

Fertile Reminder

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1984



Happy 85th Birthday

Phil Sheimo!

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The first white child born within the bounds of Worth County was Ole G., the son of G.O. Mellem. This birth occurred November 23, 1853. At this time the nearest neighbor of the Mellems lived about eighteen miles away. The second child born in the county was Samuel Rustad, son of Simon Rustad, which birth occurred July 14, 1854.

According to the Worth County records the first marriage in this civil division was that of Elling Ellingson Svensrud and Ann Abramston on September 18, 1858. James Keeler, then county judge, issued the license and also performed the marriage ceremony.

The first death in the county is supposed to have been that of Andrew P. Nelson, in the fall of 1854. However, in June, 1854, a man named Hall, attached to Pennybaker's surveying party, was drowned about four miles west of Northwood in Beaver Creek.

The first road laid out in Worth County was one running from Bristol to Northwood and was opened in September, 1857. Samuel Egbert was the commissioner to locate the same and James Trumbull the surveyor.

Gulbrand O. Mellem erected the first house in the county in the summer of 1853. This was a log structure on the south side of what is now Main Street, Northwood. The small shack stood until 1874, when it was demolished.

The first frame building erected in the county was that built by Johnson & Turnure at Bristol in the early spring of 1857 and was opened as a hotel in the summer of that year.

The first regular store in the county was opened by B.H. Beckett, in the town of Northwood, on September 9, 1857. The store was the only one in the vicinity for a number of years and, singularly, was opened in the first frame building erected in Northwood.

The first sawmill in the county was erected by William Rhodes in the spring of 1857. This was near the site of the village of Fertile. Logs were sawed as early as July 1st of that year.

The first Fourth of July celebration occurred at Bristol in 1857. The day passed with the usual features attendant upon such an occasion. Reverend Strowbridge delivered the principal oration of the day.

The first man to make application for citizenship papers in this county was Knudt Brandson on June 1, 1858. The first to be fully naturalized were: Ole Knudson, Aaron Robinson and Soren Bansen, who received their final papers June 1, 1860, before the county judge, James Keeler.

Bristol was the first town laid out in the county, this in the spring of 1857, and here also, on October 30th of the same year, was established the first postoffice of the county, with James Keeler as postmaster. The judge had his orders to procure his mail in any possible manner until the Government could establish regular post roads through this section.

The first deed upon record in the county books is dated November 6, 1855, and was given by B.B. Richards of Dubuque to Daniel Leroy Harrington. It conveyed the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 36, township 98, range 22, altogether forty acres, for the consideration of \$140. The deed was first recorded in Chickasaw County and after the organization of Worth County was transcribed upon the latter county's records.

The first mortgage is dated November 18, 1857, and was given by Norman Smith of La Salle, Ill., to James G. Beebe. The land covered by it is the east half of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29, township 98, range 20.

The first land entry was made by Joseph M. Molesberry at the Decorah Land Office and consisted of the following described property: The northeast quarter and the southwest quarter of section 30, township 98, range 19. The entry was dated November 21, 1854.

The first sheriff's sale in the county occurred January 11, 1862, at which time A.L. Towne, sheriff of Worth County, sold a quantity of real estate, the property of J.W. Dutton and others, to satisfy a claim held by J.W. Bliss.

The first probate proceedings in the county consisted of the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Amos Wilcox of Silver Lake, who died in October, 1861.

The first flour mill in the county was constructed by Lemuel and A.J. Dwelle. A feed mill was built by Charles Wardell in 1857.

The first fire department was organized in 1883. The first bank in the county was established in 1869 and was known as the Worth County Bank. The first newspaper in Worth County was the Northwood Pioneer, issued in 1869 by P.D. Swick. The first railroad was built through the county in 1871.

The first organized society in Worth County was the Old Settlers' Club, organized in the year 1856 for mutual protection against "squatters" and as an aid to holding claims of 320 acres. William Burgert was elected the first president and Samuel Egbert, secretary. The constitution was signed by practically all of the early settlers in the county at that time.

