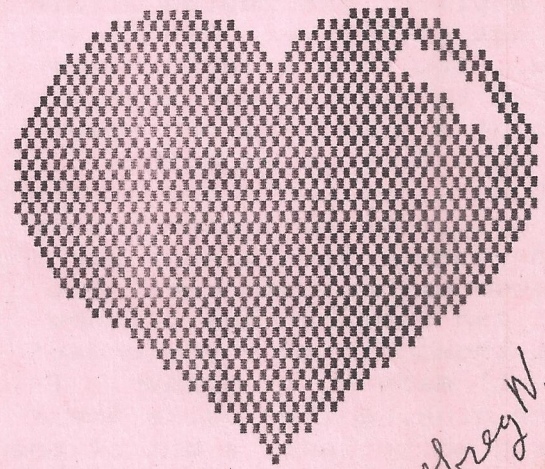
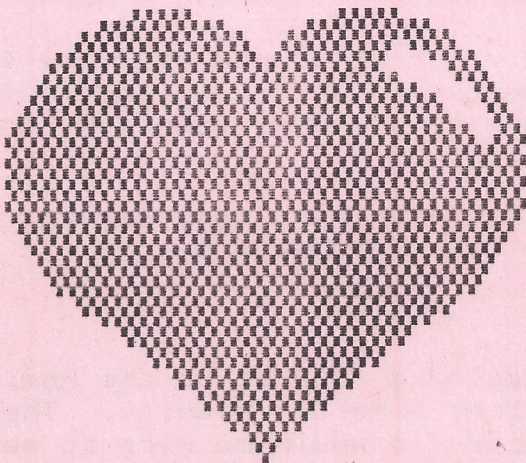


**The Fertile**

**Reminder**

**February 1990**



*Greg W.*

Dear Readers of the Reminder -  
It seems such a long time since we had our last visit. The time passed quickly and the long, dreaded month of January is moving right along. Already we can see the lengthening of the days and as we eat our evening meal early, I am always glad when we can finish eating in daylight. Right now, while we are enjoying these "almost balmy" days, it is hard to remember those frigid days of a few weeks back. I guess the old saying is true that if you don't like the weather, just wait and it will change! I am wondering if any of you have special things you plan to do as the New Year starts. As for me, this is time of the year I enjoy cleaning cupboards and drawers as I feel the need after Christmas. I always seem to find something I had forgotten about or else something I decide I no longer need. The advantage of living in a smaller home is that you can't be a pack rat!

I do have another big project going and right now I am wondering if I'll get it finished to my satisfaction. This is to organize my albums- I started two years ago but I did not follow through. I am trying to organize families, years, and so on - it is a big job! I am afraid I spend too much time looking and remembering things of long ago.

I am particularly remembering a picture of my younger sister and myself - she was six months old and I was six years. We went to Forest City to the photographer with horse and buggy driven by my Mother. The buggy was a black, one seated affair the horse was white, very gentle and named Cele. You know I can't remember our trip to town except that when we were about a mile from our home, we had to turn back as my Mother had forgotten my sister's cap - Later on, I was told that my sister had no hair and my Mother didn't want her picture taken without her cap. But you know I can remember the clothes we wore as though it were yesterday! They were all made by my Mother - I wore a lite pink, dotted vaile dress trimmed with white lace, a bit of the lace on the bottom of my slip showed and I wore long cotton stockings. My sister was precious in blue and white chrocheted booties, a fine, white cotton dress with dainty stitching, a white, soft saque that only covered part of her arms. But

