

# FERTILE REMINDER

OCTOBER 2013



Class of 1955

MEMORIES

Nancy Raymond entertained her class members in the area in honor of Janice(Ritter) Kitchen visiting Clear Lake. Those that attended were Paula (Sheimo) Worsley, Harriet (Stokke) Winden, Nancy (Nelson) Ingham, Leland Pederson, Raymond Jordan and Dave Bruns. They had a good time taking trips down Memory Lane.

Do you remember when either Friday or Saturday night everyone went to Fertile to shop and to the DRAWING? This was in the early 60's. The entire main street would be filled with cars and people visiting. THOSE WERE THE GOOD TIMES.

If there was a bridal or baby shower, you could sign up to share in the gift at different stores. There was usually a 50 cent or a dollar list. The store owner then found a gift for the amount of money specified and sent a gift. That was the day of the Community Showers.



## Calendar

- 3 Recycle
- 7 Firemen meet
- 8 Fertile Girls
- 8 Fertile Garden Club
- 15 Reminder Deadline
- 15 Council Meets
- 21 Library Board Meets
- 22 Reminder Mailed



### FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met Sept 10th at 7:00 pm. Roll call question was "What do you like best about Fertile?" Table grace was sung and hostesses were Julie Ward and Ginny Lovik. We enjoyed our dessert as we conducted our business meeting. Mum plants have been purchased to decorate at City Hall. Discussion held on projects for the upcoming year. October meeting will be our Guest Day and each member is encouraged to bring at least one guest. Our guest speaker will be Pat Lohman. Julie Ward shared the thought for the day. Happy Birthday was sung to Twyla Kragel. Meeting adjourned.

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# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller and Pat Renchin; Absent was Council Member Tad Miller, City Clerk, Cindy Peters & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Eddie May filled in for Cindy Peters.

- *Penny motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the August minutes.* Unanimous
- *Penny motioned, Pat 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

- Steve prepared a written report for Joyce to present.
- Removed weeds on the dirt piles up at the ball fields and behind the old school.
- Added dirt and seeded under the water tower
- Weed wacking the river banks
- Repaired a leak at the water plant
- Installed plexiglass windows on utility cart in prep for winter
- Flushed water plant filters and hydrants to remove rust
- Had the pick-up tuned up at Frank's Repair
- Brought the sheep back into the sewer lagoons to control grass
- Jeff suggested that Steve clean out some weeds and fallen trees between Charlie Nye's and Amundson's to help snow removal
- *Pat moved, Penny 2nd to approve the maintenance report.* Unanimous.

### Mayor's Report

- 3 Council Member's seats and the Mayor's seat are up for election in November. Nomination papers can be picked up at City Hall. Papers must be submitted back to City Hall by 4:00 pm on 9/19/13.
- On 8/15, the DNR inspected the sewer lagoon system and gave Fertile 6 citations (all have been fixed, except for one)
  1. Calibrate pumps (done in July)
  2. Replace leaky valve (in process)
  3. Report discharge monitoring (Warren re-submitted report)
  4. Take action to avoid bypass of run-off (bypass was due to spring flooding - DNR accepted explanation)
  5. Calibrate PH meter (obtained a PH meter from Clear Lake utilities and are now reporting PH balances)
  6. Reduce grass height around lagoon (sheep brought back in)
- *Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to approve the purchase of a replacement valve for \$1,198. Labor to install will be approved next month.* Unanimous
- On 8/23 the City purchased a utility cart for Steve to use around town in place of the City truck. This will save on the gas bill. The cart comes with both studded and knobby tires and rims for both summer and winter use. The cart cost \$2,350 and has been added to insurance
- Cindy has been in and out of the hospital this last month. The City has sent her flowers and wishes for a speedy recovery. Advantage Business Solutions has been filling in for Cindy as needed.
- On 8/28 Cindy picked up the check from the WCDA for the water tower painting and repair. The WCDA gave the city \$79,670.00 for this project. There was an additional cost of \$3,491 to reinstall the red flashing light and 911 emergency responder's repeaters.
- On 8/29 Joyce helped raise \$140 for Muscular Dystrophy research. She thanks everyone who helped her "get out of jail".

