

Fertile Reminder

April
1984



PROCLAMATION announcing Sept. 18 as "Ethel Deuel Day" in Fertile was presented to Mrs. Deuel, center, by Mayor Larry Shropshire during an open house. Pictured with Mrs. Deuel and the mayor is her daughter, Mrs. Roger Humphrey.

This month's Reminder is dedicated in loving memory to Ethel Deuel who celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 20, 1983. Ethel passed away Jan. 27, 1984.

Original reading by Harriet Ouverson
given at Ethel's 100th birthday.

Ethel Brown, our honoree
Was born September 20, 1883,
In Lodi, Wisconsin, a kind of hilly
desolate spot.
Moved from there when 6, just a tiny tot.
Thru brother Bert's prodding they came this
way
To try the conditions in Ioway.
Her dad, Edwin, had gone on ahead
The family to follow whenever he said.
Finally the word and destination came,
"Mason City, Iowa. Come on the train."
The hustle and bustle was frustrating to
mother, Mahetable.
(I only remember 'cause it rhymes with
vegetable.)
"Jesse you're the eldest, take Ethel,
she's only six.
Hold on to her securely. I tolerate no
tricks."
Mahetable laden with luggage and baby
Emma in arm,
Suddenly sensed a cause for alarm.
"The train is coming" and looking around
Little Ethel - no where to be found.
Then amid anquished shouts and joyful glea
was little Ethel waiting timidly.
The train rushed in, they climbed aboard
Exciting horizons to be explored.
A short time lived with Edwin's bro,
Uncle Rube,
A longing for their own home was pursued.
They moved to south across from the second
Rozen (Wes Hill building site)
That place now buried and shows not a might.
At four Ethel was smart and such a tiny scrap
She sat on Aunt Emma (her teacher's) lap.
Ethel was in Fertile's first class to
graduate.
Tho grades were only one thru eight.
The desire to teach, she could not shun,
She must further her days in education.
Lived in Mason City for grades nine and ten,
Earned her board and room and then
Qualified to go out and finally teach
In Fertile township schools within her reach.
If you can't fathom the time this represents,
Anna Knutson, now in her 80's was one of
Ethel's students.
(An interesting thing when Edwin and
Mahetable ran the meat market in Bud
Jenkins' old building, the family lived
up above where there were low slanting
ceilings. Very crowded Edwin decided.

They'd build a new home and eliminate the
problem. He built the house where Jeanette
VDB now lives and put 9 foot ceilings in it.)
A young farmer, Wallace Deuel
Distracted Ethel's thoughts away from
school.
He and his dad farmed what is now Phil
Sheimo's place.
This wasn't enough, they needed more space.
Walley wanted more - his dad didn't panic,
Thru Hathorn Wallace became an auto mechanic.
This is how the love story went,
Ethel timidly gave her consent.
Mason City's Christian parsonage was the
place,
Here exchanged their vows in love's embrace.
Yes twas February 20, 1907,
There lived in Virgil and Ruth's house
a taste of heaven.
Their first child, a 10# son,
"Ivan". He grew to be a lanky one.
Six years later a little daughter came
"Vera" was her given name.
Ethel still has her own little home,
Anytime you may see her roam
Across the street to Vera's place
Pail in hand, independance on her face.
A Fertile resident for 91 consecutive year
An honored record to persevere.
She loved to garden, sew, knit and crochet
Always busy, every day.
Discipline was a trait held high
None too mighty to apply.
Beverly Calgaard, at the piano will accompany
Her daughter-in-law, Amy, in a medley.
Another note I'd like to add
Over a hundred poems written by Ethel's dad
Found by Paul and Lucille Humphrey's family.
What a prize possession that would be!
Vera told me the other day
Sometime I'll have the priveledge to assay.
Thru all these years many good deeds she did;
We loved our Ethel, our sweetest, oldest
birthday kid.

Composed by my mother, ETHEL DEUEL,
while she was sick in bed at our home,
three weeks before she died. She said
it to me, Vera, January 4, 1984, and I
wrote it down.

A BOY

Mr. & Mrs. Piper have a son,
A handsome lad and full of fun.
He got up when the sun arose,
And pulled his socks upon his toes.
He ate his breakfast while it was hot,
Then fed his dog, whose name was Spot.
He walked down the road to the country
school,
And he always kept the Golden Rule.
He learned his lessons very well,
How to read and write and how to spell.
He learned arithmetic from a book,
A little work was all it took.
His high school days were over soon,
And he had visions of going to the moon.
But he changed his mind and studied law,
Which pleased his Mother and his Paw.
When he reached the age of thirty-eight,
He was elected Governor of our state.
Some people thought we could never survive,
But here we are still alive.
I was born in eighteen hundred eighty-
three,
And these lines were written by me in
nineteen hundred eighty-three.



