

NOTICE: Garbage collection rate in Fertile has increased \$.25 per month. \$24.00 total for 1 year.

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NOTICE: The Fertile School gym will be open each Saturday 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. for children up to 6th grade. 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for everyone older. There will be supervision each Saturday.

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Cost of advertising in the "Fertile Reminder" is \$1.00 for the first 15 words and 5¢ for each additional word. News may be left at Jordan's Midland Service. Suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Fertile Town Council was held on January 3, 1978 with Mayor Worsley presiding. Retiring councilmen present: Humphrey, Berg. New Council members present: Jean Van DenBosch, Dennis Faber, Kenneth Olson, Larry Shropshire.

New mayor and council members were sworn in by Mayor Worsley. Mayor Shropshire presided over the business meeting. Larry Shropshire resigned as Councilman. Dennis Faber made motion to accept Shropshire's resignation as councilman. Seconded by Olson. All ayes.

Jean VanDenBosch made motion to appoint Charles Waage to the Council. Seconded by Olson. All ayes.

Charles Waage sworn in as Councilman by Mayor Shropshire.

Phil Stone from Stillman, Goranson and Minette Attorneys at Law was present.

Discussion was on sewer. Discussion on water system.

Clark Halverson would like to make motion to pass a resolution to thank retiring Mayor and Council for what they have done over the years for the Town of Fertile. Seconded by Faber. All ayes.

Motion by Olson for Clerk to pay regular bills each month. Seconded by Faber. Carried.

Halverson made motion to have Town Books audited. No second.

Motion by VanDenBosch to adjourn. Olson seconded. Carried.

- Jo Ann Bailey, Clerk

Clerk's Beginning Balance	16,843.09
Received	3,621.06
Disbursed	4,473.84
Balance	9,990.31

Jo Ann Bailey	135.83
Chem	297.20
U.S. Post Master	74.45
Fertile Betterment	50.10
Marvin and Kathleen Brierly	50.00
Debra K. Haugen	100.00
Debra K. Haugen	25.00
Evelyn Knudson	133.29
Evelyn Knudson	15.00
League of Iowa Municipalities	100.00
Peoples Natural Gas	29.13
Northwood Anchor	145.64
Iowa State University Press	29.54
Newsweek	26.00
Doubleday Book	7.99
Yelland and Hanes	61.28
Scholastic Magazine	5.00
Thomas Bourgey and Co.	17.70
The Literary Guild	22.58
Interstate Power	287.00
Roy Fender	37.50
Melody Morse	17.32
Les Burtness	4.75
Iowa Employees Security Comm.	118.04
Iowa Public Employees Retirement	71.72
Edward Holland	605.00
Jo Ann Bailey	135.83
Melody Morse	20.00
Doris Burtness	20.00
Jo Ann Bailey	28.00
Janet Burtness	20.00
Diane Burtness	20.00
Melody Morse	17.32
Yelland and Hanes	304.11
Library Bureau	1,186.00
Jo Ann Bailey	14.00
Evelyn Knudson	99.97
Evelyn Knudson	25.00
Baker and Taylor Co.	116.59

4-H CLUB NEWS

The Grant Livewire Lassies went caroling on December 19 and presented plates of fruit to about 35 Senior citizens and shut-ins. They returned to the public library for refreshments, games and to open their gifts. Games were planned by Nancy Elthon, Dana Hanson and Julie Severson.

A presentation of "Gift Wrapping" was given by Lou Ann Hare.

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On Dec. 27 the Farmer's Coop Elevator of Hanlontown invited four 4-H Clubs to a supper and program.

The Fertile Valley Farmer's invited the girls 4-H Club to Godfather's Pizza in Mason City on December 29.

Nancy and Jane Elthon and Laura, Maria Christine and Cheryl Nelson were the December hostesses.

Theresa Lee - Reporter

Fertile Valley Farmers 4-H Club have elected officers for 1978. They are: President: Matt Jennings; Vice President: Lewellyn Bruns; Secretary: David Bang; Treasurer: Jim Hare, Reporter: Mark Bang, Historian: Warren Bruns.