- On 8/30 we submitted a grant for \$204,000 for the remodeling and expansion of the Library. We will know 11/14 if we get the grant.
- On 9/3, our City Attorney, John Greve, was featured in the Globe Gazette for 50 years of service in Northwood. Thank You John for helping Fertile!
- The Library's property lines on the County's GIS website are being updated to reflect the actual lines.
- The City is switching to a non-perforated utility billing card. The perforations have been getting stuck in the mailing machines.
- Joyce sent letters to residents identified by Steve as having bushes too close to the water meters. Please keep bushes trimmed to help us out
- Steve is working with Larsen's to replace no-read meters
- Iowa One Call will now be emailing the city, rather than faxing
- On 9/10 - 3 people voted at City Hall for a school election
- On 9/12 Joyce filled out a survey from Waste Management
- Joyce has been researching a couple of houses that have been foreclosed on. She is working with the banks and the county to find out who is responsible for the bill.
- Since Cindy has been sick, Joyce has been signing all checks without a second signature. Joyce asked for a Council Member who would be able to be able to sign on the bank account. Jeff was nominated and agreed. *Julie moved, Pat 2nd to approve the Jeff as signatory for all City bank accounts.* Unanimous.
- Advantage Business Solutions presented a quote for a projection system for the community center. Renters have been asking for that capability. It was suggested that the City write a grant for the system and then add a \$50 rental fee for those who use the projector to cover the cost of bulb replacement. A grant will be written first.
- Advantage Business Solutions is now offering a Full Payroll Service option to all ClerkBooks cities. The service will create paychecks, pay taxes and file all payroll reports. The cost of the service is \$79 per month plus \$2 per employee per month. *Jeff moved, Pat 2nd to approve the Full Payroll Service option.* Unanimous
- **NOTICE:** In any city wide emergency situation (flood, tornado, etc.) if you are ok, please tie a white piece of cloth to the street side of your house. If a white cloth is not visible, emergency workers will investigate.
- *Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous

### City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the August 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 - 8/31	General	WCDA	Roads	Utilities	Total
Income	22,755.72	79,670.00	6,157.04	25,645.19	134,227.95
Expense	40,060.17	79,670.00	17,065.67	34,322.08	171,117.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>-17,304.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-10,908.63</b>	<b>-8,676.89</b>	<b>-36,889.97</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>34,953.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>38,415.85</b>	<b>87,816.56</b>	<b>161,186.35</b>

- Eddie presented reports on the Little League and Fertile Days. Little League had a net income of \$1,566.50. Their fund balance is now at \$1,796.78. The surplus will be used to purchase equipment and to prepare for next season. Fertile days fund balance is at \$1,511.36. This surplus will be saved to prepare for next year's events.
- Eddie advised that overall spending has to be curbed in order to give the system time to recover from the year-to-date deficit. The deficit has been caused by un-foreseen expenses relating to roads, and storm water, as well as general overspending across the board, and delayed property tax income.
- *Pat motioned, Julie 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous

- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve August Bills. Unanimous

### Additional Topics

- Julie asked that building permits be brought to the Council meeting for review.
- The Council wants to remind everyone about the dog leash ordinance. All dogs must be on a leash while outside.
- Please be careful as several break-ins have been reported this last month. Please be sure to keep everything locked up.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Library Capital Campaign Committee will meet on 9/18 at 7:00 at the Library to begin plans for funding the content (shelving, furniture, new technology, etc) and landscaping for the new building.
- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.
- Julie moved and Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

