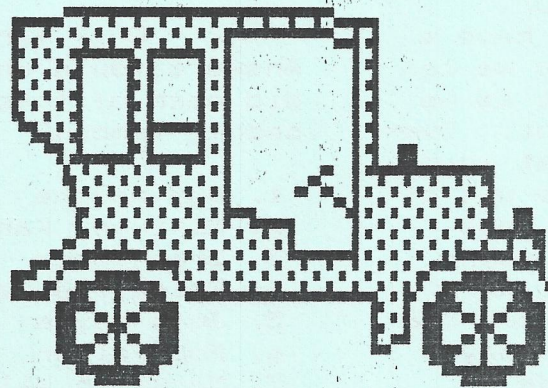


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Fertile Reminder



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Dear Readers of The Reminder -

By the time this reminder reaches you, perhaps you have been on vacation or have plans to go soon. It seems that most families plan on an outing before the summer is over and the youngsters are back in school. There are so many places to go and many are not all that far away nor that expensive - just a change of scenery and a change from the daily routine is good for everyone.

Our family enjoys the mountains so much so many of our vacations have been spent in that area. We always bemoan the fact that we have to travel so many miles over familiar roads before we reach our destination. What a thrill it is when we see the first mountain range - sometimes it looks as though they are so close but they are usually many miles away. I often wonder if those who live in the vicinity become immune to their grandeur.

As we travel, we like to have a simple picnic lunch along so we can stop and enjoy a bite to eat as we come upon a breathtaking spot. Over the years, we have found that food tastes so much better in the out of doors and certainly so much less expensive. We do not carry much from home but enjoy stopping at a bakery or a small grocery store and picking up something for our day's outing. Many times we decide to stay in an area for a few days so keep the same motel and then venture out in different directions every day. I suppose our very favorite spot is Estes Park in Colorado. Even though we have been there several times we always enjoy the beautiful ride through the Thompson Canyon and enjoy browsing through the quaint stores - it seems we always find something to buy to bring home. Having an evening out at The Chuck Wagon is always a must - here we enjoy a good meal prepared in cowboy style with the food served on tin plates - no frills! This is always followed by good western entertainment provided by the workers of the meal. Another delightful place in this area is a three generation dinner theater. The food, too, is prepared by this family, served to you at your table by their members, the dishes are whisked away when you have finished eating and then you

can sit back and enjoy an hour and a half of good, wholesome entertainment by this same family. This year our vacation plans are to go to Nashville and hopefully to be entertained by some favorites of ours.

But you know, as much as one looks forward to getting away and enjoying a change of scenery, as the time gets closer to starting the trek back home you always look forward "to going home." You always wonder if all is well during the time you have been gone. What a good feeling it is when you are back where you started from and you can see that all is well. For each of us, "Home Is Best."

Whatever your plans for the rest of the summer are, may you have a safe one and be granted traveling mercies wherever you go.

Until next time -
L.V.N.

Quiz for the Month

Answers found on a back page. What did each of these Iowans do to become famous?

1. Don Ameche
2. McKinley Kantor
3. Grant Wood
4. Priscilla Lane
5. John Wayne
6. Bob Feller
7. Meredith Wilson
8. Herbert Hoover
9. Andy Williams
10. Mary Louise Smith
11. Ann Landers
12. Abigail Van Buren

Card of Thanks

To my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren;
There are not enough words to express how I felt about my 80th birthday celebration. Thank You. To all the guests, thank you for your wishes and cards. It's a day I'll never forget.

God Bless you,
Lester Burtness

Bridal Shower

An open house bridal shower for Christy Low, bride elect of Randy Bredeson of Forest City, will be held Sat. July 29th at 2:00 pm at the Fertile Church of Christ. Everyone is welcome.

When I took Grandpa to the Twins

Herald columnist Mike Brue recalls a dear night

This article was written by Michael Brue, grandson of Stanley and Erma Brue. It was taken from the Grand Forks Herald. Michael won second place on journalism in North Dakota for other articles he has written.



Mike Brue

My wallet contains a fresh newspaper clipping. It's the boxscore of a Minnesota Twins game played in Minneapolis a week ago tonight.

I usually don't clip things and put them in my wallet, especially when they confirm that my favorite team lost 8-3 to a last-place club.

The fine print says the Twins gave up five runs in the first 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings and that Minnesota had 12 hits but left 10 runners on base.

But the boxscore makes no mention of the elderly man to my left who wept quietly before the game started.

The clipping reminds me of this man.

I recall a summer in the early 1960s in north-central Iowa, on my grandparents' farm. I was 6 years old. Often, I visited the barn to watch Grandpa feed the horses. A radio usually was on. Often, I'd hear voices describing a game. Grandpa said it was a baseball game. The Twins.