Ethel at age 100

Vera Deuel Humphrey & Ivan Deuel



Children of Wall

Ethel Deuel



Richard son
of Roger &
Vera Humphreys



Wedding Picture of Wally age 21
Ethel E. Brown age 23



Ethel at her 100th Birthday
Party.

Don & Diane
Children of
Ivan



GOOD NEWS

Dear Fertile Community:

Our 3rd Annual Variety Show was a success! People like you made it happen! Because of you, \$913.80 will go to the Community Center. Thank you to everyone for your fine cooperation and for giving of your time and sharing your talent. It was good to experience quality "community involvement".

In appreciation,
Nance Sheimo
Zelda Suby

MORE GOOD NEWS

We want to thank our helpers, Clete and Carolyn Nedved, Glen and Marcella Purcell and Frank and Shirley Sheimo; also those who supported so generously, the Annual Sweetheart Dance. Because of all of you, we were able to give to the Community Center a check for \$1,214.52. Total receipts from the dance were \$1,392.00--expenses totaled \$177.48. A complete list of those who donated or bought tickets is posted in the Community Center. Thanks each and everyone who was involved in any way in making this fund raiser such a success.

Ray and Lorraine Bakke

- FERTILE LUMBER AND HARDWARE 797-2437
Rent the Rug Doctor
- FERTILE FEED SERVICE 797-2242
Complete Livestock Needs
Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food
- RAY JENNINGS 454-2707
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- LARSON PLUMBING AND HEATING 797-2219
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J AND W RECOVERY SHOP 797-2457
Upholstery--Auto Body
Jean and Wayne Roberts

FOREST CITY COW PALACE 582-4646
Auction every Wednesday

MARCH DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT SURPLUS food products will be April 12th from 11 am to 4 pm at the CHURCH OF CHRIST--NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE OF DISTRIBUTION!!!! Remember, if you are picking up the commodities for another household, you must have a signed note authorizing you to act in their behalf, as well as the required information.

THANK YOU TO DEB MORSE for doing the calligraphy on the front page of this month's Reminder.

ON THE LEFT, ON THE LEFT, ON THE LEFT-----
Walkers, runners, joggers, pedestrians--all of you--in order to be safe, and to be in compliance with the law--DON'T FORGET--USE THE LEFT EDGE OF THE STREET OR HIGHWAY. Don't let a vehicle run over you because the driver doesn't see you.

WANTED: Someone to rake lawn. Call or come after 5 pm. 797-2285, Loris Scobee.

IF YOU ENJOY RECEIVING THE REMINDER AND have not yet sent in your \$3 donation, please do so. We spend about \$55 per month for paper, postage, typing and delivery. The rest of the work is done by volunteers.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the park on April 21st sponsored by the Fertile Brownies.

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB members will hold their annual Plant and Food Sale on Tues., May 8 at 1:30 pm at the FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER. Come! Bring a friend, neighbor, relative or all three. Register for a door prize and visit the Gardener's Snack Counter (courtesy of the Club). All of this on May 8th.

FERTILE MEATS AND GROCERIES 797-2647
Specializing in Meats for the Freezer

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Fertile City Council met April 3 with Mayor Shropshire presiding and Council members Petersen, Bailey and Hare present. Also present was Jon Morse.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Clean-Up Day in Fertile will be Sat., May 5, beginning at 8 am. Fire Department asks that anything wooden be burned prior to clean-up day.

Motion to require proof of insurance by any group using the ball diamond in the future. Carried.

Motion to pay all monthly bills, Carried. Council discussed possibility of building a new fire department building. Fire department members are checking on costs and available funding.

Discussion on street repair work.

Jon Morse was present to ask city to pay part of the cost of jackets for fire department members. Motion to have city pay half. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Jan Hare
City Clerk

Next Council meeting will be May 1 at the Library at 7 pm.