### City of Fertile

### Bills Paid

As of August 31, 2013

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>					
Bill Pmt - Check	08/01/2013	6586	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/01/2013	ATM	Walmart	Bottled Water/Boil Alert! - Debit card	-250.00
Deposit	08/03/2013			Casino Funds Deposit	3,371.80
Bill Pmt - Check	08/05/2013	6587	US Post Office	Three rolls of postcard stamps	-89.00
Deposit	08/05/2013			Utility Deposit	895.94
Liability Check	08/05/2013	1Que	IPERS		-1,022.45
Deposit	08/05/2013			Local Option Sales Tax	2,161.99
Bill Pmt - Check	08/06/2013	6588	Brian Nettleton -b	Borderline Band for Fertile Days	-800.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/06/2013	6589	Downtown Cafe' V	Fertile Days Community Meal - Final payment	-600.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/06/2013	6590	Karen Usher	Balloon animals for Fertile Days	-25.00
Paycheck	08/07/2013	6593	Russell, Joyce		-1,197.99
Paycheck	08/07/2013	6591	Brunns, Warren		-300.79
Paycheck	08/07/2013	6592	Russell, Grant		-144.94
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6594	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Wastewater Testing	-58.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6595	Bill's Family Foods	Food for concession stand for Little League	-28.78
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6596	Cindy Peters	Fertile Days: ismndt signs, candy for parade	-78.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6597	Clear Lake Sanitary District	water sample lab testing	-175.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6598	Green Canopy, Inc.	3 Portable Restrooms May - June	-215.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6599	Hare Electric	outlets-park vandalism/water pit genrtr/water pit-pump/pull west pump-sewer/	-1,515.48
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6600	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6601	KIOW	Payment to Broadcast Water Boil Alert on the radio	-80.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6602	Kramer Ace Hardware	wasp spray for library building	-4.49
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6603	Lake Auto Parts	grease & grease gun for shop mower/oil for pickup	-31.27
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6604	Lake Mills Graphic	Fertile Days Advertising	-50.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6605	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	replace water heater for community center/parts and labor for water plant	-741.34
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6606	Menards	cleaning supplies for community center	-67.81
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6607	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual subscription to newspaper Aug 2013-Aug 2014	-36.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6608	Penny Miller-v	Supplies for games for Fertile Days	-97.39
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6609	Pronto	gas for trk gas for mower	-392.91
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6611	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,690.37
Bill Pmt - Check	08/07/2013	6612	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-162.12
Bill Pmt - Check	08/12/2013	6613	Randy Bratrud	Fertile Days Rental Golf Carts / Minc golf cart test-drive	-325.00
Deposit	08/13/2013			Fertile Days/CC Center Rental/Utility Deposit	605.51
Deposit	08/13/2013			Utility Deposit	3,401.92
Check	08/13/2013	PayPal		PayPal withdrew to Confirm Bank Account	-1.95
Paycheck	08/14/2013	6614	Roberts, Stephen J		-891.90
Paycheck	08/14/2013	6615	Peters, Cynthia		-304.39
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	6616	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray - Aug 8th and 9th	-900.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	6617	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	Labor/Mile to replace existing 10" concrete tile	-5,262.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	6618	Haugen Lawn Service	broadleaf contro/fertilizer for community center/weedeater blades	-141.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	6619	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Annual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Permit	-210.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	6620	Mason City Rentals	Fertile Days-tents, chairs, tables, inflatables, cotton candy, delivery-setup-learn	-1,391.31
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	6621	Menards	cleaning supplies for community center	-14.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	6622	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-43.26
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	Debit	Standard Bearings	Debit/ATM parts for pump at water plant	-77.66
Bill Pmt - Check	08/14/2013	Debit card	Standard Bearings	Debit/ATM parts for pump at water plant	-13.21
Liability Check	08/15/2013	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-1,419.44
Deposit	08/15/2013			Property Taxes	522.36
Deposit	08/15/2013			Road Use Tax	1,900.47
Deposit	08/16/2013			PayPal Utility Deposit	360.05
Deposit	08/16/2013			PayPal Refunded to Account from 8/13 Transaction	1.95
Check	08/22/2013	6623	Bratrud Golf	Void Check	0.00
Deposit	08/22/2013			Utility Payment Deposit	4,297.71
Deposit	08/22/2013			RUTF/City Hall Rental/Little League/ABS Rental/Fertile Days Deposit	2,151.35
Check	08/22/2013	Debit	Baker Floral	Flowers for Cindy	-30.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/23/2013	6624	Bratrud Golf	1999 Utility Cart plus 4 extra tires	-2,350.00
Paycheck	08/28/2013	6625	Peters, Cynthia		-112.32
Paycheck	08/28/2013	6626	Roberts, Stephen J		-904.33
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6627	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Professional Accounting Services June - August and Pre-pay for future 20 hr c	-1,200.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6628	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,899.64
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6629	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-117.33
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6630	Hawkins, Inc.	chlorine, parts for water plant	-1,857.02
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6631	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-110.00
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6632	Menards	slow moving sign	-19.98
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6633	North Iowa Media Group	Library Bid notice	-54.86
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6634	Staples	legal pads, tape, post-it notes, envelopes, Canon copier toner	-214.18
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6635	Steve Roberts-v	safety flag for mtn golf cart	-11.76
Bill Pmt - Check	08/28/2013	6636	Titan Pro SCI Inc.	Chemical Round Up	-71.58
Deposit	08/28/2013			Fertile Days Deposit	100.00
Deposit	08/28/2013			Utility Deposit	1,771.72
Deposit	08/28/2013			Utility Deposit	10.00
Deposit	08/28/2013			WCDA Grant Deposit	79,670.00
Deposit	08/31/2013			Interest	3.15
Paycheck	08/31/2013		Peters, Cynthia	Distribute City Clerk Hours to Proper Fund Accounts for period 7/1-9/12/13	0.00
<b>Total Operating Accounts</b>					<b>71,396.67</b>
<b>Revenue Accounts</b>					
Check	08/01/2013			TO FIX QB TO MATCH AFR	-9.18
Deposit	08/31/2013			Interest	9.19
<b>Total Roads Revenue Accounts</b>					<b>0.01</b>
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>					
Deposit	08/31/2013			Interest	2.86
<b>Total Water Revenue Accounts</b>					<b>2.86</b>
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>					
Deposit	08/31/2013			Interest	2.50
<b>Total Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>					<b>2.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>71,402.04</b>

