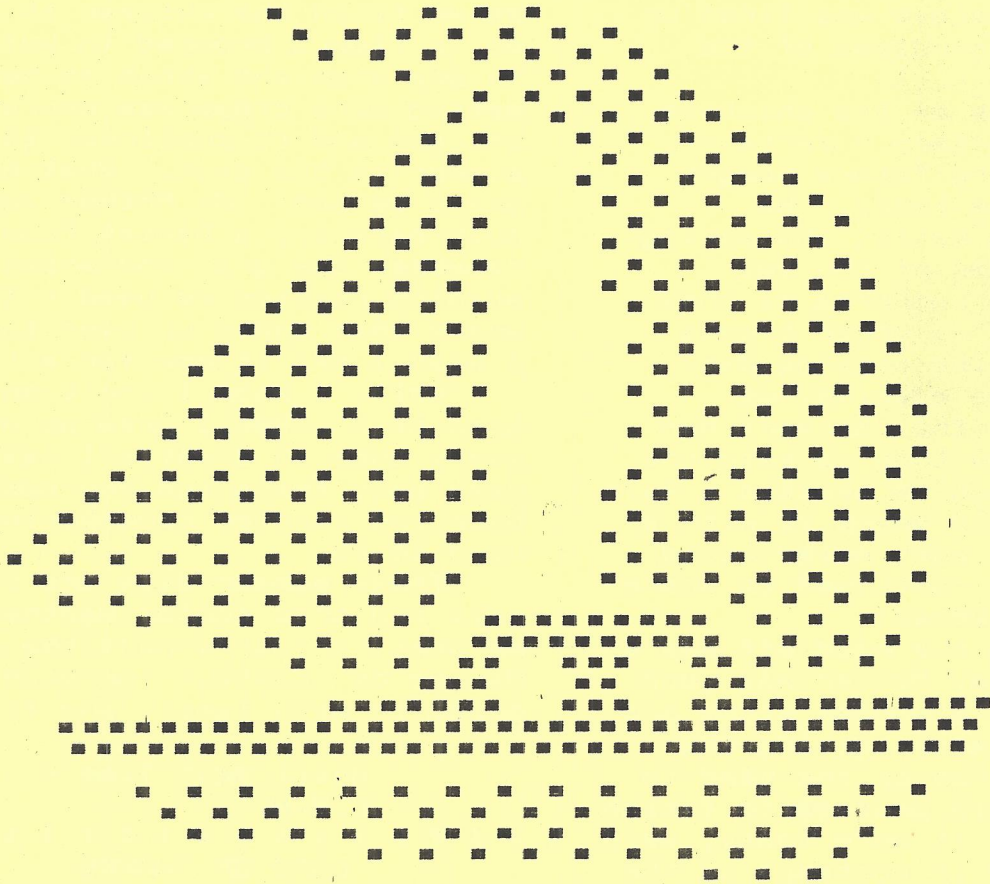


FERTILE  
REMINDER



AUGUST 1990



Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder-

As I am writing this, it is a beautiful morning - so cool and my kind of weather! It is such a relief after the hot, humid days we have gone through. Even though we know there will be more hot days, it is good to have a change along the way. I even have the makings of a hot dish started for our evening meal - I am thinking the heat from the oven will feel good.

I find it is hard to cook when the weather is hot and harder still to know what will please the appetite. When we were growing up on the farm, this made no difference as the old cook stove was fired up and we cooked regardless of the temperature.

Often I think of the chickens we raised on the farm - certainly a far cry from the "store bought chickens" we have today. We started enjoying eating the spring chickens this time of the year. My Mother raised Leghorns as they weren't as heavy as other breeds and she didn't like picking dark feathers. In the evening, we would wait until the chickens had gone to roost and then go into the hen house and when we spotted a fair sized rooster we'd snare it with a bent wire hook - such noise would take place as we continued to snare the numbers we needed!

Next cutting the head off was a gruesome task - my Mother was good at this. We had a wooden stump and a sharp axe and after giving the rooster a sharp rap on the head to stun it, she would proceed to finish the job. Now if it were today, we'd probably be held in contempt by the animal activists! We kids would stand out of the way as the rooster would do crazy things as the blood flowed freely. (I think this is why I have a hard time to buy chickens now as the bones are always dark from the lack of proper bleeding and the meat is so flabby from lack of exercise.)

Next came the scalding water into which the rooster was dipped and when we tried to pluck the feathers and they would come off easily we would take another one. We always did this job in an out of the way place on the farm so the feathers wouldn't fly around the buildings.