MARCH BALANCE SHEET
Expenditures

Janice Hare	217.73
Evelyn Knudsen	125.44
David Low	282.01
Dick Sheimo	251.33
City of Fertile	51.00
Interstate Power Co.	795.47
Waste Systems Corp.	603.00
Winn. RTA	84.14
Peoples Natural Gas	391.60
Ipers - FOAB	154.47
Tres. - State of Iowa	82.11
Randy Harms	5.00
Vesta Kuns	92.75
K & R Gas	15.00
Worsley Electric	8.22
Jordan's	125.75
Anchor Publishing	88.20
Christian Bookstore	33.89
Bro-Dart	40.03
Doubleday	9.56
Family Bookshelf	13.78
National Geographic	27.95

B. Dalton	102.00
Fertile Reminder	90.00
Postmaster	20.00
Cerro Gordo Co. Fire Assn.	5.00
Fertile Lumber & Hardware	3.10
Randy Harms	10.00

Total 3,728.53

Total Receipts 2,097.99



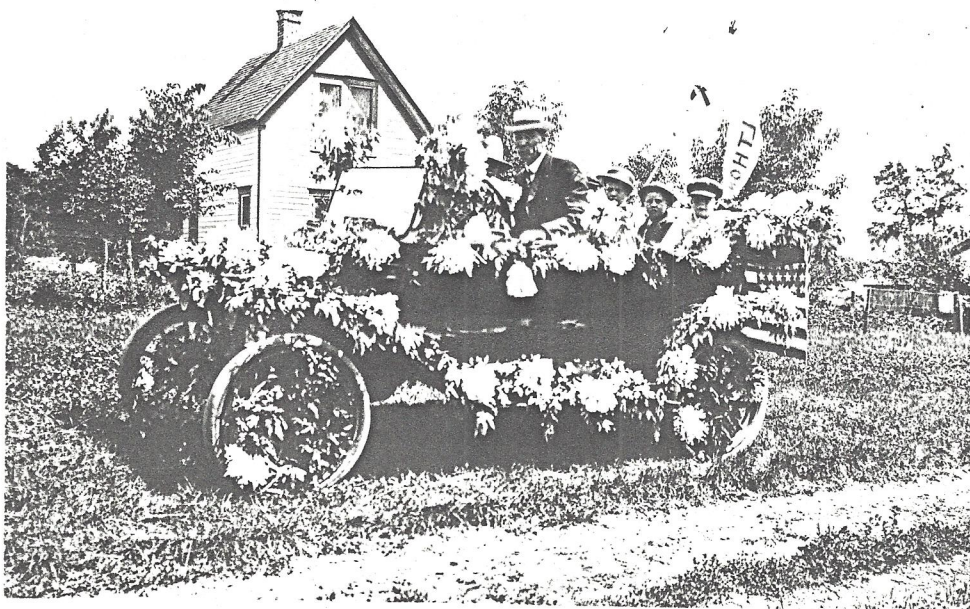
*Thanks Pa & Ma Pitsy
for a job
well done.*



City Clerk and Council members
about Jo Ann Bailey



Guess
who



4th of
July

A.A.
ELTHON

MAY FAIR SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

The annual May Fair & Quilt Show to be held at the Fertile Community Center, May 19th, is looking for people interested in displaying and/or selling crafts, antiques, hobby items, etc. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm and admission is FREE.

We are also looking for quilts to be displayed for our Quilt Show held the same day.

Anyone interested in selling or displaying their works may reserve a table for \$10.00. Contact Kay Olson, Box 45, Fertile, IA 50434, or phone 797-2496.

FIRST STATE BANK 896-2265
Serving North Central Iowa
Hanlontown, Kensett, Plymouth
Main Office--Manly

BURTNESS PLUMBING AND HEATING 797-2680

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701 West Main

CREAMERY RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE 797-9685
Specializing in Good Food

PERSONAL TOUCH BEAUTY SALON 797-2422
Styling for Men and Women

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Monday through Saturday

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Quality work at a price you
can afford

FERTILE GIRL'S & BOY'S LITTLE LEAGUE -----
Softball, Tee Ball and Baseball
SIGN-UP AND PARENT'S MEETING
April 28th 1984
10:00 A.M.

FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER LUNCHROOM

DO YOU NEED HELP? 24-hour service, Crisis
Intervention Center.. Phone 424-9133.

FOR SALE: 1978 30-foot FREE SPIRIT bunk-
house travel trailer by Holiday Rambler.
Fully contained, sleeps 7 or 8, air-condi-
tioned. 797-2682.

WE SALUTE AND GIVE A "PAT ON THE BACK" TO
all of our PAPER CARRIERS IN FERTILE. Each
one of you do a super job and we, your cus-
tomers all appreciate it!

There will be an OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER
on April 27th, 7:30 pm at the Lutheran
Church for Jody Bailey. Everyone is in-
vited.

THE FERTILE GARDEN CLUB met at the Com-
munity Center for a noon potluck. Our
hostesses were Synnova, Arlene and Edna.
Roll Call was "A Scavenger Hunt in Your
Purse for Something that Could be Used
in Gardening." Fifteen members answered.
Secretary's report was read and approved.
Treasurer's report was given. Thought for
the day was read by Evelyn. Lessons were:
Reviewed the Year Book by Mildred and Plan-
ning Your Vegetable Garden by Fern.