Next Month-----"REMINISCENCES"

In a few short weeks, the holiday season will be upon us. With this joyous season comes the festive activities preparing us for Christmas.

After moving to the Fertile area (just south of Mallard Marsh) 5½ years ago, our family thought we could offer something for those activities - providing Christmas trees.

We are in the process of developing the Kragel Christmas Farm, a choose and cut operation which will allow you and your family to select and cut your own tree. Hopefully, each year we will be able to provide a few new surprizes.

This December will be the first harvest at the Kragel Christmas Farm at which time 75 trees will be ready for harvest. Next year the number will increase to 150-200 trees with the goal of 800-1000 per season when we hit full production.

The trees, Scotch Pines, will range between 5 and 6 feet in height and will be tagged for your cutting. Other species and varieties will be added to the farm in the future.

Our harvesting season this year will be the first two weekends in December, the 1st and 2nd and the 8th and 9th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

My wife, Twylah and two children, Emily and Eric wish you a happy holiday season and welcome you all to the Kragel Christmas Farm.

Mark Kragel

KRAGEL CHRISTMAS FARM



Freshmen

1960



Choose and Cut Your Tree
Open First Two Weekends in December

Dec. 1 & 2 and 8 & 9
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$18 per tree
South of Mallard Marsh



Michael Haugen



Joel Johnson



Richard Humphrey



Joan Scobee



Dean Ouverson



1956 Fertile Centennial
Phil on Left / Doc Peterson
Best Dressed man on Right
1st



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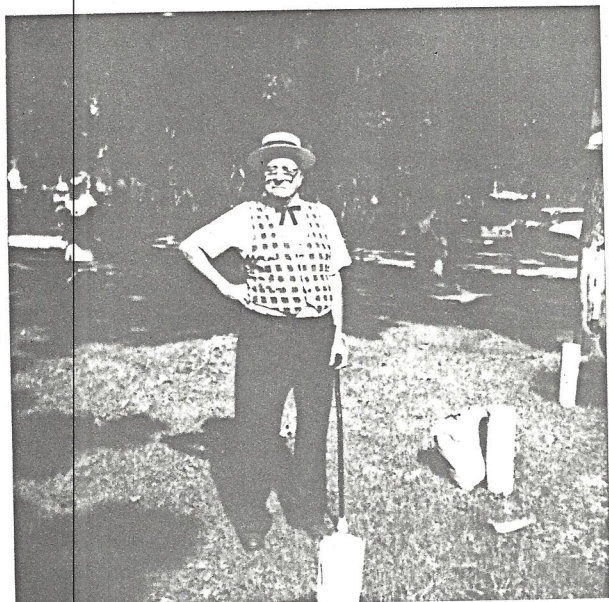
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BROWN & BIGELOW, ST. PAUL

