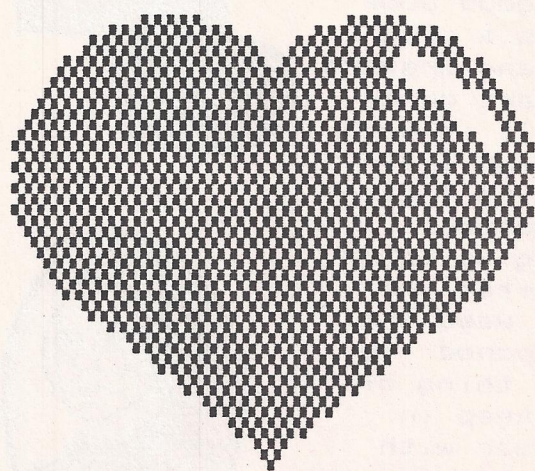


**FEATILE
REMINDER**



February 1989

Dear Readers of the Reminder -

We extend to each of you our best wishes for a good New Year. May 1989 be kind to you and yours.

Our winter is moving right along and for us in our area instead of the usual snow, we are having ice. I think we all agree that instead of the ice, we'd rather put up with the snow. I know of many who have fallen but no broken bones that I have heard about nor have I heard of any serious vehicle mishaps. I think everyone is just extra cautious when we have this kind of weather.

This is the time of the year many have mixed feelings of what to do to keep busy. We are fortunate to have such a good library in our small town where reading material is available to all ages with a variety to please everyone. One certainly can lose all track of time when you have a good book to read! For me, this is a good time to clean cupboards and drawers and so I get an early start on my spring house cleaning. It is such a good job to have done and I always seem to find something I misplaced or even had forgotten. There is always something we think we can throw away but after we have, it could have been used the next day. Has this happened to you? Another favorite thing of mine is sending mail to keep in touch throughout the year with family and friends. You know we all moan and groan each time the postal department raises the price of stamps but for the price of a 25 cent stamp how much it can do for you - perhaps when you read the enclosed article about "For The Price of a Stamp", you will feel inspired to do something with a stamp. You know you can certainly spread a bit of sunshine on a dreary day.

In this issue, you will find a single recipe for a dessert. It is such a delicate pink color and would make a pretty dessert to use for Valentine's Day. Since it is to be frozen, you can keep it for quite a period of time. Try it and you will like it!

May the winter days pass quickly for you as you busy yourself with what you have to do.

Until next time - L. V. N.

FOR THE PRICE OF A STAMP

Think what you can do with the help of one postage stamp!

You can send a quick note to that friend you have always treasured.

You can send a letter to a loved one, deepening the ties of affection.

You can make a child happy by sending a letter to him personally. The postman will be greeted eagerly by a child waiting for a letter.

A postage stamp can carry your message of sympathy in times of sorrow. It can hasten your congratulations on achievements, and on honors won. It can bring a letter of encouragement and support to someone desperately needing a helping hand.

It's exciting to realize that almost all the shopping services of the world can be brought to your fingertips through the mail.

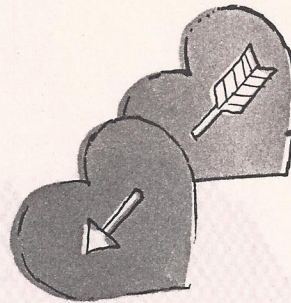
A postage stamp can open new horizons to you, if you have the courage and interest to write to a stranger congratulating him on his public service, or his work in the arts or humanities. You can even commend him for the inspiration his life has given to others.

A postage stamp will carry a welcome letter to a shut-in, or to someone ill, or injured.

Perhaps it's your day to sound off. A postage stamp will carry your letter to your congressman telling him what you think of the state of the nation.

If you don't feel up to attempting to change the ways of the federal government all by yourself, you may feel closer to problems in your own community. Write a letter of constructive remonstrance to the editor of your local paper. A postage stamp will take it to him. He might even print your letter in the paper to aggravate others into action.

A postage stamp is for sharing. It is of no use at all when carried in your billfold, or lying in a desk drawer. It must be on its way to someone else if it is to accomplish what it is meant to do - give wings to our words.



SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Feb 7. - Chicken, mashed potatoes, brocolli, jello salad, sherbert, bread and butter, coffee and milk.

Feb 21. - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, pea salad, cherry pie, bread and butter, milk and coffee.

For reservations call Edna Pederson at 797-2669 on Monday before noon.

Government Commodities
There will be no distribution of Government Commodities until March.