Once in a while, I'd see Grandpa pause briefly during chores to hear the play-by-play. Usually, he never said a word about it. I didn't, either. I just listened.

So much for past inadequacies. I've seen dozens upon dozens of baseball games over the years, at the old Metropolitan Stadium, inside the Metrodome and in other cities, too.

I attended games when the Twins were in last place and when they won the World Series. I'm a fan.

Meanwhile, Grandpa sometimes listens to games on the radio and watched games on TV. We've shared a few words about the Twins' fortunes. If he struggles with player names, that's OK by me.

But he had not been to the ballpark. I figured I owed him the experience.

"You and Grandma have to meet me in the Twin Cities for a ballgame sometime," I kept telling him.

"We'd like that," he'd say.

Five years ago, Grandpa's health deteriorated. Fortunately, a triple bypass and new pig tissue heart valve returned the color to his skin and gleam to his eyes.

"We've got to go to a ballgame," I'd say. "That'd be nice," he replied.

But various obstacles kept us from going. And Grandpa is going on 76.

Then my dad, who lives in Alaska, and my two sisters, who live in Arizona, visited my grandparents last week. I'd never been to a game with Dad, either, and my sisters had never seen a major league game. And the Twins were playing in Minneapolis.

I called my grandparents. Let's go to the June 9 game, I said.

"We can't," Grandma said. She hadn't felt well, and Grandpa insisted on staying home in case he was needed. "But you go ahead."

At least Dad and my sisters would be there, I thought, and my brother in the Twin Cities and a cousin in Iowa would go, too. I ordered six tickets and drove to Iowa.

Then my cousin backed out. Grandpa heard the news.

"Grandpa's going to the ballgame with you," she announced. She insisted she felt better. Besides, she wanted Grandpa to see a ballgame.

"You're going to the ballgame after all," I said to Grandpa. His eyes lit up. "Yes," he said.

Friday night, about 30 minutes before gametime, six of us stood outside the Metrodome. I passed out the tickets — "Happy Father's Day," I told Dad, Grandpa and my brother — and we went inside. Eventually, we found the ballfield, the Teflon-coated roof, the bright lights and our six seats in Section 126, Row 29.

Ballplayers stretched and played catch on the field. Organ music swept the stadium. Vendors hawked peanuts, soft pretzels, pop and beer. Reporters reviewed statistics and chatted to press box colleagues.

"It's fantastic," Grandpa said, marveling at the sights.

I nudged his shoulder and pointed behind and above us, to the radio booth where broadcasters would describe the game.

This time, Grandpa's seat was better than theirs.

"We made it," I told him. And with Grandpa's only son and four of his six grandchildren, too.

"We're all here together at the ballgame," Dad added. He patted Grandpa on the leg.

That's when I noticed the water forming in Grandpa's eyes, behind his glasses, under a red cap. He tried to blink them away, without success.

With one of his huge hands, he pulled a tiny tissue from his pocket and dabbed at his face. Dad hugged him with one arm.

Was it heaven? No.

And it certainly wasn't Iowa, as in the movie "Field of Dreams."

But it was more than another night at the Metrodome, more than a 2-hour, 49-minute game seen by 26,665 paid customers. That's what the boxscore says. Grandpa and I know better.



Welcome, birds, come take your ease

In the shelter of my trees. Whether, mockingbird or linnet, Find your favorite tree. Sit in it.

Eat your fill of bugs and worms, Anything that flies or squirms. Sing your song and build your nest.

Raise your family. Be by guest. See. I've laid the welcome mat. I won't even tell my cat.

But when it comes to ripe strawberries, Apricots and bright cherries, Would you please, I beg your pardon, Eat in someone else's garden?

Age is a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

OPEN HOUSE

An open house will be held at Chapel Hill located 3 miles NW of Fertile on Sunday July 30th from 2:00 to 5:30 pm.

There will be a program at 2:30. Betty Jean Clark of Rockwell will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by the Worth County Women's Chorus.

Arrangements have been made for a tent and seating. Persons wishing to bring lawn chairs may do so.

Refreshments will be served by women of the area. Everyone is welcome.

Answers to Quiz

1. Actor - best known for inventing the telephone in his movie roll of Alexander Graham Bell.
2. Novelist
3. Painter
4. Movie actress and singer
5. Movie actor
6. Famous baseball player
7. Musical composer
8. President of the United States
9. Singer
10. Former chairman of the Republican National Committee
11. Newspaper columnist
12. Newspaper columnist - she and Ann Landers are sisters

Garden Club News

On Tuesday, July 11th the Fertile Garden Club had their "Day Out" visiting several places of interest. The members met at Gloria Kirschbaum's home at 9:45 am. Gloria and Violet Hall were hostesses for a delicious brunch. The first visit was at Mrs. Lois Hughes' herb garden in Thompson. Due to the rain, which was so welcome, they did not get out of the cars to view the beautiful Reggles Flower Garden on their way to the "Red Barn", where they had their noon lunch. After lunch they visited the "Silo Home" owned by "Hap" and Lois Peterson of rural Tiltonka. On the return they visited Dennis Zehren's home in Forest City where they saw a beautiful landscaped back yard.