3:44 PM

08/18/2013

Accrual Basis Amount



**Delano James Evenson** 1943 - 2012 |

Del Evenson passed peacefully at his Azle home Friday, **Nov. 2, 2012**. He was a true patriot and will be missed by family, friends and

people he has helped over the years.

Delano J. Evenson was born Oct. 4, 1943, in Austin, Minn., the first son of George and Olga Evenson. He graduated from high school in Fertile, Iowa. He honorably served six years in the United States Navy, including a tour in Vietnam. Del retired from the United States Department of Agriculture in Omaha and in Fort Worth. He had lived in Azle since 1980, and was all-state team quartermaster at VFW Post 2137 and active with other local veterans' organizations for many years. He didn't like legislation from the bench; only three days to celebrate America; Veterans Day, Memorial Day and July 4th. Don't forget about it the other 362 days. Del was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers. Survivors: Wife, Kathy; daughter, Kimberley Jo; two stepdaughters; two granddaughters; three grandsons; brother, Marlin; sisters, Dixie and Judy; and many nieces and nephews.

Sorry this is so late, but wanted it to be in. Our sympathy to the family!

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**Obituary for Billy D. Myhre**

Billy Myhre, age 63, of Algona, Iowa died on Thursday August 29, 2013 at the Mercy Medical Center of North Iowa in Mason City. Graveside services will be held at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel. Visitation will be 4:00 – 5:00 PM Tuesday at the Lentz Funeral Home in Algona.