The Fertile Reminder received the following letter that we would like to share with our readers. It is from Ross Lang of Kensington, California. He is a former resident of Fertile. His father owned and ran a hardware store with Pete Ouverson until 1916.

12-22-88

Ross E. Barney Lang
52 Kensington Ct.
Kensington, Ca.

94707

Fertile Reminder
Fertile, Iowa

Dear People of Fertile:

Enclosed please find my check for renewal of my subscription. I believe Norma Ouverson Van Note first had this paper sent to me. Her sister Mildred was here and visited with us a few months ago.

I have so enjoyed being reminded of so many people and things in Fertile. The Ebaughs laid the first cement sidewalks in the town. Cement was mixed in a wooden drum from the old creamery. It was driven by a one cylinder chug chug gasoline engine. Sand and gravel at that time was hauled from the old Gaghly sand pit east of town.

B. J. Booth hauled the mail from Hanlontown. We rode with him to take the train to go to Mason City. In the winter, we kids got under the old stiff buffalo robes to keep warm. Then there was the succession of doctors: Dr. Jones, Dr. Peterson, and Dr. Gaghlager.

In those days the old mill was really grinding flour. A very special one was buckwheat for our pancakes. Mr. Foster who lived east of us was the last miller I recall. Our favorite swimming hole was from the platform over mill the race. Our dressing room was in an old shack beside the mill. Our swimsuits were overalls with the legs cut off. Other swimming holes were Beaver Creek, the sand pit, and clay banks where no swimming attire was required. Mr. Rhodes who built the mill had a home across the street from the mill and there was a favorite gathering place for boys on a Sunday afternoon. He was a Civil War vet and was a great story teller. I may have Rhodes mixed up with Kirk, another elderly gentleman.

The coming of the automobile, for me, took place in Fertile. Halvor Ouverson, who lived south of town, had a car called a "Black", built like a horsebuggy. We kids used to bet as to whether he would make it across the bridge and up the hill going home. My father and Pete Ouverson, his partner in the hardware and implement store, always owned cars together. The first car was a Brush one cylinder buggy style with a steering stick. The next car was a two cylinder Gleason with high wheels and hard rubber tires later changed to pneumatic tires. The next car was a four cylinder Mitchel approaching more modern style. Dad and Pete had the agency for the Mitchel car. The next car was a six cylinder seven seater, a big car by todays standards. About that time, we sold out and moved to Mason City and the car went with us, so I don't know what the partnership arrangement was. The cars replaced Minny the horse who lived in a barn and fenced area back of our house.

I also recall Mr. Brown, the butcher. I have fond memories of him always saying to us when we stopped for meat, "Here boys, have a weiner". Liver and tongue were parcelled out in rotation to family customers, never sold. I first learned of fossils and fossil rocks from Mr. Brown who became quite a rock hound in his retirement.

Minard Rhodes was one of my boyhood chums and we used to ride bare back on his father's beautiful horse. He was the good ride, I just hung on his back. We were so little that we usually mounted from the high porch of their home. We also broke some of his brothers colts to ride.

I attended school in the original wood building until fifth grade and then the district consolidated and built the brick school now still used. Andy Anderson was my teacher and Mr. James was the Principal. Andy played and taught violin music. He formed an orchestra of which I became a squeaky part. I watched the new school being built. The basement was excavated with horse scrapers. I could go on and on with fond memories of people and places, but have run out of paper.

With Love and Best Wishes,
Ross "Barney" Lang

The Fertile Community Center gym is open every week day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for anyone wishing to walk. For more information call Nance Sheimo 797-2223.

The Fertile Fire Department met Monday evening to elect new officers for 1989.

Fire Chief - Henry Thompson, Asst. Fire Chief - Dan Miller, Sec. - Allen Berg. Les Burtness resigned from the fire department after serving since 1953 when it was organized. He was Sec. for the past 15 years. The Fertile Fire department has the Chairmanship of Cerro Gordo County Fire Association for 1989. The fireman meet the first Monday of every month.

STORK MEWS

Scott and Teresa(Hennigar) Schwartz are the parents of a baby boy born Dec. 1, 1988. He has been named Stephan Alex. He weighed seven pounds ten and one-half ounces. He joins a sister, Taka Alexis age 6. Grandparents are Art & Shirley Hennigar of Fertile, and Sharon Hegel of Lake Mills. Great Grandparents are Russell and Evelyn Tordoff of Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Aguilera of Manly, Mr. & Mrs. Art Hennigar of Hanlontown, Mrs. Eva Schwartz of Bronx New York. His Great Great Grandmother is Mrs. Isabel Watland of Estherville.