Next came the job of picking the pin feathers but this we could sit at the kitchen table and do. Most of this

was done quite easily but on occasion we have a "bugger" to do and it took a long time. As we got older, we were allowed to help singe the chicken and now as I think about it, it was truly quite dangerous. We would crumple brown paper bags, set fire to them in an out of the way place and quickly hold the chicken over the flames and singe the hairs off. Next came the drawing, something at my ripe old age I have never done! Then the multitudes of washing and then the cutting up and storing in our cool, dirt basement until the next day.

We certainly didn't worry about calorie nor cholesterol in those days as we fixed the chicken it was drenched in flour, browned in butter, placed in the oven and about an hour before eating pure cream was poured over the chicken and it continued to slowly simmer in the oven. What heavenly gravy we had! My Mother cooked with much parsley, a Danish tradition. I remember the gray and white heavy enameled roaster we used - I don't know where that ended up over the years but I wish I had it now for a keepsake.

Well, I know I won't enjoy the kind of chicken I grew up with so every once in a while I have to do the next best thing and buy some chicken over the counter remembering how it used to be.

These summer days are passing quickly and this cooler weather reminds me what is just around the corner. May we be thankful for each day and enjoy it with family and friends.

Until Next Time -  
L.V.N.

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CARD OF THANKS

It was so nice to be remembered on our fiftieth wedding anniversary. It was a very special time for us and we will always cherish the memories - Thank you!

Norman and Loretta Nye

The community center would like to thank Sue Lee, Barb Seglem, and the girls 4-H club for planting flowers around the center and for keeping them weeded. Thanks!

The Communiy Center Board





CONGRATULATIONS NORMAN and LORETTA

Norman Nye and Loretta Rassmusen were married July 18, 1940, in Iowa City. With the exception of six months spent in California, they have lived in Fertile. (Loretta is the LVN who has been writing the articles on the back of the front page of the Reminder.)



July 18th  
Norman and Loretta  
25th anniversary  
1965



50th  
LORETTA . NORMAN



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SENOIR CITIZENS MENU

Aug 7. - Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, corn, tossed salad, fruit, bread, butter, coffee, & milk.

Aug. 21 - Ham Loaf, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, tomatoes, peaches, bread, butter, coffee, & milk.

Call Edna Pederson at 797-2669, before noon Monday for reservations.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Club, met July 10th at the Fertile Community Center.

Roll call was answered by your favorite wild flower. The thought for the day was given by Ethel Tuttle. Steve Iverson gave a showing of slides of wild flowers. Gloria Kirschbaum & Carrie Luther were hostesses.

The next meeting is Aug. 14th and it will be the yearly tour.

Nineteen members were present.

Ethel Tuttle - Reporter

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CARD OF THANKS

We the parents of the Fertile Ball teams would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches that worked with our young people this year.

We will never know the number of hours you put in, the many times you had to bite your tongue, or the many things you gave up in your own personal life to be able to do this.

What we could see was the caring, the teaching, and the genuine enjoyment of baseball and softball playing!

Thank you to each of you.

- Cliff Petersen
- Ron Almeliem
- Rich Mayland
- Arnie Hauge
- Mark Steffenson
- Allen Severson

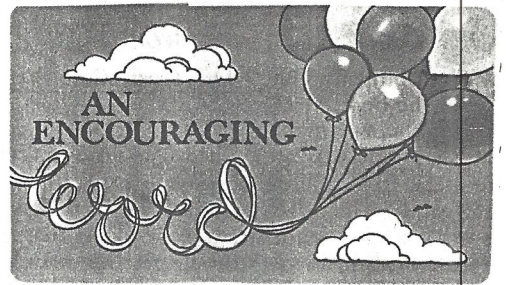
A special thank you to Carol Post and Mary Petersen for the many hours you contributed to the concession stand.

We do appreciate it.

The Parents

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for all the love and kindness expressed to us at the time of our loss.

The family of Phillip Sheimo



Little leaguer

In a slow-motion tableau which seems to last forever  
 I watch my son round third base and head for home  
 A pint-sized package of determination  
 Dragging his too-big uniform in a race  
 Against the outfielder's strong, straight throw;  
 His teeth clenched, arms flying,  
 Small legs churning up little puffs of dirt,  
 His face about to burst with home run magic  
 He gasps and strains for air,  
 Then stumbles, falls, crawls  
 Into the catcher's ball-filled glove -  
 Out by inches.