Billy Dean Myhre, the son of Melvin and June (Ash) Myhre, was born on May 3, 1950 in Mason City, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Billy is survived by two daughters, Angela (Jared) Isebrand of Bancroft and Misty (Luke) Haag of Algona; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Mary (Guy) Langfald of Waterville, MN and Virginia Bendicson of Mississippi; and a brother, James Myhre of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Howard Myhre

Our sympathy to the Myhre family.

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**FOREST CITY YMCA**

Join us at 9:30 am on the second Wednesday of each month for a time to get together and listen to a speaker on a topic that will help you continue to move forward. These events are free to Y members and guests of the Y so invite your family and friends.

**October 9, 9:30 am**

Top 10 Things Your Pharmacist Wants You to Know  
Jason Miller, Pharm.D., Miller Pharmacy, will address common questions about prescription and over the counter drugs.

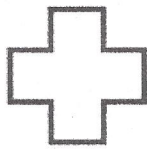
**November 13, 9:30 a.m.**

Keeping Safe in Iowa Winters – In Your Home and Outdoors. Jayne Shaffer, RNC, Winnebago County Public Health, will talk about how to keep safe in your home and outdoors.

**December 11, 9:30 a.m.**

Surviving the Holiday and Winter Blues Dr. Natalie Alsop will share information on holiday and winter blues and tips on how to survive and thrive.

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**Emergency Preparedness** 

**NOTICE TO CITIZENS OF FERTILE**

Emergency Management has asked the City to notify residents if an emergency happens in Fertile, such as a tornado, ice storm, chemical spill or any other situation: Please tie a white towel or something white on the front of your home to let emergency personal know everyone is OK in that home and accounted for.

If white flag is not on front of house, emergency personal will come in to check on family.

...is let's anyone that is not OK to be taken care of first.

Thank You, City of Fertile

**Due to current economic conditions the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.**

**ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**Incumbents running in the November election are as follows: Penny Miller, Tad Miller. Also running on the ballot will be Holly Lovik.**  
**Mark your calendars and be sure to vote!!!**



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From "More about Fertile" 1976

**Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tweeten**

We were born and raised near Forest City, IA.

After our marriage in 1917 we lived on the Tweeten Farm homestead for 3 years. In 1921 we moved to the Charley Sanden farm, 3 miles west of Fertile, where we lived until 1958. Since then we have lived in Fertile.

Martin bought his first car in 1917. There was a sale called a "Henry Ford Special" ---3 model T Fords for \$1,000, and that's when Martin and 2 others bought their cars. The lights on the early Fords were very poor. The tail light was fueled by kerosene so we had to carry a supply of wooden matches. When went to Forest City we waited until we got to the Mill bridge and then we would get out and light the tail light.

The front lights of the Ford were powered so that the faster the engine ran the brighter the lights. One dark and rainy night we were driving home in the mud. Our lights went out so we took a lantern, which we kept in the car, and hung it on the radiator cap. It kept blowing out in the wind and when we hit a bump the lantern fell and we ran over it. So we ended up driving home in the dark.

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#### **New Books**

Rose Harbor in Bloom—Debbie Macomber  
The Last Goodbye—Karen Robards  
Wake the Dawn—Lauraine Snelling  
The Secret Keeper—Beverly Lewis  
The Brothers O'Brien—William Johnstone  
A Hopeful Summer—Kim Vogel Sawyer  
Bones of the Lost—Kathy Reichs  
Fired Up—Mary Connealy  
W is for Wasted—Sue Grafton  
Second Watch—J.A. Jance  
The Miner's Lady Tracie Peterson  
The Bone Season—Samantha Shannon  
The Cuckoo's Calling—Robert Galbraith  
The Longest Ride—Nicholas Sparks  
Never Go Back—Lee Child  
One Good Dog—Susan Wilson  
The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic—  
Emily Barker  
The Night is Alive—Heather Graham  
The Son—Philip Meyer  
The Dream Thieves—Maggie Stiefvater  
If I Stay—Gayle Forman  
Stranglets—Michele Gagnon  
The Butler—Wil Haygood  
The Midwife A Memoir of Birth—Jennifer Worth  
Call the Midwife - Farewell to the East End—J. Worth  
Call the Midwife - Shadows of the Workhouse J. Worth