her cap - it was made of white organdy with three scalloped pieces sewed on the front with each piece trimmed in lace and embroidered with lacy, daisy stitches in pale pastel colors of silk embroidery thread - truly lovely. That picture in a huge oval frame used to hang in my folk's bedroom but now it graces mine. You know they say you are getting "older" when you remember days that used to be. It is with nostalgia that I look at these old pictures. I am thankful for the many pleasant memories that they bring to mind. As I am doing work on the album, I might say that as you take pictures take a bit of time to write on each so you have the pertinent facts for the future. Don't rely on your memory, because take it from me, it can foil! I would also like to add that at the Ben Franklin store in Clear Lake I found a wonderful ball point type pen that truly does write on pictures without smearing and even on the "sticky" side of the album sheets. The cost of the pen was about a dollar and a half and the writing on the pen says Pilot Photo Graphic Marker. For me, it has worked great! I hope you'll all enjoy some busy! and healthy days in 1990.

Until next time -  
L.V.N.

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Thank You

Specil thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Amos Miller for their generous donation to the Fertile Reminder and also to the Fertile Community Center.

A special thank you to everyone for all you have done for me and my family during my hospitalization and since returning home!

Many many thanks,  
Cletus Nedved

We received a renewal to the Reminder from Clint & Melva McNelly. They suggested it would be nice to see some pictures of some of the homes in Fertile for those who don't get back to visit good old Putsy - we think it is a good idea - so will do so from time to time

R.B.O.

NOVEMBER BALANCE SHEET

Evelyn Knudson	236.18
Cheryl Benson	55.49
David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	239.73
Ruth B. Quverson	33.25
Silence Johnson	33.25
Randa Lundgren	33.25
Max Nye	7.50
Waste Systems Corp.	738.60
IPERS	149.24
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	90.57
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	36.05
Feed-Rite Controls	20.00
Mary's	21.80
Hygienic Lab.	30.00
Arway Lawn Service	200.00
Fertile Lmbr. & Hdwe.	99.95
Quverson Oil	20.00
Tel-Comm U.S.A.	1.89
Northwood Anchor	127.50
Fertile Reminder	180.00
MVTL Lab.	20.00
Municipal Supply	364.85
Doubleday Book Club	12.80
National Geographi	10.95
B. Dalton	91.90
Book Club Assn.	18.80
Lonnie Knudson	9.25
Demco	54.07
Book of the Month Club	7.95
Better Homes and Garden	23.18
Christian Bookstore	51.88
Baker and Taylor	30.06
Consumer Reports	18.00
Country Home	17.65
Dick Sheimo	455.19
Summit	122.20
Treas. St. of Ia.	128.54
Total	4144.41
Receipts	3972.68

**Brrrrrrrr!**

What begins on December 21 at 4:22 P.M. Eastern Standard Time? If you write each of the following seasonal words on the correct line of blanks, the shaded row reading down will remind you. ICE, BLIZZARD, FROST, HAIL, RAIN, SLEET, SNOW, STORM, THUNDER, WIND.

S N O W

W I N D

R A I N

T H U N D E R

I C E

B L I Z Z A R D

F R O S T

H A I L

S T O R M

S L E E T

DECEMBER COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Dec. 5, 1989 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on graveling and grading the alleys.

Discussion on garbage contract.

Dennis Peterson from Lake Mills offered a proposal for 7.60 per mo. for 5 bags per week. Also discussed bag proposal and Waste Systems proposal of 7.00 per mo.

Letters will sent to each home owner asking for their vote on the garbage service.

Evelyn Elthon, President of the Library Board presented their proposed budget for fiscal year 1990-91. She also told the council things they have accomplished and some of their plans for the future.

Ruth B. Quverson representing the Community Center Board presented a proposal for wiring at the center. Labor will be done by volunteers.

Mayor reported on a park grant available through the D.N.R. Plan will be drawn up and submitted to th D.N.R. by 1/31/90. This will be a 5 year plan.