The next meeting will be August 8th at the community center.

Senior Citizens Menu

Aug. 1st - Chicken, potatoe salad, baked beans, cucumber salad, mixed friut, bread and butter, coffee and milk.

Aug. 15th - Ham, baked potatoe, corn, cole slaw, peaches, bread and butter, coffee and milk. Call 797-2669.

Card of Thanks

Belatedly I thank you heartily for remembering me on my 96th birthday. Your card came as a complete surprise and deeply appreciated. As I've said repeatedly "No friends as true as the old Friends". I shall treasure your card. Mil Gracias!

Mabel I. Elthon

Vacation Bible School

July 30th thru August 3rd
7 to 8:30 pm
Church of Christ
Classes for children and adults
nursery provided
everyone welcome

Home Is Best

We like to travel far and wide
And see a lot of places.
We enjoy the Ozark scenery -
And the wide, open spaces.

We like to meet new people
And visit with our kin,
And go to the distant places
Where we have never been.

We enjoy the ocean cruises
And boat trips in the Rhine,
We like the tropic islands
Where the weather is devine.

Our favorite time for travel
Is in the spring and fall,
But driving up our own driveway,
Brings the most joy of all.

Fishing for compliments works every time—if you have the right bait.

It is easy to raise doubts about duties we do not want to perform.



The members of the 1939 graduating class who attended the Alumni banquet in observance of their 50th anniversary are: Art Levang of Des Moines, Joan Sheplee Schultz of Portland, Oregon, Silence Stokke Johnson of Fertile, Dale Hagen of Fort Dodge, Leighton Humphrey of Lake Mills, and Max Nye of Fertile. Keith Sheimo, Maynard Calgaard, Ruth Nissen Ouverson of Fertile and Clarence Kitner of Forest City also were members of the class of '39 but were unable to attend. The following classmates are deceased: Donald Boos, Roy Highsmith, Floyd Calhoun, Johnny Hall and Virginia Hill Caughlin.

Embarrassing Moment

A man's wife had scratched the side of their new car as she backed it out of the garage.

"Don't worry about it," her husband said. "Those things happen. Take it to the repair shop and have it touched up."

As fate would have it, two weeks later she backed into a light pole and broke the tail light. She was almost in tears when she told her husband about it.

"It's just bad luck," he said. "Don't worry about it. Take it to the repair shop and have it fixed."

"But," she said, "I'm so embarrassed to take it back there again."

"If you are embarrassed," he said, "just tell them I did it."

"That's what is so embarrassing," she said. "I told them that the last time."

Timely Tips To Turn Summer Trouble-Free

- To prevent mud holes near outdoor faucets, remove soil from under the spout and fill the area with gravel.

- Petunias planted in a tube cake pan make a colorful, unusual centerpiece for an outdoor umbrella table—just insert the umbrella through the hole in the pan.

- Spray dirty waffle-soled shoes and boots lightly with cooking spray—dried, caked-on mud will shake loose easily.

- To get a nail started in an awkward place, put a small ball of putty on the tip to hold it in place before driving in.

- Tuck a piece of charcoal into your toolbox. It will absorb moisture and keep tools from rusting.

David Ouverson

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — David Ouverson, 63, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Fertile, Iowa, died Thursday (June 29, 1989) at Oklahoma City of natural causes.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. today at Bill Merritt Chapel in Bethany. The Rev. Max Alexander will officiate with burial in Resurrection Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Ouverson was born Aug. 3, 1925, in Fertile. He was retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Bill Merritt Funeral Home of Bethany is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, Oklahoma City; one daughter, Barbara Bradshaw, Tulsa; one son, Roger, Oklahoma City; one sister, Mary Homerding of California; and eight grandchildren.

David Ouverson was the son of the late Ouver and Emma Ouverson

In Which House Do You Live?

"I got two A's," the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father bluntly asked, "Why didn't you get three?"

"Mom, I've got the dishes done," The girl called from the door. Her mother very calmly said, "Did you sweep the kitchen floor?"

"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said, "And put the mower away." The father looking at the rug, "Didn't you clean off the clay?"

The children in the house next door seem happy and content. The same things happened over there. But this is how it went:

"I got two A's," the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father proudly said, "That's great; I'm glad you belong to me."

"Mom I've got the dishes done," The girl called from the door. Her mother smiled and softly said, "Each day I love you more."

"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said, "And put the mower away." His father answered with much joy, "Son, you have made my day!"

