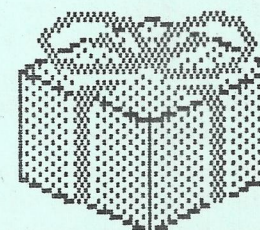
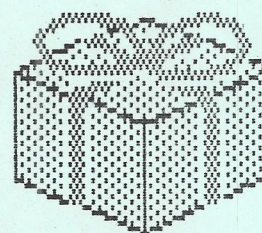
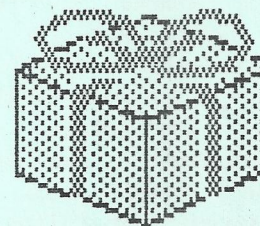
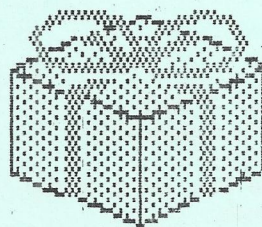
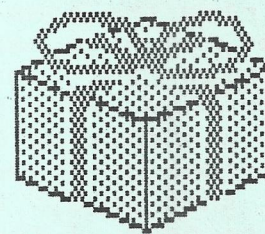
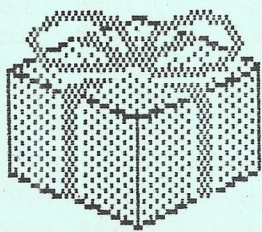


MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
FROM  
THE  
FERTILE  
REMINDER  
1989



Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder.

The mornings are dark for those of us who rise the same time everyday. As yet, we have had only a few snow flurries but we have had frosty mornings when one has to scrape the windshields on the cars that have stood out overnight.

Knowing that cold, winter days will soon be here, I think most of us in the Midwest are prepared. Antifreeze in the car, windows washed on the outside and storms on, things that set out all summer are safely stored away for another season, those who like to burn wood for extra heat have laid in their supply—yes, even our eating habits change as the weather turns colder. Now a bowl of homemade soup or chili tastes so good, perhaps an oven dinner or homemade bread—for me, thinking of some food to prepare is so much easier now than when the weather is so hot.

Fertile's Community Turkey Supper was held Nov. 4th in the dining room of the old school. There was such a large crowd that some ate their meal in what is now the Senior Citizens Ladies Room. As usual, the food was great and served piping hot. The reputation of this supper is well known so people come from a distance and those of us who are "old timers" fail to recognize many who come. This supper has been going on for

several years so in most cases the same people are in charge of "their own thing", so the whole operation moves smoothly. All of the food is bought except for the pies which are donated by the local people. Such a tempting array of pies that it is hard to choose which one to take. Even some of the local men get into the act! Four hundred were served and a profit of \$1,500 was realized. The money will be used to keep the school house in operation.

Nothing goes to waste, so after the supper the turkey bones are picked clean and a delicious turkey soup is made to serve visitors who come to Fertile's Craft Sale on Nov. 18th. I understand that two more turkeys were roasted to use in the soup as there were no leftovers. In addition to this, they serve chili, cinnamon rolls, coffee, cold drink—something for

everyone. This is one more event that brings people to Fertile.

We of the Fertile community express our sincere thanks to Ruth Duverson and to all her faithful helpers who work so hard to make these things a success.

People have started making plans for their Thanksgiving and Christmas get togethers. It is always good when one can be together with family and friends. These are busy days as each one does the extra things they enjoy doing during this time of the year. May each of us be thankful for all that we have knowing, there are so many who are not as fortunate as we. May your Christmas be a blessing as we enjoy the festivities with those who are dear to you.

Remember—no Reminder until the later part of January!

Special Greetings to Each of You....

Until next time....

L. V. N.

### HOW GLAD I AM

How glad I am each Christmas Eve!  
The night of Jesus' birth;  
Then like the sun the Star shone forth,  
And angels sang on earth.

Then mother trims the Christmas tree,  
And fills the room with light,  
She says that so the Star shone forth  
And made the dark world bright.

She says the Star is shining still,  
And never will grow dim;  
And if it shines upon my way,  
It leads me up to Him.

And so I love each Christmas Eve,  
And I love Jesus too;  
And that He loves me in return,  
I know so well is true.