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM

FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON 1 PM - 4 PM

NEW BOOKS:

My turn: Memoirs of Nancy Reagan

Family - Caroline Leavitt

Jane Fonda - Michael Freeland

A ruling passion - Judith Michael

Harmful intent - Robin Cook

Prague counterpoint - Bodie Thoene

Paperback mysteries:

Cat who went underground - Lilian Braun

Cat who played postoffice - Lilian Braun

Cat who saw red - Lilian Braun

Cat who turned off and on- Lilian Braun

The library has a video tape on

How to: "Conservation on your own"

Its a tape that will help you do your

own soil conservation. Contact the

library for further information.

A New Year's Resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

DECEMBER BALANCE SHEET

Evelyn Knudson	261.48
Cheryl Benson	93.65
David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	239.73
Treas. State of Iowa	95.61
Arnold Hauge	70.00
Evelyn Knudson	40.00
Waste Systems Corp.	738.60
IFERS	134.10
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	291.49
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	131.03
Interstate Power Co.	414.83
Co-op Services Inc.	18.70
Matt Parrótt.	39.45
Creamery	232.50
Fertile Lmbr. & Hdwe.	15.36
Ouverson Oil	20.00
Worth Co. Auditor	.66
Northwood Anchor	127.50
Loren Hoffman	325.00
Ray Sandifer	180.00
Cliff Peterson	165.00
Ken Strohman	150.00
Lance Burtness	145.00
Craig Hansmeier	165.00
Lonnice Bailey	64.00
Eugene Hall	64.00
Allen Berge	120.00
Henry Thompson	112.00
Christian Bookstore	12.51
Dick Sheimo	392.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>4993.32</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>3456.14</b>

JANUARY COUNCIL NEWS

The Jan. 2, 1990 Fertile City Council was called to order by Mayor Hoffman. Loren Hoffman, Craig Hansmeier, and Jodie Smith took the oath of office as mayor and council.

Council members present were Hansmeier, Peterson, Sandifer, Smith and Strohman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed Cable T-V yet to be installed.

Results of the garbage service vote were 70 for regular service, 36 for bag system and 2 no choice. Motion to renew contract with Waste Systems for 3 years. Carried.

Council discussed possible purchase of truck with plow to replace the maintainer.

F.M.I. asked for council assistance to obtain a grant, through D.N.R. for their recycling facility.

Funding for these grants is from lottery money.

Council accepted Shari Hoffman's resignation from the library board and appointed Laura Shropshire to finish the term.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

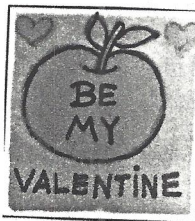
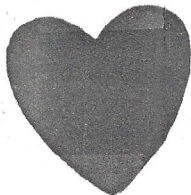
**He Heard His Mother Pray**

Abe Lincoln was only nine when his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, died. Nine years seems a brief allotment for a mother to impress a child for life, but so deep was the influence of Nancy on the impressionable Abe that in later life Lincoln declared, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my Angel mother."

Why was Nancy Lincoln so special to her son? She was just an ordinary woman given to the hard labors of a rugged frontier. Her life was brief and simple, but impressions she made upon the heart of her son truly lasted.

Abe Lincoln's mother taught him by precept and example the simple principle of prayer. Little Abe had knelt at his mother's knee. He had heard his mother talk with God. Years later he said, "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

—"The Gospel Hour Beacon"



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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- Feb 6. - Ham, baked potatoe, cauliflower, three bean salad, lemon pie, coffee, milk, bread and butter.
- Feb 20. - Meatballs, potatoe, string beans, tossed salad, apple crisp, bread, butter, milk, and coffee.



**On-the-Job Training**  
An aspiring plumber was complaining to his boss that he was being pushed too hard.  
"Well, son," said the boss, "when I started out my boss laid the first two lengths of pipe to show us how. Then he turned on the water and we had to stay ahead of it."

**Contentment**  
Contentment  
I have learned,  
my son,  
is having things  
to do —  
but nothing that  
really must be  
done for another  
day or two.

Happy New Year!!