Jan. 24th
1981



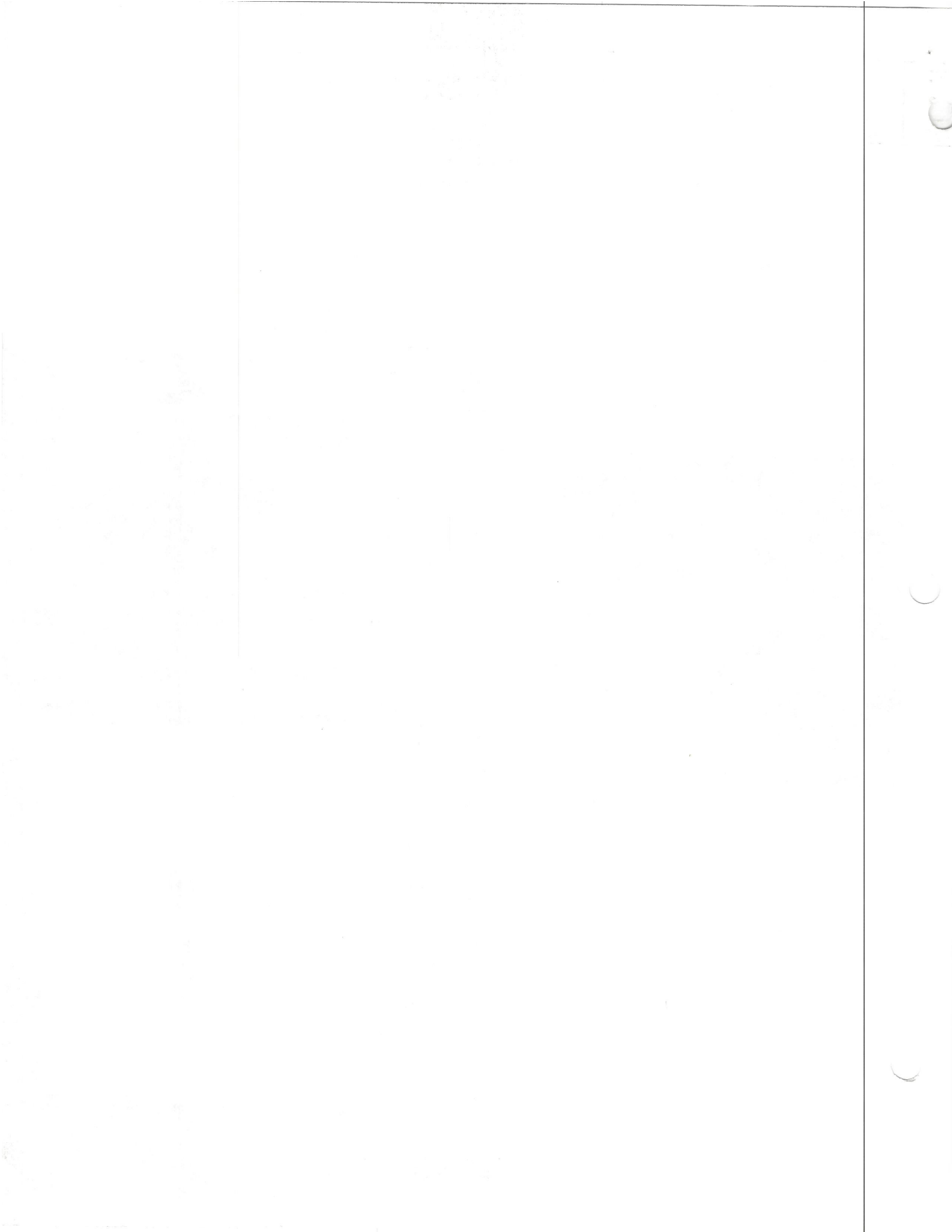
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1981 - Fertile's 125th
anniversary

Phil and Friend
1907 →







Top row: L to R - Gustav, Carl, Sophie, Clarence, Andrew
Bottom row: L to R - Father K. O. Scheimo, Lillian, Nettie, Edwin,
Nora, Kings, Philip, Mother Maria (Ouverson)

FERTILE MEATS and GROCERIES

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THIS MONTH'S REMINDER HONORS PHIL SHEIMO Fertile's oldest man. Philip Raymond Sheimo was born November 13, 1899, on a homestead west of Fertile. He is the youngest and only living one of the 11 children of Mr. & Mrs. K.O. Sheimo.

In 1920, Phil attended Auctioneering School in Logan, Iowa. For 50 years he has done grain and livestock farming. Previous to farming, Phil trucked locally, operated a Coca-Cola franchise in Marshall, MN, and was co-owner, with his brother, Andrew, of the Oliver Implement Dealership in Fort Dodge. Phil was mayor of Fertile in 1933-34.

There will be an OPEN HOUSE honoring Phil for his 85th birthday, at his home, on Nov. 18th, 1 to 4 p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME!

DON'T FORGET!!! MARK NOVEMBER 17th ON your calendar--ATTEND the CRAFT FAIR at the Community Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Good food all day--coffee, homemade donuts, homemade turkey noodle soup and chili, grilled cheese and maid-rites, pie and bars.