#### **DVD'S**

Olympus has Fallen—Gerard Butler  
GI Joe Retaliation—Duane Johnson  
The Host—Saoirse Ronan  
Stolen—Nicolas Cage  
Company of Heroes—Tom Sizemore  
Yellow Rock—Michael Biehn  
Night Skies—Jason Connery

#### **AUDIO BOOKS**

The Maze Runner—James Dashner  
The Scorch Trials—James Dashner  
The Death Cure—James Dashner  
The Kill Order—James Dashner  
The Raven Boys—Maggie Stiefvater  
Orphan Train—Christina Baker Kline  
Redemption mountain—Gerry Fitzgerald  
W is for Wasted—Sue Grafton  
The Cuckoo's Calling—Robert Galbraith  
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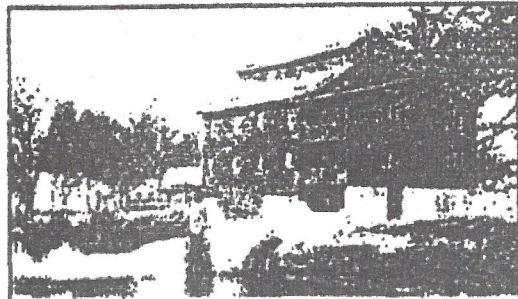
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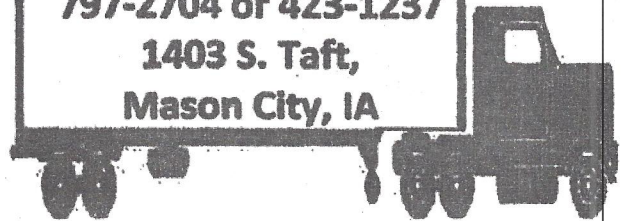
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I was born in Indiana February 1, 1903 on a farm. We had no electricity, no phone and no pumped water. I was the seventh child of a family of nine; four boys and five girls. When I was two my sister, four, got into some poison and died, so I can't remember her.

When my youngest sister was born my mother had complications and died. I was four so I don't remember her either.

A year after my mother died our barn was struck by lightning and my father seemed to lose his "get up and go," but he held on until I was thirteen and lost it all.

My sister, nine, went to live with an aunt. My brother, eleven, went to live with one sister and I went to live with another sister.

When I was sixteen my sister and husband drove their new Oakland car to his folks 70 miles away and I was left with two boys, 6 and 2. They left on Friday and were to come back Monday after Easter. The next day it started to snow and on Sunday we could hardly see the barn. We soon ran out of bread, although we had eggs and milk and flour, but by Wednesday we didn't have anything to put the cream in. I hitched a team to the bobsled and we all went to town and bought all we needed with what we got for the cream and eggs.

When we got back on Saturday, they said we had spent money needlessly. I guess they thought we could live on eggs and pancakes.

That same year after we got the thrashing done I got a job helping build 3 ½ miles of cement road, the first country road to be paved in that part of Indiana. The mixer was run with steam and two men pulled a plank back and forth to level it. We had to shovel rock and gravel in wheelbarrows and dump them in a hopper that was also run by steam. It also needs two sacks of cement.

I don't remember where this happened, but I was at a farm sale when two farmers had their teams next to a fence near some bee hives. The bees flew around the horses and they started fighting, and the bees stung them. The farmers got their teams untied and drove them down the road on a run until the bees were all off of them.

One team came out alright, but one of the other team died and the other one wouldn't stand by the thrashing machine as it thought the chaff flying from the separator was more beans. That proves that horses are not dumb.