### On best behavior

Now every day he feeds the cat  
wipes his shoes on the outdoor  
mat

doesn't fight with younger  
brothers  
every impish thought he  
smothers

sets the table, cleans his room  
almost begs to push the broom

I wonder why—then I  
remember  
the calendar declares—  
"December"



City Council

October Balance Sheet  
Expenditures

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Nov. 14th 1989 with the Mayor presiding and all members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports were received on the progress of the cable t.v. installation, removal of junk cars, in the city, and grading and graveling of the alleys.

Mayor Hoffman reported lottery money is available for park improvement.

Various ideas were discussed and a plan will be drawn up.

Council discussed building ordinances.

Dave Berger with Waste Systems Corp. was present to discuss garbage service to the city. Motion to renew contract with Waste Systems and to adopt a prepaid bag system. Carried. Bags will be sold for \$13.00 for a bag of 10. This includes the cost of the bags and garbage service. You will pay for just what you use, and there will be no monthly bill for garbage service.

These bags are a special color, made of corn starch for faster decomposition and after Jan. 1st 1990 are the only bags Waste Systems will pick up in Fertile. Recycling may soon be a possibility in Worth and Winnebago Counties.

Motion to adopt a street agreement with Worth County for several of the streets in Fertile carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be held Tues. Dec. 5th at the library.

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Halloween Party. The decorating, food, games, and clean up. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thanks again  
Denise Eischeid

Evelyn Knudson	\$294.57
Lonnie Knudson	\$18.50
Cheryl Benson	\$64.03
David Low	\$301.89
Janice Hare	\$264.73
Dick Sheimo	\$530.40
Waste Systems Corp.	\$738.60
IPERS	\$144.99
Treas. State of Iowa	\$131.11
City of Fertile	\$51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	\$46.95
First State Bank	\$783.82
Winn. Co-op Telephone	\$220.31
NIACOG	\$74.40
House of Sports	\$105.61
Fertile Community Center	\$240.00
Ouerson Oil Co.	\$42.00
Marv's Service	\$61.15
Feed-Rite Controls	\$10.00
Larsen Plumbing & Heating	\$4.75
Mc Call's	\$11.95
Christian Bookstore	\$31.32
B. Dalton	\$106.67
Ketema	\$161.41
North Central Ia. Task Forc	\$186.00
Postmaster	\$274.40

Total \$4,900.56

Total Receipts \$14,469.25

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\* \* \* \* \*  
\* Pronto Market of Fertile will \*  
\* be closed Nov. 20th through \*  
\* Nov. 28th for some remodeling \*  
\* and equipment repair. \*  
\* \* \* \* \*  
\* OPEN 7 AM WED. NOV. 29TH \*  
\* \* \* \* \*  
\* Store hours will be 7am to \*  
\* 9pm Mon. through Sat. and \*  
\* 8am to 8pm Sundays. \*  
\* \* \* \* \*  
\* WATCH FOR CHANGES !! \*  
\* \* \* \* \*  
\* Pat & Gary Juhl \*  
\* \* \* \* \*  
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# Sing a song of Christmas

Every year new songs for the season team up with traditional carols to brighten our December airwaves. Complete the titles of 14 such 20th-century songs and the highlighted blanks reading down will name the season's all-time secular favorite.