I, the volunteer umpire, slowly raise my thumb  
 To signal his defeat  
 And search for words to help dust off his pride.  
 A knee peeks through a new pants hole,  
 His elbow reddens into bruises,  
 And at last I see his face,  
 Eye to eye,  
 The Judge (not wanting to be judged  
 By the nine-year-old son he loves so much).  
 When I ask if he's OK, he takes my hand,  
 Pulls himself up, then smiles at me ...  
 "Hey, Dad, don't worry, I was out by a mile!  
 But wait until next time!"  
 I pat away the last small trace of dirt  
 And though I want to hug him, I don't.  
 "Nice try, Andy" I whisper  
 As he goes to join his friends,  
 Knowing that we're both learning  
 How to play the game.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to all who remembered me on my 85th birthday. I truly appreciated your thoughtfulness.

Jeanette Van Den Bosch  
Manly Care Center

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CARD OF THANKS

There doesn't seem to be enough words to express our humble appreciation for all the prayers, thoughtfulness, and kind actions expressed to our family. This has helped us through the emotional ups and downs during Andy's disappearance and death. We became aware that we are of many denominations but are one in faith in God. God bless each of you.

The Family of Andy Elthon



JUNE BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Evelyn Knudson	265.29
Cheryl Benson	41.56
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	239.35
Cely Olson	18.47
Waste systems Corp.	1166.64
IPERS	147.78
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	56.35
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	33.69
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Treas. State of Ia.	100.38
Burtness P. & H.	340.89
Worsley Electric	325.43
Stoffes Const. Co.	405.00
Mary's	57.96
Interstate Power Co.	492.32
Better Homes & Gardens	22.59
Postmaster	27.00
Fertile Lmbr & Hdwe.	44.90
Christian Bookstore	8.05
Dick Sheimo	553.87
Max Nye	15.00
Fertile Little League	250.00
BMC	119.85
MVTL Lab, Inc.	20.00
World Book	24.90
B. Dalton	192.87
Book of the Month Club	30.75
Better Homes and Gardens	21.59
Doubleday Book Club	31.80
National Geographic	22.50
Woman's Day	15.97
Country Home	20.77
Laura Shropshire	166.31
Cheryl Benson	19.91
Airway Lawn Service	200.00
Worsley Electric	1599.50
Ray Bakke	400.00
Christian Bookstore	25.02
B. Dalton	100.27
Mason City Bus. Systems	200.00
World Book	24.90
Saturday Evening Post	12.97
Creative Ideas	9.97
Flower & Garden	6.00
Fin & Feather	13.97
Field & Stream	14.94
Demo	30.16
NCRLS	102.00
Evelyn Knudson	265.29
Cheryl Benson	169.63
Cely Olson	13.85

Total 8,900.82  
 Total Receipts 3,733.35

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., July 3rd, 1990. Mayor Hoffman presided with council members Hansmeier, Sandifer, Strohman and Smith present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

New pump for the sewage lagoon has been received.

Letter read from Airway Lawn Service regarding work to be done in the park within the next few months. Steps will be put in on the bike path near the car bridge.

Presentation by Jim Albers of Peoples Natural Gas of the services they offer.

Smith will contact Worth County Sheriff to have him explain 911 and siren warning system at a future council meeting.

At least one resident has not received cable TV. Mayor will check with the cable company.

Richard Hanner will mow vacant lot and the lagoon.

Motion to pay monthly bills.

Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Janice Hare

City Clerk

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tues. Aug 7th, 1990 at 7 P.M.

The Worth County Sheriff will be at the August meeting to explain the 911 and siren systems. If anyone has any questions, please attend this meeting.

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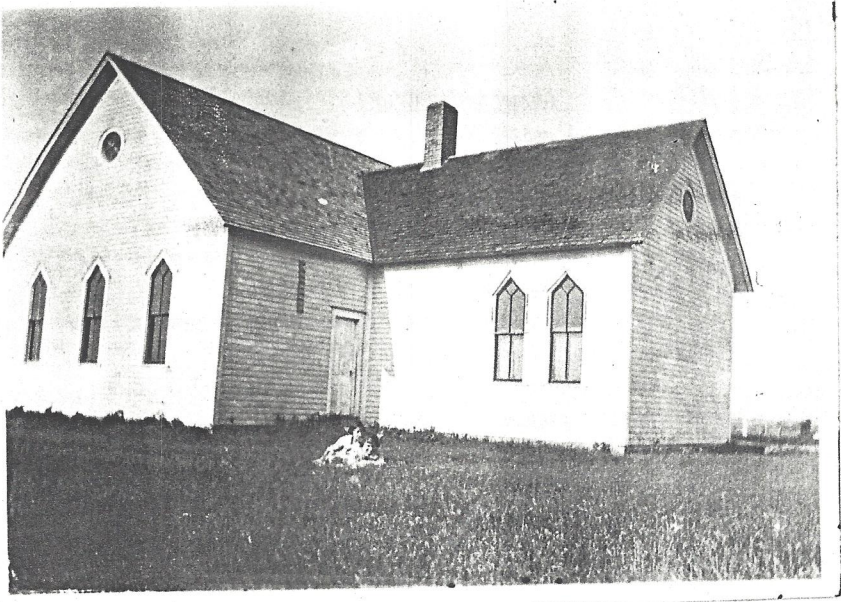
**my grandma...**