The Fertile Library along with The Library Board will be sponsoring a "Special Reading Program" in conjunction with "National Library Week". From Jan. 18 through Apr. 15. When children return their books back to the Library, they may put their name in a drawing box for each book they have read. Then Sat. Apr. 15, there will be a small party at the Library and a drawing of names for a prize. There will be two reading groups, preschool - first grade, and second - forth grade. So parents encourage your children to check out books and read them or parents read to the children who are to small. The more books they read the better chance of a prize, and a big bonus for the kids, building a great vocabulary !! There will be more details to follow next month.

STORK NEWS

Deb and Tim Kleveland are parents of twin boys born Dec. 8 th 1988. They were born in Mason City and transfered to Rochester. Their names are Joshua Charles, 3 pounds 10 oz. and James Duane 4 pounds 5 oz. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kleveland of Fertile and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Rolffs of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

NOTICE

After snow falls, please watch for removal equipment, especially on Main Street and move your car or leave your keys in it so it can be moved.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Chris Anderson and Robin Harms and their helpers for promoting Santa Claus day.

Eighty six children received gifts and sacks of candy, peanuts, and apples. Thanks also to Santa. The following businesses or individuals sponsored the event:

- Fertile Valley Farmers 4-H
- Fertile Pre-School
- K & R Gas
- Personnal Touch
- Marv's Service
- Fertile Lumber & Hdwe
- Larsen Plbg & Htg
- Creamery Restaurant
- PSI
- PIM
- Riverside Cafe
- Burtness Plmg & Htg
- Worsley Elec.
- Old Mill Antiques
- Dean Haugen
- Fertile Feeds
- First State Bank
- Forest City Sale Barn
- Pronto
- Butchers Steak House
- Charlie Sandusky
- Gail's Beauty Shop
- Tom's Sales
- Shopshire Construction
- Jordan Ins.
- Fertile Block & Tile
- Keough Poultry
- Ouverson Interstate Equip
- Pamida
- Teddy Bear Learning Center

THANK YOU

The Annual Craft Fair was held in November with a profit of \$580 made. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

THANK YOU

The family of J. Maxine Scobee would like to thank you for all that you have done for us during our time of sorrow. Your calls, food, memos, flowers, thoughts and prayers were appreciated so much. Thank You!

Loris L. Scobee
Bob and Joan Noren
and Family

Strawberry Dessert

Crust -

Crush vanilla wafers from a 10 oz. box. Melt a half cup of butter or oleo and toss with crumbs. Pat crumb mixture into a 9 x 13 pan, saving a few to sprinkle on the top of strawberry mixture.

Filling -

Use large bowl of your mixer - beat two egg whites until frothy - have egg whites room temperature - then add - three fourths cup of sugar. One - 10 oz. package of thawed strawberries. Beat these three ingredients for a full 15 minutes. Fold in one cup of whipped cream which has been whipped. Pour strawberry mixture over crust and sprinkle remaining crumbs on top. Place in freezer. Remove from freezer just before serving - perhaps fifteen minutes. You and your family can decide how frozen you like to eat it.

L. V. N.

Quiz For The Month

Answers found on a back page. The answers are parts of the human body.

1. Two established measures?
2. Two musical instruments?
3. Small article used by carpenter?
4. Used by an artist?
5. What a soldier hopes he is?
6. A dedicated building?
7. A graceful tree?
8. A large wooden box?
9. Part of a wagon?
10. A male deer?
11. A student?
12. A tough place?
13. Pride of St. Louis?

ALUMNI BANQUET

Remember the alumni banquet on June 10 th.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Club met at the Butchers Steak House, exchanged gifts and sang Christmas Carols.

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Jan. 3 1989 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Peterson, Hansmier, Sandifer, Strohman present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed proposed 911 number for Worth Co. The study will be done by NIACOG and paid for on a per capita basis. The rural street signs will be put up by county workers. Motion to approve payment of the study. Carried.

The library board presented their proposed budget for FY 1989-90.

Report given that the fire department needs more community interest.

Motion to pay monthly bills.
Carried.