The T\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_

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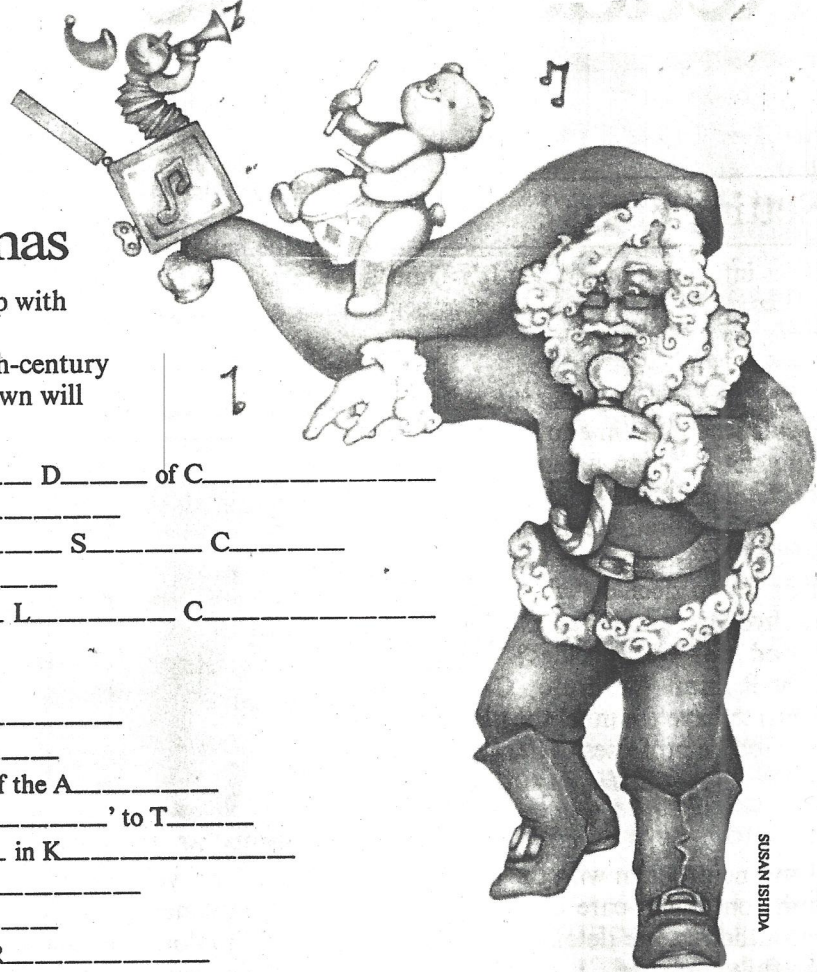
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## STORK NEWS!!

Steve and Jeanette Oliver, Carrallitan, Texas are the parents of a baby girl born November 7th. She weighed 7 lbs 12 oz and has been named Jessica Ann-Marie. Grandparents are Eugene and Lois Low. Great Grandmother is Luella Low.

Rick and Wendy Burtness of Tucson Arizona. are the parents of a baby girl born Nov. 5th. She weighed 7 lbs 13 oz, and named Sarah Ann Kay. Grandparents are Larry and Janet Burtness of Fertile and Manny and Patrica Marti of Tucson. Great grandparents are Les and Doris Burtness of Fertile, Alma Thompson of Garner, and Robert and Ruth Stillman of Wisconsin.

## FERTILE LIBRARY NEWS

### LIBRARY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM

FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON 1 PM - 4 PM

### NEW BOOKS:

Loyalties - Julie Ellis

Captive - Victoria Holt

So worthy my love - Kathleen

Woodiwiss

Close friends - Peter Jenkins

Some can whistle - Larry McMurtry

Dark half - Stephen King

Daddy - Danielle Steel

Caribbean - James Michener

Silver Highway - Marian Wells

California Gold - John Jakes

We also have new westerns, adult paperbacks and childrens books.

PLEASE return overdue books.

WANTED: Housekeeper to clean the library one hour a week.

Pay is \$5 an hour.

If interested contact

Shari Hoffman, 797-2606

Happy Thanksgiving!  
From the "Putsy" P.O.

The holiday season is the busiest time of the year for the Postal Service. Most larger post offices do not have their Christmas party until January. Many people work long hours so that we are able to share this special time with those that we love.

We can help these people by mailing early, using correct mailing addresses, and correct zip codes.

The class of mail that we choose for delivery of our parcels determines the speed at which our mail is delivered. Here are brief descriptions of each class.

EXPRESS MAIL 8 ounces or less costs \$8.75. If mailed by 9:00am at Fertile, we can guarantee over-night delivery all most anywhere in the U.S. After 9:00am most places are guaranteed second day delivery.

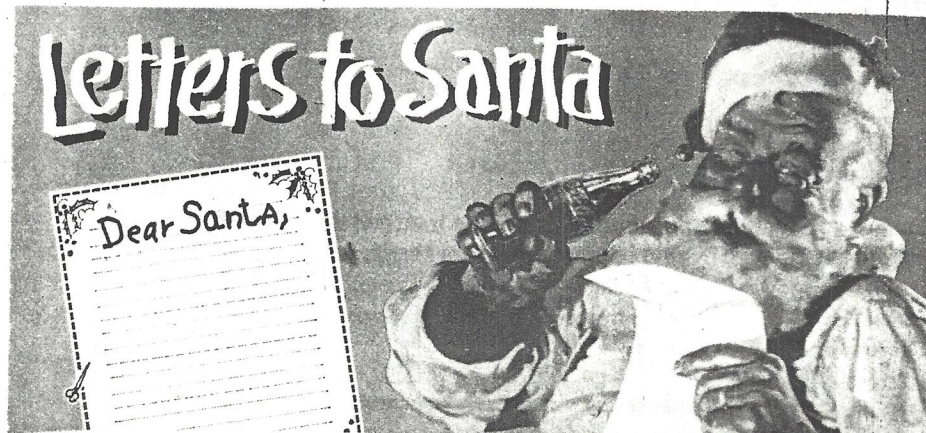
PRIORITY MAIL Cost \$2.40 for 2 lbs. or less. Priority mail is handled in a special manner, just as its name implies. It is not worked with normal first class mail.