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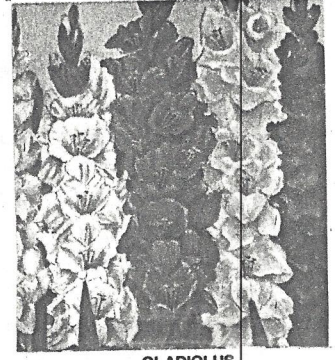
...gets a lot of hugs from Grandpa — must be the perfume.

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet;  
 enough trials to keep you strong;  
 enough sorrow to keep you human;  
 enough hope to keep you happy;  
 enough failure to keep you humble;  
 enough success to keep you eager;  
 enough friends to give you comfort;  
 enough faith and courage to support your business, and your country to banish depression;  
 enough wealth to meet your needs;  
 enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.

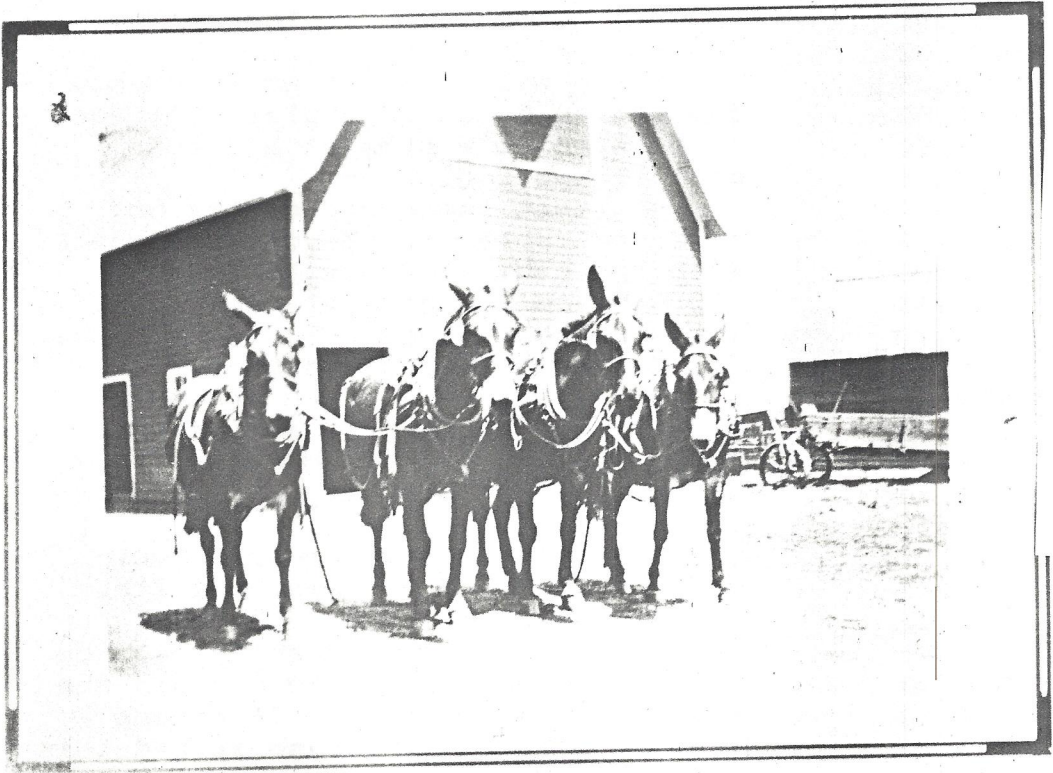




This picture of the ELIM Free Church was sent to us by Thomas Eckley of San Fransico, Calif. He said it was taken by his late mother around 1910. The church was located west of Fertile by the ELIM Cemetery. The building was purchased by Sam Pederson & Henry Sheimo & was torn down for the lumber.



GLADIOLUS



The mules in this picture belonged to Glen Orcutt. The driver was Leverne Nelson. 1931.

