support Group.

He enjoyed going to auctions, collecting toy semi-trucks, old toys and many other unique items. He often spent his time volunteering in the community and meeting with many coffee time groups including the hearing-impaired coffee group at the Backyard Deli.

After losing the majority of his eyesight, Robert spent many hours listening to audio books.

Most of all, Robert enjoyed spending time with his family and watching his grandchildren grow.

He would look forward to family events and spending time visiting with his girls. Robert had a great sense of humor and loved making people laugh. He will be deeply missed.

Robert is survived by his wife of almost 46 years: Carol Kennedy of Clear Lake, two daughters: Cherie (Steve) Schemm of Pella and Jodie (Pete) Longman of Pierre, S.D.; six grandchildren: Michael, David, Luke, and

Jacob Schemm and Brenna and Max Longman; one brother: Melvin (Linda) Kennedy of Burchinal; two sisters: Delores Klang and Dorothy (Don) Nichols, both of Clear Lake; two sister-in-laws JoAnna (Kevin) Lien of Hanlontown and Cathy (Paul) Burtness of Mason City; a brother-in-law: Larry (Vicki) Warner of Mason City; a mother-in-law: Joy Warner; and many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters: Mildred Bates and Betty Hegney. The family would like to thank Iowa Hospice for the care and support they showed Robert and Carol over the past year.

*Our sympathies to the family*

**Sylvia Evans obit is a little late, but there was no January issue and not enough room in the Feb. issue. Mrs. Evans was a great teacher and touched the lives of many students.**

**Sylvia A. Evans**, 93, Northwood, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

Sylvia Adene (Brunsvold) Evans, was born on April 23, 1920, in Hanlontown, the daughter of Clarence and Mandeline (Hoel) Brunsvold.

She received her education in the Kensett Community School, graduating from Kensett High School. Sylvia also graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

After completing her schooling, she taught for 29½ years before her retirement in English and Music, Nemaha, Parkersburg, Waterloo, Northwood and Forest City, and was the principle in Fertile.

She was united in marriage to James Emerson Evans on Sept. 19, 1948, at the Concordia Lutheran Church, rural Joice. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2008.

Those left to cherish her memory are her nephews and nieces, Brian (Valerie) Ott of Cedar Falls, Steven Ott of Waterloo, Jeff (Holly) Ott of Peoria, Ill., Greg (Susan) Ott of Sun River, Ore., David Ott of London, England, Russell (Jane) Evans of Louisville, Colo., Mark (Michele) Evans of Faribault, Minn., and Douglas (Betty) Evans of Zimmerman, Minn.; many great nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, lone Evans of Faribault, Minn.; brother-in-law, Dale Ott of Waterloo; as well as other extended family members and friends. Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Emerson Evans; and a sister, Inez Ott.

**Our sympathies to the family.**



**Roger Zirbel**, 68, of Raymond, Miss., and formerly of Clear Lake died Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, in Raymond.

Roger was born Sept. 1, 1945, in Mason City, the son of Max and Lena (Nardicchio) Zirbel. He graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1963, while in high school he was a member of FFA and helped out on the family farm.

Roger worked for several body shops in Clear Lake until he was drafted in the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. Roger married Gail Lee in 1967 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and to this union had two children.

He did some farming, sold ag-related products and then worked for Burtness Plumbing, Fertile, where they landed a job in Jackson, Miss. He took the opportunity to get out of the cold for the winter and liked it so well he decided to stay. He has been in Mississippi ever since doing plumbing, carpentry and some farming, raising sweet corn and field corn. He married Kay McGee on Feb. 21, 1988.

Roger enjoyed farming, working on old cars, deer hunting, woodworking, tinkering with his tractors, collecting John Deere toy tractors and memorabilia. Roger also enjoyed socializing with family and his many friends.