FIRST CLASS MAIL This mail is worked before 2nd, 3rd, or 4th class mail. Using this class of mail for your parcels costs a bit more than parcel post but delivery is much quicker if your package has any distance to travel. Packages seem to have less damage when delivered first class.

PARCEL POST or FOURTH CLASS This is the most economical way to ship parcels. The postal service has no set standard for the amount of time needed for delivery of Parcel Post because it is worked after all other classes of mail. So mail early.

To: The children,

Santa Claus called to tell me that his zip code at the North Pole is 99701. He has promised to send a note to any child that drops off their "Letter to Santa" at the Fertile Post Office. He hopes to hear from you.  
Santa's Helper  
Bonnie Beck P.M.



## GOVERNMENT SURPLUS COMMODITIES

Fertile Community Center Dining Room. Dec 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Items to be distributed:  
butter, Canned Pork, Vegetarian Beans, Peanut Butter, and Honey

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Card of Thanks!

Many thanks to the Fertile Fire Department, also to everyone else for the excellent help they gave us during the fire we had here recently. It is all deeply appreciated.

Lovilla & Sandy Felland

## NOTICE!

There will be an Open House celebration in honor of Ruth Oaklands 80th birthday on Nov. 26th at the Fertile Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30. This celebration will be hosted by her daughters and families.

No invitations are being sent.  
She requests no gifts.

## THANK YOU

To all of those who had confidence in me to write my name in for Mayor.

I thank you.....

CHARLEY NYE

As the year 1989 is fast coming to an end and each of you are taking care of your financial obligations, we of the Fertile Reminder hope you'll remember us.

The work of this community paper is strictly free gratis and each month many of us spend much time getting it ready. As with anything, there is much expense and unless we hear from you your name will be removed from our mailing list. We have gone through our list of contributions so far for this year and it is as follows;

Each month we make 310 copies of these, 145 copies are hand delivered here in Fertile, 110 copies are mailed to towns here in Iowa and 55 copies are sent to other states.

Each month, we receive \$2.00 from the business places listed on the back page. Our expenses include stamps and at .25 each, each of you know how fast they count up, paper and ink for the machine are very costly, we pay for the hand delivery of the paper, plus paying someone to type the material. At a glance, you can tell money is involved not to mention the time spent in getting it ready.

When you receive your December copy, we will be taking time off until the later part of January.

If you enjoy being on our mailing list, please send your contribution to:

The Fertile Reminder  
Box 171 Fertile, Ia  
%Ruth Ouverson 50434

Thank You  
L.V.N.

## The wonder of Christmas

May you never lose the wonder  
And delight the season brings,  
Rich in friendships, filled with  
blessings.  
May you keep a heart that sings.

May you find joy in simple  
things,

Hope in each candle glow,  
Peace, like the touch of angel  
wings,  
Faith and love that grow.

### Wise Man

"I was one of the wise men this year," said a husband to his friend.

"You were in a Christmas play?" asked the surprised friend.

"Oh, no," replied the husband. "I got my wife a gift certificate."

### Lost Letter

"And what would you like for Christmas?" the department store Santa asked the little boy.

The child looked confused and wailed, "Didn't you read my letter?"

## Christmas remembered

I remember Christmas when I was a child.

Each wooden chair  
in our country church  
was filled with a proud parent  
listening  
to their child recite  
a Christmas piece.

From my place up front  
I had my eye

on the brown paper sacks  
placed beneath the tree.

For when the pageant was ended  
there'd be one for all —

Santa, himself, gave them out —

Each one filled with candy, apples and nuts.

On a crisp Christmas Day

I remember the sound  
of the ice bound runners  
of my sled —

midst the hoots and hollers of all the kids in town,

as we conquered the long, sloping hill.