There will be many tables of crafts, including the following:

Virgil Ouverson - crocheted items and other items;

Cleone Knutson - cabbage patch dolls;

Luella Johnsen - crocheted items and cabbage patch doll clothes;

Dorothy & Marlys Book - Christmas decorations and crocheted items;

Adoline Kral - Christmas decorations;

Lois Low - Christmas items;

Carolyn Nedved - Lefse and a variety of items;

Gene Kirschbaum - wood items;

Faye Hoeft - Strawberry dolls, table cloths and doilies (crocheted);

Mary Ann Kennedy - assorted items;

Jacque Johnson - assorted items;

Stanley Brue - wood items.

The following demonstrations will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m.: DeLores Suby - rosettes; Larry Nelson - Abelshivers and Carol Kleveland - Kringla.

Drawing for 2 clocks made of Utah Stone will be held at 2 p.m.

Thanks to Diane Burtness, Lois Low, Jan Hare and Vesta Kuns who helped Ruth B. Ouverson and Kay Olson fold, stamp, address and get last month's Reminder ready for mailing.

DID YOU KNOW? EVERY YEAR AMERICANS WASTE enough food to feed 49 million people; 20%

of the food of Americans goes to waste; 53 million tons of food are wasted; 24 billion dollars worth of food is destroyed! THINK ABOUT IT!

We have people in our area in need of food. Bring food supplies to your church and it will be picked up and delivered to the Forest City Food Bank--please, no home canned food or butchered meat--regulations will not let this be used.

Ruth B. Ouverson

ONE WAY OF GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE IN A small community is by attending the local functions. The Annual Christmas Program is scheduled for December 8th at 7:30 p.m.

We, as a community are looking for anyone who is interested in singing in a Community Choir or playing in the Community Band. This is open to all ages. There will be four separate choirs: Pre-School, Middle-School, Teenagers and Adults, which will include Sr. Citizens. You need not be professional to join.

If you are interested, please contact Nance Sheimo at 797-2223. The more involved you become with these special functions the more you will enjoy the rewards of living in a small town.

It can't be just a few people doing all the work to keep a town active. Each one of you can and should help in your own way. COME, JOIN THE FUN and make this Christmas extra special!

OPEN HOUSE AND RUMMAGE SALE: Fertile Community Center, Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clothing--all sizes; furniture, House of Lloyds discount (last chance to order from House of Lloyd's), door prizes and refreshments!

Seglem, Buchanan and Ramon.

CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to express my grateful thanks to all the medical personnel, my family, pastors, and the hundreds of parish members and friends who have remembered, and are still remembering me, in prayer, with cards, visits, gifts, and with loving concern during my recent illness. I praise God for each of you and pray His blessing upon you.

Pastor Max Wilhelm

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Thanks to the young people's class, Mrs. Ganz, Fred Hare, and Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Hall for raking my yard. Also to those who sent cards, gifts and flowers and to Pastor Ganz for his calls and prayers while I was in the Hospital and Americana Care Center. Also, a special thanks to Janice Hare for all she does for me.

Violet Hall

STORK NEWS

OCT. 5 - boy - 8 lbs. 14 oz. - Nicholas Roy
 parents - Danny & Amy Calgaard
 grandparents - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Calgaard
 Mr. & Mrs. Arven Ditsworth, Spirit Lake

OCT. 9 - girl - 8 lbs. 7 oz. - Amber Marie
 parents - Mark and Mary Eggestad
 grandparents - Steve & Mary Keefer
 Arlyn & Lela Rauh

TWENTY DIFFERENT BUSINESSES ADVERTISE IN the "Fertile Reminder" each month. Show your appreciation for their support of the paper by your support of them.

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If you like receiving the Fertile Reminder each month, now is the time for you to send in your donation to help cover the cost of printing it. We suggest a minimum of \$3 per year, and are very pleased if you decide to send more than that amount.

CLUB HAS GUESTS

"Bring a Friend Day" marked the October meeting of the Fertile Garden Club. President, Mildred McGrath called the meeting to order and made introductions. The roll call for club members of "My Most Interesting Trip" brought out memories of trips to Hawaii, England, Colorado, Portland, Holy Land, Israel and Greece, Alaska, Key West, Smokey Mts. and Black Hills in a Model A Ford.