He is survived by his wife Kay Zirbel, Raymond, Miss.; children Domenie (Jeff) LaGue, Clear Lake, and Rich Zirbel, Estherville; grandchildren: Tanner (fiancé Toma Kopytina) Zirbel, Fairmont, Minn., Jenna Zirbel, Okoboji, Tyson Zirbel, Fairmont, Minn., Alex Zirbel, Jackson, Minn., Alyza McGee, Birmingham, Ala., and Ace McGee, Republic, Wash.; his mother Lena Peyton and her friend Doug Lee, Belmond; sister, Julie (Clancy) Wiebenga, Clear Lake; brother Jay Zirbel, Guerneville, Calif.; step daughters Debbie Hearst, Dallas, Texas, and Alison McGee, Republic, Wash.; nieces and nephews Scott Zirbel, Guerneville, Calif., Cali (Spencer) Klooster, Garner, Jesse (Sarah) Reimer, Aurora, Colo., Doug (Sara) Wiebenga, Cedar Rapids, Billy Hester, Jackson, Miss., Fran Hester, Jackson Miss., Harry Lee Hester,

Jackson, Miss., Robert Hester Jr., Jackson, Miss., and John Ryan, Jackson, Miss.; brothers-in-law Johnny Hester, Jackson, Miss., Terry (Linda) Hester, Jackson, Miss.; sister-in-law Carol Ryan, Jackson, Miss.; He was preceded in death by his father Max Zirbel, his brother Michael Zirbel, stepson Melvin McGee, mother-in-law Frances Hester and brothers-in-law Selby Lee Hester Jr. and Ray Hester. Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. Fourth St., Clear Lake, 641-357-2193, ColonialChapels.com.

*Our sympathies to the family*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Thank you for your hard work!  
Robb and Karen Perry

You gals do a super job.  
Have a treat. Many thanks, Marlys  
Pederson

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### HEAD START PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Starting in February, the Head Start Preschool program administered by North Iowa Community Action will be taking applications on children ages 3 & 4 for classes that begin this fall. Head Start is a premier early childhood education program that also serves children with special needs and has a strong family involvement. Call the Heat Start family worker number listed for your county to apply and/or answer any questions you may have. Slots fill up fast!

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY





**JAMES LOVICK (95)**  
Feb. 13, 1919

403 W. Main, Fertile, IA 50434

**Verna Miller Butts (98)**  
March 15, 1916

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Fremont, CA 94538



**The Fireman's Soup Supper on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>  
made \$848.00**

Thank you to all who cooked, set up, furnished, and donated. And a big thanks to all who attended to make it successful. It is greatly appreciated. It takes a community to make things like this happen.

## THE AMISH PANTRY

The Amish Pantry is owned and operated by Frank and Roxie Owens. They also own Bumbleberry Bakery; hence their delicious buns and sweet rolls. Frank originally came from Tennessee and Roxie was raised in North Iowa.

They operated The Amish Pantry in Altoona for 30 years.

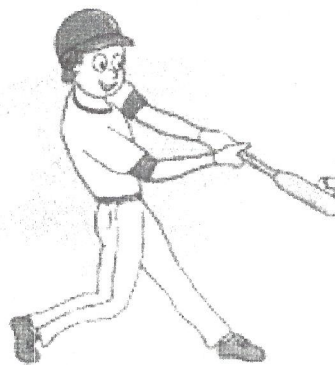
They were blessed with 4 children and 5 grandchildren who all live 50 miles or more away.

They have found Fertile to be very welcoming and have wanted to settle in a small town as they were both raised in small towns. They welcome being involved in Community events and close their business for community suppers.

They want to be a part of the community and want the community to be a part of their business.

Some thoughts or possibilities for the future are a soft serve ice cream machine and a pizza time.

Stop by and see what they have to offer!!!



## URGENT PLEA

No one has volunteered to take over the organizing and managing of the

Little League for the summer program. If you are willing to do so, please contact Joyce Russell at City Hall and let her know. **If someone does not volunteer there will be NO Little League summer program for the kids. There has to be someone interested enough to do it for the kids.**



## HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS

It may seem strange to some of our young people to hear one say that the horse and buggy days of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century wasn't so bad after all. When a young man decided it was time for him to look for a wife, he bought a nice looking driving horse and a bright shiny one-seated buggy with side curtains to keep out the rain and dust and room for just two. Oh, sometimes two couples went together, but of course then the girls had to sit on their beau's laps. But who objected to that? No one. There was another handicap, too. In those days we girls wore long dresses down to our ankles, which was fine, but were so narrow that one couldn't possibly step up to the high step on the new buggy, so it was up to her beau to lift her up into the buggy. Well, who objected to that? No one. At least we never heard any complaints.

But, soon things improved, or did they? Some of the young men around this territory got motorcycles and then the girls had to crawl up behind them and ride back of the driver. That was not as much fun—maybe a little more exciting but not nearly as comfortable, and who could visit flying around the country on those noisy contraptions? That thrill soon disappeared.