- The names of the mules left to right are:
- Dusty
  - Gin
  - Jen
  - Goldie

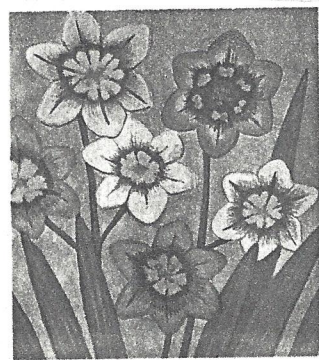
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In Memory of - May they be a fond memory forever!

- Phil Sheimo
- Eva Faulkin
- Andrew Elthon
- Sandy Felland
- Mabel Elthon
- Marcella Mitchell
- Glea Hall
- Anna Kimble
- Floyd Paulson
- Clark Fankell

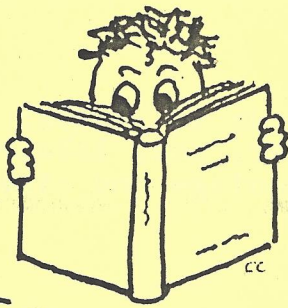
Government Commodities will be distributed on Sept. 3rd from 1 pm to 4 pm. Pork, honey, peanut butter, and flour will be distributed.

Mrs. Fankell's address is  
1225 W. 10th Sp. 34 Junction City, OR  
zip 97448



PATCHWORK PETALS





CHECK IT OUT

If you haven't been in the library lately, now would be a good time to "check it out." We have a new head librarian, Cheryl Benson. Cheryl has taken over the duties that Evelyn Knutson had previously performed. Evelyn retired on July 1, 1990. Thanks to Evelyn for her many years of dedication and service to this library.

Our library continues to provide people with many good books and magazines. New ones are being added continually. Did you know that this library also has several other interesting and helpful items? We have a computer, printer, copier, and typewriter. We are expecting a fax machine at anytime. A Polaroid camera will soon be available for use by the library patrons. We also have a few specialized videos that may be checked out. These include the anti-substance abuse special by Buena Vista Home Video entitled "Cartoon All-Stars to the Rescue." Another helpful video is "Conservation on Your Own" produced by the Soil Conservation Service. Farmers might find this video useful. Cheryl is happy to help anyone with any of these items.

Cheryl has announced a BOOK SALE beginning in August. The books to be sold are those which have been withdrawn from the library. Books to go on sale in August include a set of encyclopedias, as well as some adult fiction and non-fiction books.

Did you know that volunteers are needed in our library? Volunteers can help in many ways from shelving materials to helping patrons to checking out books. If you have an hour or so to spare, consider the library. Give Cheryl a call at the library 797-2787.

The current library hours are:

WEDNESDAY	11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.- noon
	1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Watch for more library news monthly in FERTILE REMINDER and remember to... CHECK IT OUT!

by Celeste Christensen

Next library board meeting is August 6.

Congratulations to Anna Almelien. She was the winner of the Reading Program Contest.

"Putsy" Post

Change is a part of life and right now a very big part of the U.S. Postal Service. Automation will help to keep postage costs down, but it is forcing small town people into correct mail addressing. You must use your correct mailing address. No street addresses are used in the Fertile Post Office to deliver your mail. Your P.O. Box number or your R.R. 1 Box number is what gets your mail to you. Automation of your mail will require that you use a P.O. Box number or R.R.1 Box number. Once you could just ring the operator to get any person that you wanted on the telephone. Now you must dial a number to talk to that person. Mailing addresses are just like telephone numbers, they help you to reach another person. Automation of your mail has started already. As of June 30th., all the mail being forwarded from Fertile is being worked on machines in Des Moines. These machines do a good job and they can work the mail very fast, but they must have good mailing addresses.

Start using your correct mailing address and watch your mail when you receive it for incorrect mailing addresses. You can use your street address along with your mailing address if you follow these examples:

John Doe	Jane Doe
123 Lake Street	123 1st Ave.
P.O. Box 100	R.R. 1 Box 100
Fertile, Ia. 50434-0100	Fertile, Ia. 50434

Your P.O. Box number or R.R.1 Box number must be right above Fertile, Ia.

If you find that mail is coming to you with an incorrect mailing address, inform your correspondent by using your correct mailing address and the words: ADDRESS CORRECTION or CHANGE OF ADDRESS. You may have to do this more than once.

The Fertile Post Office will have a B-I-G change also on August 22nd, Dean Haugen will be retiring as our rural carrier. He has worked for the Postal Service near 31 years. "Thank you, Dean, for the good service you have given us." A retirement coffee is being given for Dean at the Hanlontown Community Center on Aug. 22nd. from 2:00pm till 4:30pm Everybody is welcome. If you can't come, just a note of "thanks" would mean alot.

Bonnie Beck  
Postmaster



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.

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