Opal Almelién read 3 poems for "Thought For the Day". For afternoon's entertainment slides belonging to Corlys Rye and taken by him in Fertile and the surrounding area were shown by Roger and Vera Humphrey. Vera also read some poems from a book belonging to the late Caroline Rye, mother of Corlys.

Among the guests were several members of the Blossom Belles Garden Club of Hanlontown. Hostesses were Alice Kingland, Harriet

Ouverson, Ehtel Tuttle and Gertie Evans, with Edna Pederson, Arlene Lee and Marcella Mitchell assisting.

November meeting of the Garden Club will be at 2 p.m., Nov. 13, at the Community Center. Program is "A Christmas Surprise". Election of officers for 1985 will take place.

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW ADULT BOOKS:

We Belong To The Land - Beulah Pelton
 Still Watch - Mary Higgins Clark
 The Talisman - Stephen King
 Alpine Condo Crossfire - Mignon Eberhart
 Stranger In My Bed - Beverly Slater

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Owl At Home - Arnold Lobel
 I'll Miss You, Mr. Hooper - Norman Stiles
 Get Along Gang and The Tattletale - Sonia Black
 Garfield In The Rough - Jim Davis

Also new paperbacks for adults and young people.

New craft books are available.

Remember, if the library does not have a book you want, we will try to get it for you through the North Central Regional Library.

Overdue books must be returned. We have others who want to read them.

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The Fertile City Council met October 2, 1984, with Mayor Shropshire presiding and council members Schultze, Hall, Hare and Petersen present. Also present were Herb Bonin, Ann Hargrave, Loris Scobee and Jon Morse.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bonin gave two plans for maintenance of the water tower. Council will decide on one at the Nov. meeting.

Motion to approve annual road use tax reports and annual financial report. Carried.

Council discussed improvements to the Fire Barn. Motion to approve work to be done. Carried.

Jon Morse was present to ask permission to trap sewage lagoon. Motion to allow him to trap lagoon. Carried.

Council discussion on snow blower and driveway at lagoon.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Several dogs and cats in town are causing problems for other property owners.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be held Nov. ~~5~~ 1984.

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SEPTEMBER BALANCE SHEET

Evelyn Knudsen	219.51
Janice Hare	217.73
David Low	282.23
City of Fertile	51.00
Interstate Power Co.	561.52
Waste Systems Corp.	603.00
Winn. RTA	71.60
Ipers - ROAB	188.31
Treas. - State of Iowa	89.12
Peoples Natural Gas	39.02
North Iowa Tire	9.62
Worsley Electric	102.39
Fertile Lbr. & Hardware	17.50
Fertile Reminder	90.00
Burtness Plbg. & Heating	457.40
Fertile Meats & Groc.	126.98
Larsen Plbg. & Heating	189.88
Franklin Watts	160.45
B. Dalton	164.27
Christian Bookstore	20.34
Fin & Feather	12.9
National Geographic World	9.9
Dick Sheimo	432.3

Creamery Lounge 39.00

TOTAL 4,156.09
TOTAL RECEIPTS 3,814.49

FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE 797-2437
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Alan Kuns



Amy Zirbel



Sandra Burke



Cheri Jenkins



Craig Halvorson

7th Graders
1960



Elizabeth Elthon

Craft Fair

Sat. Nov. 17th - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fertile Community Center

Good home-made food served all day

Donuts, turkey noodle soup, chili,
maidrites, grilled cheese sandwiches,
Pie, bars, coffee.

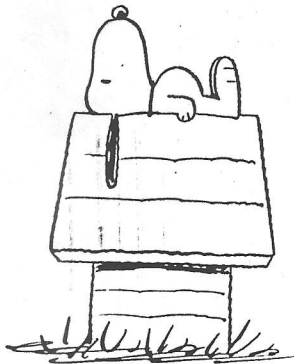
Demonstrations: starting - 9:30

Rosettes - Deloris Suby

Ableskivers - Larry Nelson

Kringla - Carol Kleveland

Craft table items too numerous to mention!



The only time a dog gets complimented is when he doesn't do anything.



The only real way to look younger is not to be born so soon.



You can't survive by sucking the juice from a wet mitten.