Children deserve a little praise For tasks they're asked to do; If they're to lead a happy life So much depends on you!

City Council News

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., July 11, 1989 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Peterson, Burtness, and Hansmeier present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council thanks the volunteers who resurfaced and repaired the tennis court in the park.

City attorney will begin work on junk car ordinance.

Vision Electronics representatives were present to explain cable TV for Fertile.

City Attorney will check over the proposed ordinance.

Mayor reported blacktop from highway 9 to county line will be resurfaced. Motion to accept proposal from the county to pay half of the cost. Carried.

Motion to re-hire David Low for the next year. Carried.

Complaints received on parking on main street.

Discussion on street repair and playground equipment at the ball diamond.

Meeting adjourned.

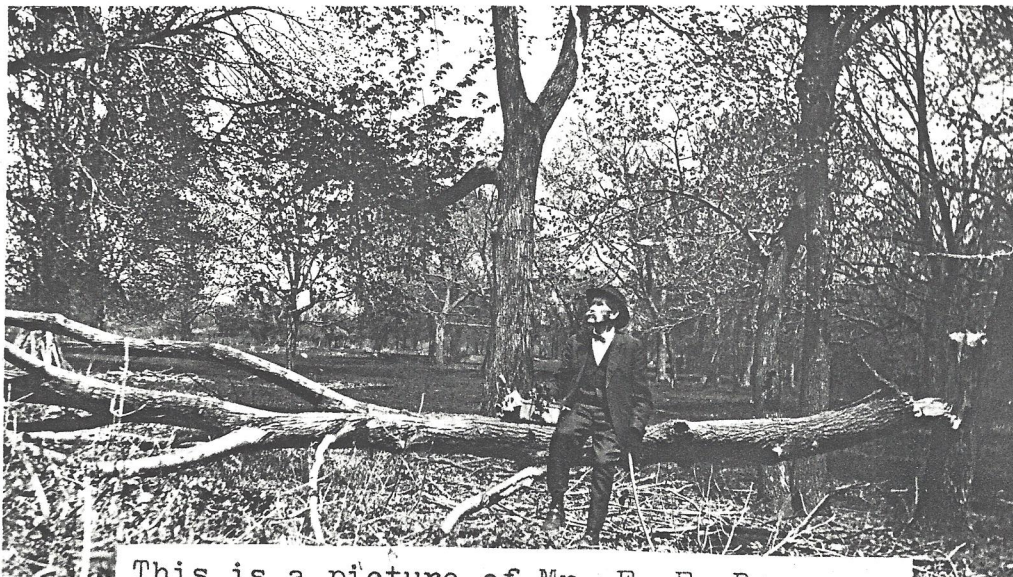
Janice Hare
City Clerk

Next council meeting will be Tues., Aug. 1, 1989.

June Balance Sheet

Winn. Coop Telephone	32.60
Waste Systems Inc.	727.75
Ouverson Oil	50.40
Central Lock and Repair	50.25
Fertile Lbr. and Hdwe.	24.29
City of Fertile	51.00
IPERS	126.35
Tuttle Paving	300.00
Treas. State of Iowa	114.13
Interstate Equip.	18.00
Larsen Plbg. and Htg.	161.73
Interstate Power	810.52
Marv's	69.28
Evelyn Knudson	282.57
Cheryl Benson	45.09
Lonnie Knudson	23.13
Jancie Hare	239.73
Dick Sheimo	589.24
Peoples Nat. Gas	36.99
Christian Bookstore	6.25
B. Dalton	239.44
Demco	61.97
World Book	24.90
National Geographic	34.05
David Low	301.89
Postmaster	27.00
Civic Supply	756.48
Stoffes Const. Co.	2600.00
Two Day Business Center	349.00
Worth Co. Auditor	1488.00
Total	9642.03

Total Receipts 2267.10



This is a picture of Mr. E. E. Brown taken by Ol Sanderson in the Fertile Park. He was quite a naturalist. He is buried at Grant Center Cemetery and the headstone is a natural stone.

VISION ELECTRONICS OF FERTILE

BASIC CHANNELS

4. ETV (MASON CITY)
5. CNN
6. ABC (AUSTIN, MN)
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8. CBN
9. WGN
10. NBC (ROCHESTER, MN)
11. WTBS
12. NASHVILLE (TNN)
13. CBS (MASON CITY)

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		Grain Division	
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		Delicious Food	
		Call For Reservations	
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OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	OUVERSON OIL	797-2267
			or
			797-2440
PRONTO MARKET	797-2220		
MARV'S SERVICE	797-2677		
RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES	797-2681		
FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2242		
Complete Livestock Needs			
Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food			
WORSLEY ELECTRIC	797-2494		
Katolight Generators			
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FOREST CITY COW PALACE	582-4646		
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