Then things really improved—cars came to Fertile. At our house we got a 1914 Ford and what a thrill that was! It even had carbide lamps that we could light when we were caught out after dark. It had side curtains that could be buckled on all the way around to keep out the foul weather. And a top that could be rolled back when we wanted the sun. What a luxury that was! But all things didn't go so well always. We didn't have paved highways and they could easily mire down when we had rain. I remember my folks going to Lake Mills one bright sunshiny day. And if it didn't rain while they were there! They didn't dare drive the car home so they

took the train to Joice and got someone to drive them home.

About that time Fertile got its first telephone and that was something! We didn't have dial phones then---we had a central office who took care of our calls. I recall hearing a man "cranking" his phone and saying "Hello, is this the middle, give me (I don't recall the name). When the party did not answer, he said, "He didn't answer because he owes me money."

We didn't have running water in our home in those days,. We took our baths in washtubs. We finally got a bath tub but we had to carry the water into it. We did have a drain pipe leading outdoors. It didn't look like our bathtubs today. It was longer if I remember correctly, and it slanted at one end something like a ramp. What fun it was to soap that ramp and slide down it and splash the water all over. Of course only the smaller one could do that. You can't do that in today's tubs.

So you see, horse and buggy days had their bright sides, too.

This was copied from MORE ABOUT FERTILE 1976. It was copied exactly as written!!

### **PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Hanlontown Fire Department**

**Saturday, March 15**

**Hanlontown Community Center**

**5 p.m. \_ 7 p.m.**

**Donations accepted**



Pat Oswald desires to retire so we are looking for someone to do her page. It is the recipe page with a fun game on it or whatever your heart desires to add. If you are interested please contact Betty Waddington @ 641-896-2445

### RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship.  
She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds.  
Hers is in California, and mine is in Texas
3. I take my wife everywhere,  
but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker.  
She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

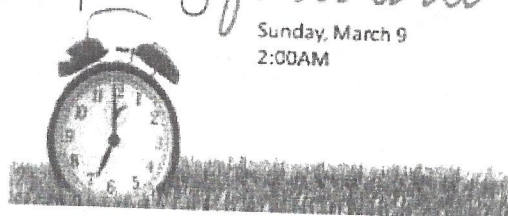
Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it. These were the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four letter word. It was just clean and simple fun. And he always ended his programs with the words, "And May God Bless" with a big smile on his face.

### The Newlyweds

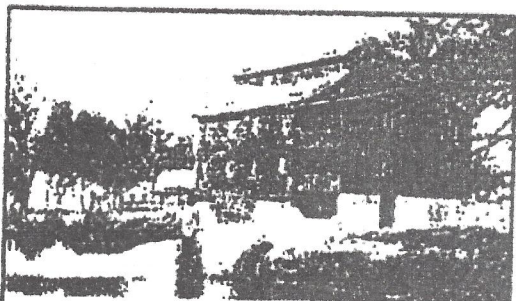
A young couple got married and went on their honeymoon. When they got back, the bride immediately called her mother.  
"Well," said her mother, "how was the honeymoon?"  
... "Oh, mama," she replied, "the honeymoon as wonderful! So romantic..."  
Suddenly she burst out crying. "But, mama, as soon as we returned Sam started using the most horrible language - things I'd never heard before! I mean, all these awful 4-letter words! You've got to take me home... PLEASE MAMA!"  
"Sarah, Sarah," her mother said, "calm down! You need to stay with your husband and work this out. Now, tell me, what could be so awful? WHAT 4-letter words?"  
"Please don't make me tell you, mama," wept the daughter, "I'm so embarrassed they're just too awful! COME GET ME, PLEASE!!"  
"Darling, baby, you must tell me what has you so upset. Tell your mother these horrible 4-letter words!" Still sobbing, the bride said, "Oh, Mama ... he used words like: Dust, Wash, Iron, Cook..."  
"I'll pick you up in twenty minutes," said the mother.

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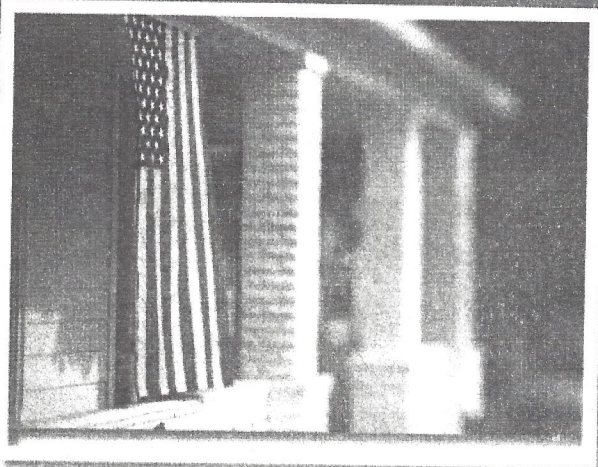
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BOB KUHN'S STORY CONTINUES.....