Another time I was driving 3 horses on a dump wagon and I had time to get a drink, where the boss was also, before I could get a load. When the wagon ahead of mine was next, my team started to follow. I started for the wagon and the boss grabbed my arm and said, "Let them go and see what they will do." They got a load and turned around and I got on the wagon as it went past. After we dumped the load we had to go all the way down the hill before turning or the wagon would turn over.

I went one and a half years to high school and then got a job cutting timber, which only lasted six months. I got "itchy feet" and went to North Dakota to the harvest fields.

The harvest lasted until the snow started to fly. When we got the thrashing done I plowed all the farmed wanted done. That was fun - eight horses on a three-bottom plow. I also drilled some rye right in the stubble and the jack rabbits would just hop far enough to let me get by.

When we got done harvesting and thrashing up north, we headed for the corn fields of Nebraska. Where we went and picked corn by hand, of course. Then I fed cattle until he sent them to Chicago in March. In the years before and after 1920, the farmers had trouble getting help both north to south, so the railroads let anyone going there to work ride the freight trains. One day we were on a flat car, about 20 of us, and we passed a small town with a stock yard. We saw a black man hanging by the neck in the cattle chute.

Another time my buddy and I thought it would be fun to hitch a ride on a passenger train so we got on right behind the coal tender and came to the border line between south Dakota and Minnesota and the train stopped and there stood a big cop. I thought "now we'll be in trouble," but he asked us if we were going further on that train, which we were, and he told us to walk across the bridge as the cop over there would put us in jail. (There are many more pages and he does soon get to Fertile. If you are interested in reading more, please let me know. You decide!! Thanks)

## FRESH APPLE CAKE RECIPE

1 c vegetable oil  
 2 c sugar  
 3 eggs...  
 3 c flour  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 2 tsp. vanilla extract  
 1 c chopped pecans  
 3 c peeled and chopped apples  
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x 13" pan.  
 Combine oil, sugar, and eggs. Stir in flour and baking soda. Add vanilla, pecans, and apples.  
 Spread in prepared pan and bake for 45-50 minutes.  
 Cool for 2 hours. Then prepare frosting.

### Frosting

1/2 c butter  
 1 c brown sugar, packed  
 1/4 c evaporated milk  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
 Boil all ingredients in a small saucepan for 2 minutes. Set pan in bowl filled with ice water. Beat icing until of spreading consistency. Spread over top of cake.

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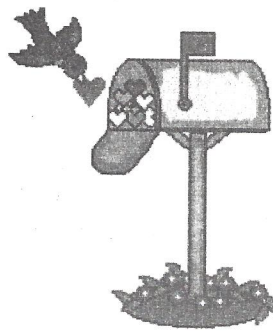
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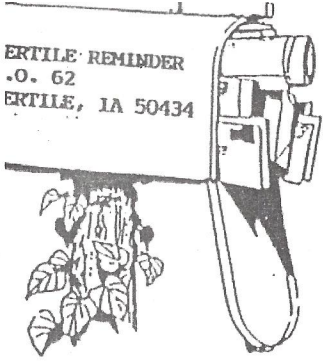
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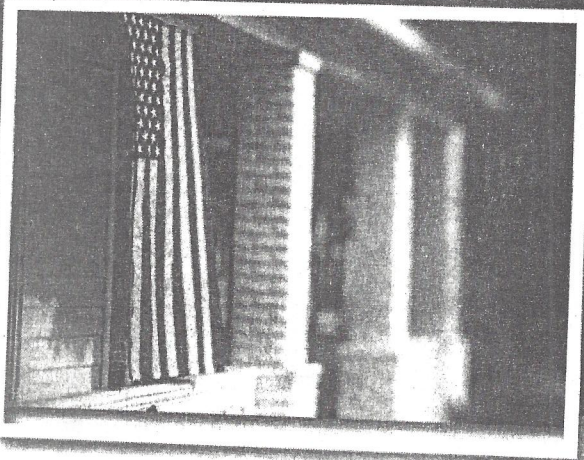
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