Reporter: Penny Miller

On Sunday, April 29th, the Neighborhood
Food Bank of Forest City will be holding
Open House. It is located under the Park
Clinic. Everyone is welcome to come and
see what is being done. Fertile will be
holding a food drive later. Watch for
more information.

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP: (F) 9:00 (PK) 10:30

CHRISTIAN ED.: (PK) 9:15 (F) 10:15
3:00 - 8:00 Youth Rally at
Waldorf College

April 22 - Easter Day

WORSHIP: (F) 7:00 (PK) 9:00

EASTER BREAKFAST: 8:00 - Hi-League serves
at both cong.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 20, at 7:30 pm, the Hi-
Leaguers and other Youth and adults will
present a Good Friday drama entitled "THE
WAY OF THE CROSS." It is an adaptation of
the historic Stations of the Cross which
developed in the 14th and 15th centuries
to aid the devotional life of Christians in
Jerusalem, the scenes of Christ's suffering
had taken the form of the VIA DOLOROSA, the
walk to Calvary. This walk will be re-en-
acted in Fertile Lutheran Church. JOIN US
IN THIS PARISH WORSHIP EXPERIENCE! Offer-
ing to Youth!

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CIRCLE MEETINGS

(PK) Ruth 4/17 7:30 Sharen Rieffer-church
(PK) Esther 4/18 1:30 Mary Tjelta, Delores
Nyhus-G.S. Center
(F) Ruth 4/23 7:30 Elaine Patten
(F) Sarah 4/23 7:30 June Strohman
(F) Mary 4/26 9:30 Zelpha Wilhelm-
Parsonage
(F) Reb. 4/26 2:00 Doris Novak-church

CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

Apr. 14 - Ladies Day program at Mason City Church of Christ, 710 N KY, program begins at 10:00 am, luncheon at noon.

Apr. 19 - Maundy Thursday Communion service at the church at 7:00 pm.

Apr. 22 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6:30 am, continental breakfast following with reservations required by April 17. Sunday School at 9:30 am, worship service at 10:30 am. Special offering for the building fund. Evening worship and youth meetings at 6:30.

Apr. 27 - Afternoon Christian Workers meet at 2:00 pm, Silence Johnson is hostess.

Apr. 27 - Registration deadline for Ladies and Men's Day program held on May 5 at MBC in Rochester, \$8 fee.

Apr. 27 & 28 - Youth rally at Waterloo for teenagers, cost is \$3. Leave here at 4:30 pm Friday afternoon, be back here at about 4:30 pm Saturday.

Apr. 29 - 5th Sunday rally at the church here, hosts to Mason City and Clear Lake Churches of Christ, 6:30 pm.

Apr. 28 - 7:00 pm, concert of sacred music by the Gateway Family Singers from Ottumwa.

Apr. 30 - Christian Workers at 7:30 pm at the home of Mary Petersen, lesson given by Jean VanDenBosch.

May 5 - Ladies Day and Men's Day sponsored by Minnesota Bible College, Rochester. Separate programs, details and registration forms are on the church bulletin board.

May 13 - Most area high school graduations. No evening worship service or youth meetings

that day. Our high school graduates will be recognized in the morning worship service, they are Tom Hare, Lori Low, Troy Hall David Kite and Mark Gudmonson.

LIBRARY NEWS

The summer reading program will start on June 13th for pre-schoolers up to 4th grade. Time will be announced later. We'll need volunteer readers, only 1 hr. a week for 5 weeks. The library has the copy of the Historians book for the Women's Federated Club of Fertile which was organized in 1941 and later disbanded. You may look at it at the library. We have books that are overdue. Won't you please look for them and return them so others may read them.

ADULT NON-FICTION

"Lost Child", Marietta Jaeger, a true story of a kidnapped child
"Family Politics", Letty Pogrebin, a penetrating inquiry into the nature of the family and its place in today's society
"Lines and Shadows", Joseph Wambaugh, story of lawmen and bandits
"Sweet Briar", Brenda Wilbert, Pioneer days, going west to Seattle

ADULT FICTION

"Smart Women" - Judy Blume
"Macintosh Mountains" - Victor Kelly
"Diary of a Loving Heart" - June Bacher, 3rd in a series

EASY READERS

"Garfield Tips the Scales" - Jim Davis
"Butter Battle Book" - Dr. Seuss
"Nobody Cares About Me" - Sarah Roberts