The next year Charlie and I came back up here and I was assigned the job of dynamiting the big willow trees on both sides of the road west of Rake. One day I put in a small charge to blow a hole under a big tree that had three trunks from the same roots. I told the boss to back his pickup down the road, but he just got in and sat there, and I ran down past him and still got some dirt and rocks my way. It broke the windshield in his truck and one limb went 800 feet south and knocked a large hole in the farmer's barn. It took me the rest of the day to fix the barn. We got that job done and moved to Waseca, Minnesota to grade from there to Waterville.

Shortly after we got there the barn man and his wife, who was the cook's helper had to leave, so I told the boss to see if my girlfriend, Ora, would like to come and help the cook. She came and were married the thirteenth of Sept., 1924. That year the boss said he could not compete with caterpillar tractors.

We slept in a tent until we got done. One morning we woke up about 5 o'clock, and the tent was just 6 inches above us, as it had snowed in the night. I told Ora not to touch the tent or it would leak but she did and it was a good thing we got everything on the bed or everything we had would have gotten wet.

If it was cold enough to freeze, we would put straw on the road and in the morning I would set it afire and they could go right to work about 7:00 am. We finished November 15<sup>th</sup> that year and went to Fertile.

After we were married I was picking corn for Ross Hill on the farm that the Pitkin's are living on now and a man walked in one day and asked Ross if he needed any help. Ross said "Yes, he was wanting a corn picker."

I asked him what he had been doing and he said he had been working in a factory in Mason City and the Doctor told him to get out in the open air as he wasn't feeling good. I tried to tell him to pick half loads for a couple of days. I told him about the farmer in Nebraska, and he told me, "No kid could tell me what I can do because I can keep up with the best of them."

He picked as much corn as I did that day and the next morning his hands were so swollen he couldn't hold his spoon to eat his oatmeal, so Mrs. Hill helped him eat. He had a dozen pair of gloves and he told me he learned he could not keep up with the best of them. He gave me his gloves and went down the road.

That winter I helped a man that was selling out. He got ready and the day of the sale he told me to tell those that came where to park their cars. I was doing fine until a man drove up with six in his car and parked right in the gate to the field we had for them, and they walked away laughing.

I went and told the auctioneer about it and he said "Oh, I forgot," and he took a star out of his pocket and pinned it on my overall bib and said "Tell him to move it."

I tapped him on the shoulder and asked him to put his car where I asked him to. I was standing beside him and he couldn't see the star. He started to laugh and I got in front of him and he saw the star and said "Just where do you want me to put it sir."

Then one time I went over to my neighbors to see him about something and he was trying to get a 400 lb. hog in his pickup. His two nephews were sitting on a log nearby and I asked them why they weren't helping their uncle load the hog. They said "He said I didn't need any help, but watch how I and the Lord could do it."

The hog was panting and he was sweating, too, as the weather was quite warm. I asked him if he would let me help him. He said "If the Lord is with you, yes. I picked up a bushel basket that was near there and when the hog came toward me I put the basket over his head and backed it in the pickup. He threw up he hands and praised the Lord for being with Bob. I told him the Lord put a head on everyone, but they had to learn how to use it.



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## BLT Dip

### Ingredients:

1 1/2 pounds bacon, cooked, drained, crumbled, and divided into

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

2 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sour cream

1/4 cup Mayonnaise

1 cup cheddar Cheese, shredded or to taste

1 tablespoon mustard

2 cups chopped tomatoes, seeds removed

1 1/2 cups shredded Iceberg lettuce

Salt & Pepper to taste

Toasted Bread rounds, crackers or pita chips.

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°

Spray a 1 1/2 quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. SET aside 3/4 cup crumbled bacon in a large bowl, combine remaining bacon, cream cheese, shredded cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and mustard. Spoon mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Sprinkle chopped tomatoes remaining, 3/4 cup crumbled bacon and lettuce over hot dip.

Serve immediately with toasted bread rounds, crackers, or pita chips. Yum!!

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