Evelyn Knudson	294.44
David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	239.73
Dick Sheimo	424.74
Waste Systems Corp.	727.5
Ipers	135.70
Treas.- State of Ia.	110.97
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	274.05
Interstate Power Co.	489.12
Winn. Coop Tele.	43.12
Ray Sandifer	180.00
Clifford Petersen	165.00
Ken Strohman	150.00
Lonnie Bailey	129.00
Lance Burtness	120.00
Loren Hoffman	325.00
Craig Hansmier	30.00
K & R Service	49.50
Co-op Service	21.84
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Mn Valley Testing	20.00
Interstate Equip. Co.	60.00
Raintree Publ.	51.00
Book-of-the-Month Club	33.05
B. Dalton	64.05
Christian Bookstore	56.34
Baker & Taylor	22.40
Good Housekeeping	15.97
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe	14.00
Marv's	14.90
Com. Center	240.00
Burtness P & H	22.50
Worsley Elec.	113.32
Leonard Bailey	64.00
Allen Berg	64.00
Lester Burtness	64.00
Eugene Hall	64.00
Henry Thompson	64.00
Larry Shropshire	24.00
Tom Dillavou	16.00
Greg Knopf	24.00
Andy Nielsen	16.00
Allen Hare	40.00

Total 5545.30
Receipts 6871.26

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Kamstra and the Fertile ELCW and Esther Oppedahl and all whose kind thoughtfulness was expressed. God bless each of you.

The family of Martin Hjelmeland

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LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM
FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM
SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON

NEW BOOKS:

SANDS OF TIME - SIDNEY SHELDON
THORNYBIRD - MARY STEWART
RAGING FIRE - CONSTANCE HEAVEN
PATIENCE OF A SAINT - ANDREW GREELY
CHILD STAR - SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK
RIVALS - JANET DAILEY
VIOLETS FOR MISTER B - Margaret JENSEN
RIVER OF TOMORROW - DOROTHY GARLOCK
ALSO WE HAVE NEW WESTERNS AND BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN.
BOOKS THAT ARE OVERDUE MUST BE RETURNED. LOOK AND SEE IF YOU HAVE OVERDUE BOOKS.

Oldster's lament

The iron now is rarely needed
For "wash and wear" has
superseded;
Yet I must confess it hurts to
see
All else wrinkle-free but me.

NOTICE

Personal Touch Beauty Salon will be closed Jan. 29 thru Feb. 6.

WORTH COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE
808 central Ave.
Northwood, Iowa 50459
December 22, 1988

ENLIST FAMILY HELP IN MEETING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

If losing weight, exercising more, or changing any other health-related habit is on your perennial list of resolutions, 1989 could be the year you finally make it, says Jill Weber, Worth County extension home economist.

"Having a home support team is vital for changing health-related habits," Weber says. "But it's also important to know how to set age-appropriate goals and how to give encouragement to each other."

Those skills are two of the basics that will be taught in the Iowa Healthy Family project offered by Iowa State University Extension Service and sponsored in Worth County by the County Wellness Committee. From January 30 to April 29 all Iowa families are invited to be part of a statewide project to increase the health and well-being of Iowans.

"Most wellness programs focus on the individual," Weber says. "This program recognizes the influence that others, including spouse, children, parents, or friends, have in successfully changing habits."

An orientation meeting will be held Jan. 30 at the Kensett Community Center beginning at 7 p.m. At this opening event, the entire state will be linked by satellite. Registration is \$5.00 which will be used for prizes and program materials. Registration is due by Jan. 23 and can be made by mailing your \$5.00 and names of family members to Worth County Extension, 808 Central.

"Iowa Healthy Families participants will be eligible to earn bronze, silver and gold awards," Weber says. "The criteria include meeting individually set goals and spending a set number of hours in wellness-promoting activities over the next three months."

Gold-level winners will also be eligible for a drawing to determine state prize winners. Awards will be made following a family walk on April 29. Participants across the state will follow a family walk route in their local communities.

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Answers to the Quiz -

The Community gym will be open Sat. afternoons from 1 to 4 under supervision and will be heated. Please call 797-2267 and volunteer your help to supervise.

1. Hands, feet
2. Drum, organ
3. Hammer
4. Palate
5. Instep
6. Temple
7. Palm
8. Chest
9. Tongue
10. Heart
11. Pupil
12. "Joint"
13. Arch

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Relativity
Myrt: "So your new neighbor is a magician. What's his best trick?"
Gert: "Sawing a woman in half."
Myrt: "Does he have any family?"
Gert: "Just three half-sisters."

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 A loving letter comes wondering
 my way.

It brought me sunshine, hope and
 cheer;

It made me feel that you were here.
 I held it at my hands with care
 To keep the secrets that we share -
 Your letters, be they short or long
 Bring to my heart, a happy song.
 To have someone as nice as you
 To call a friend when I am blue
 Is happiness that does not fail
 Where'er I find you in my mail.

Invention

Next to the wheel and the
 compass,
 Next to the pole and the hook,
 Next to the pencil and paper,
 A person's best friend is a book!