There was a time, I remember,

we cut our own tree —

the one that was too big for the living room —

moving the celebration

to the basement that year.

Christmas is remembrance of a time

when everyone came home —

Grandma and Grandpa were there, too.

Everyone joined in the shared delights:

the laughing,

singing,

and family games.

In memory I feel my frosty nose and toes

as I became a part of

voices spreading the warmth

of the Christmas story in song.

This year we make new memories

as the light of love reflects

in the eyes of new babes

beginning a lifetime of Christmases —

and who one day will say:

"I remember Christmas when —"

## SOLUTIONS TO FUN FARE

### Sing a song of Christmas

The T W elve Days of Christmas

A Holly Jolly CHristmas

I Saw Mommy K I ssing Santa Claus

San T a Baby

Have Yourself a M E rry Little Christmas

Jingle-Bell Ro Ck

I'll Be Home for CHristmas

Silve R Bells

Christmas in the C I ty of the Angels

Santa Clau S Is Comin' to Town

Chris T mas in Killarney

Christ M as Island

The Christm A s Song

Rudolph the Red-No S ed Reindeer

### JOKE

Do you know why Santa Claus  
arrived with only seven rein-  
deer?

Comet had to stay home and  
clean!

## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held their meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10th at the Community Center. Gloria Kirchbaum presiding. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was "To name an Edible Seed". Thought for the day was given by Doris Novak.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected;

President: Molly Almeliën

Vice-President: Edna Pederson

Sec.: Linda Shahan

Treas.: Joyce Larson

Corresponding Sec.: Synnova Hoffman

Interesting lessons were presented by Alice Kingland on "Selection, Care of Gift Plants".

Gloria Kirchbaum on "How to get best Amaryllis".

Sharon Hewett from Mission, Texas was a guest.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Ruth Wolfe and Ruth Rouang.

During the month of the Sept. meeting, the roll call was that each member predicted the date of the first snowfall.

Carrie Luther was the winner with the prediction.

The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Butchers Steakhouse, Tuesday Dec. 12th at Noon for the Christmas luncheon and party.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Dec. 5th--- Minute Steak, Baked Potato, Carrots, Apple Salad, Gingerbread, Coffee, Milk, Bread and Butter.

Dec. 19th--- Pot Luck

For reservations call Edna Pederson, 797-2669 before Noon on Monday.

I was so happy to be remembered by all the cards and prayers I received from my Fertile friends. I enjoyed hearing from everyone.  
Thanks so much.

Bob Tuttle

It's wondrous what a hug can do.  
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.

A hug can say "I love you so,"  
or "Gee, I hate to see you go."

A hug is "welcome back again,"  
and "Great to see you, where've you been?"

A hug can soothe a small child's pain,  
and bring a rainbow after rain.

The hug - There's just no doubt about it,  
we scarcely could survive without it.

A hug delights and warms and charms,  
It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great for Fathers and Mothers;  
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.

and chances are your favorite Aunts,  
love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them, Puppies love them.  
Heads of states are not above them.

A hug can break the language barrier,  
and make our travels so much merrier.

No need to fret about your store of 'em,  
The more you give, the more there's more of 'em.

So stretch those arms without delay,  
and GIVE SOMEONE A HUG TODAY.

## CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party for the children of Fertile will be held on Sat. Dec. 16th at 10:00 am. Children will meet on Main Street in front of the Post Office. Santa will arrive by sleigh and distribute gifts to all.

In case of bad weather it will be moved to the cafeteria in the Fertile Community Center.

Donation Boxes are located at Pronto and the Cafe for anyone wishing to donate to the Party.

Thank the following merchants for making it possible for us to publish the Fertile Reminder. Their ads help us to purchase the paper, ink, labels, and other supplies. We still need to hear from you to pay postage and other expenses.

LARSENS' PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2219	FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2262
		Grain Division	
		For Complete Grain Buying,	
		Selling, & Storage	
JORDAN INSURANCE AGENCY	797-2700		
AMERICAN FAMILY			
Auto-Home-Business-Life			
		BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE	797-2647
		Delicious Food	
		Call For Reservations	
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE	797-2437		
Rent The Rug Doctor			
BURTNES PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2680	K & R SERVICE	797-2440
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			
Sales & Service			
FOREST CITY COW PALACE	582-4646		
FIRST STATE BANK	896-2265		