THESE FERTILE MERCHANTS SUPPORT
THE FERTILE REMINDER

Chet's Radio and TV	797-2256
Burtness Plumbing and Heating	797-2680
Fertile Meats and Groceries	797-2647
Martin Marietta Aggregates	797-2211
Fertile Tile Company	797-2291
Hewett Construction	797-2714
Ouverson Oil Company	797-2267
Robert Suby Trucking	797-2726
Worsley Electric	797-2494
Larsen Heating and Plumbing	797-2219
Ray Sandifer - Tom's Sales	797-2681
North Iowa Tractor	797-2430
Fertile Lumber and Hardware	797-2437
Gail's Beauty Shop	797-2475
Feeder's Supply	797-2660
Jordan's Midland Service	797-2677

AREA CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST - January 30th, 7:30 PM John Matthews Family Gospel Musical Group. Sam Kirk is a member of the group. Free will offering will be taken.

FERTILE LUTHERAN - Sunday, January 22, 7:30 P.M. Arden Bergen, Hanlontown, will tell of his trip to Japan.

Sunday, January 29, 7:30 PM The New Beginnings from the Church of Christ.

Afternoon circles meet the fourth Wednesday of each month. January 25 - Mary Circle, Mrs. Boyd Suby, at the church. Rebecca - Mrs. James Lovick.

ALCW meets the second Wednesday of each month. February 8 Hostesses - Mrs. Douglas Petersburg and Mrs. Arlyn Midtgaard.

The Worth County Librarians met at the Fertile Library on Friday, January 13 at 9 AM. There were 6 librarians and 3 visitors present. Ann Swanson and Katherine VonWold were present from the Regional Library at Mason City.

Discussion was on purchasing and weeding books and the new laws concerning copyright restrictions. One of the specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study scholarship or research."

EASY READERS: "Bullfrog Builds a House" Rosamand Dauer, "A Furl of Fairy Wind", Four Stories - Mollie Hunter. JUNIOR

FICTION: "Barrel Horse Racer", Elizabeth Van Steenwyk. Story of a beautiful sorrel horse, for children 8-12 years.

YOUNG PEOPLE: "Said the Spider To The Fly", Lois Barth, "Sharon Garrison, Clinic Nurse", Phyllis Taylor Pianka.

NON-FICTION: "Home Life In Colonial Days", most highly respected account of daily life in the early years of America. Author is Alice Morse Earle, "Daughter of the Earth", the lives and legends of American Indian Women by Carolyn Niethammer. "Kym", the true story of her Siamese cat, a demanding character, by Joyce Stranger, author of "The Running Foxes."

"Walk Gently This Earth" by Margaret Craven - Through the Depression, World War II and the Vietnam War, the Westcott children stand by one another and live a life as rugged, independent and close to nature as that of their pioneering ancestors.

FICTION: "Island of Mystery" - the latest book by Iowa author Arlene Hale.

"Three Shapes of Love" - Duty bound love, a man's love and God's love, a first novel by Marian Wells. The Investigation, a powerful, but disturbing yet so believable novel, by Dorothy Uhnak. Impossible to put down until the very last page.

BIOGRAPHY: "Six Men", Charles Chaplin, H. L. Mencken, Humphrey Bogart, Alali Stevenson, Bertrand Russel, Edward VIII as seen through the eyes of the author, Alistair Cooke. "Onassis", an extravagant life by Frank Brady. An absorbing account of the young Onassis skillfully becoming a Greek diplomat to the older, grieving father over his son's untimely death.

FERTILE AREA CHURCHES

DECEMBER MEETINGS OF 4H CLUBS

FERTILE LUTHERAN

Notice: Confirmation and Bible Study classes remain at the usual time. Worship service has changed to 9 AM, Sunday School 10 AM.

- Jan 20 7:30 PM Annual meeting
- 22 9:30 AM Mary Circle-Alvera Lovick
2:00 PM Rebekah Circle-Lannie Kilen
- 26 7:30 PM Ruth Circle-Florence Nye
7:30 PM Sarah Circle-Marian Jennings
- 31 LEM Youth Day in Minneapolis

PILOTT KNOB

- Jan 18 9:30 AM Sunday school
10:30 AM Worship
5:30 PM Fellowship Supper
7:00 PM Evening Worship
- 21 1:30 PM Esther Circle at Good Samaritan Home

CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 18: Annual church business meeting, 1 PM at the church. Giving of financial reports and election of officers for the next year.

January 19: Area Men's meeting at the Mason City Church of Christ, Mr. Ganz, speaking and ladies are invited to the meeting. Several young people from our church will be providing the special music.

January 26: 7:30 PM Christian Workers at the home of Nancy Ouverson, Sharon Ganz is the lesson leader. The afternoon group does not meet during January and February, those ladies are welcome to attend with the evening group.

February 4-6: Mid Winter preaching conference at Minnesota Bible College in Rochester. Sessions begin at 7:30 PM Feb. 4, all day Feb. 5 & 6. Except no afternoon session on Feb. 6. See your issue of NBC News for more details, or see a copy at the church.

The Fertile Valley Farmer's 4H Club held a family potluck supper at the Fertile School dining room on December 6. Slides from the trip to Washington, DC were shown. Mr. & Mrs. Arvid Holtan and the John McGaughey family were guests.

New officers for the 1981 year were elected. President-Dwight Bruns, Vice President-John Jordan, Secretary-Tim Kleveland, Historian-Mark Bang, and Reporter-Jeff Berg.

New members are John Kirschbaum, Jeff Kleveland, and John Seglem.

Jeff Berg
Reporter

The Grant Livewire Lassies 4H Club held their Christmas party, December 22, at 6:30 PM at the Fertile School lunchroom.

The members went caroling in Fertile and delivered homemade cookies to senior citizens, then returned to the school for their party. Christine and Marie Nelson were on the game committee. Grab bag gifts were exchanged. Thirty-two members and three leaders were present.

Kim and Valerie Mitchell, Kristen Sunde, Heather Chamberlain, Sara and Sandy Seglem served lunch.

Waren Boman
Reporter

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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Gardening is a family affair that gives all ages an opportunity to work together beautifying the home and putting food on the table. It is also a satisfying affordable activity which provides fun, exercise, a chance to contribute, and a sense of tranquility and belonging.

Seed catalogs are arriving daily. Study them. These catalogs provide a wealth of information. Be ready for spring by planning now.

FERTILE LIONS CLUB REORGANIZED

At the December meeting, the Fertile Lions Club was reorganized.

Officers selected were Carl Larsen, president; first vice-president, Eugene Hall; second vice-president, Larry Shropshire; secretary and treasurer, Brian Hall; lion tamer and tail twister, Raymond Jordan.

Directors are Dennis Faber, David Bruns, and August Luther.

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Ray Sandifer - Tom's Sales 797-2681

Millie's Place 797-2660
Fish and Chicken Fry Friday 6-9 PM

Personal Touch Beauty Salon 797-2422
Hair Styling for Men and Women

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LIBRARY NOTES

Do you have any overdue books:
Please return them - someone is waiting to read those books.

Books At Library

EASY READERS

I Am Going Nowhere - Millicent Brower
Hiram Makes Friends - Winnifred Casey
First Thing in the Morning - Phyllis Borea
In the Eye of the Teddy - Frank Asch

JUNIOR FICTION

Daughter's of Eve - Lou Duncan
Father Figure - Richard Peck
Big Band - Haskel Frankel
Wonderful Year - Nancy Baines

ADULT FICTION

Stillness - Nicolas Delbance
The Love Talker - Elizabeth Peters

NONFICTION

Jody - Jerry Hulse. True story of one man's search for his wife's past and their own future.

Love Has a Price Tag - Elizabeth Elliot. One of America's most admired Christian women and outstanding evangelical authors.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Minnie Pearl by Minnie Pearl with Joan Dew

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Fertile Lumber and Hardware 797-2437

Worsley Electric 797-2494

K and R Gas 797-2440

Burtness Plumbing and Heating 797-2680

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Banana Cocoa Cupcakes

½ c butter or margarine

1 c sugar

Beat until fluffy.

1 egg - Add and beat.

1½ c flour

¼ c cocoa

1½ t baking soda

Sift together.

½ t cinnamon - optional

1½ c mashed bananas (3 medium) (part applesauce may be used)

Add alternately with dry ingredients.

Bake 20-25 minutes at 350°. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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A cartoon by Ed Valtiman, in the Hartford Times, shows one fish entitled "Wages" being swallowed by a larger fish called "Prices" and the two being swallowed by a giant fish called "Inflation".

The giant fish, "Inflation", should have been shown swimming in a big pool of deficit spending--it thrives in such water.