From the "Putsy" Post

Automation is the "BIG" word for the U.S. Postal Service for the 1990's. To keep costs down, the Postal Service must lower the number of people needed, and the amount of time that it takes to get a letter to you. Only 30% to 50% of all mail is being sorted by machines at this time. By 1995 the Postal Service wants 90% of all mail sorted by machine. They have a plan to do this big job. These changes should bring your mail to you at a fair price and with speedy consistent service. It is a big job and the Postal Service will need your help to make it work. Correctly addressed mail is the key needed to make this plan work.

Things to remember:

1. Most mail (billings, Magazines, catalogs) are addressed by computers. Use your correct mailing address and the same form of your name on everything, that should cut down on the repeat mail that you receive.
2. Use your mailing address as your return address.
3. If you receive mail from a correspondent that is important to you, check the address that they used, and if incorrect advise them of an address correction in your letter, in your return address, or by correcting on the front of billing. To correct magazines, send correction to the address of company found in all second class mail, on one of the first five pages or on one of the last three pages in the masthead. Send the correction and the label used to mail the magazine to you.

4. Remember, your street address is not your mailing address. In Fertile, Iowa no one receives mail at their street address. You can however use both your street address and your mailing address as long as you keep your mailing address right above the state and zip code.

Examples:

Rural Route

John Doe	or	John Doe
R.R.1 Box 232		35234 Crest St.
Fertile, Ia 50434		R.R.1 Box 232
		Fertile, Ia. 50434

Post Office Box

John Doe Jr.	or	John Doe Jr.
P.O. Box 232		123 Lake St.
Fertile, Ia. 50434-		P.O. Box 232
0232		Fertile, Ia.
		50434-0232

Choose one of these four examples as a guide to addressing your mail correctly. Then always make sure when giving people your address (in person or when filling out a form) to not only give your street address, but also your mailing address.



United States  
Postal Service



### Cool cat?

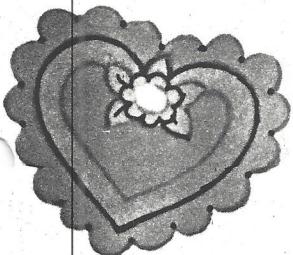
An optimist fastened his seat belt  
With confidence almost scary,  
Before trying to start his car  
In the middle of January!

### Great men

No matter what the time may be,  
great men  
are always needed.  
Someone strong  
like Lincoln years ago,  
to right a wrong.  
Or, like Washington,  
who could see  
a nation, from a colony,  
rise proud and free.  
Greatness must repeat itself  
in every age,  
engage  
in eternal causes, advance  
and broaden wisdom,  
keep constant vigilance.

### Older gal

Lord help me to grow old  
gracefully  
Not to be a troublesome bore,  
To know life and its score  
Enjoy my friends, in the hope  
that they can  
enjoy me more.



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club held their Christmas Luncheon and Party Dec. 12 at 12 noon at the Butchers Steakhouse.

Roll call was answered by "Amusing Christmas Tree Story".

The Christmas Story was read by Donna Ouverson.

Christmas Carols were sung by all with Joyce Larson in charge.

Secret Pals were revealed with the exchange of gifts.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses Reva Anderson and Mary Anderson.

Christmas "Goodie" boxes were delivered to several shut-ins in our community.

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STORK NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Willmert of Elmore, Minn. are the parents of twin boys born Dec. 19th. They have been named Justin and Logan. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Gene Hartman of Buffalo Center and Mr. & Mrs. Harley Willmert of Elmore, Minn. Parents are Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sheimo of Fertile.

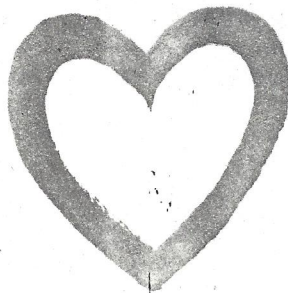
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Pederson are the parents of a baby boy born Nov. 17th. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and has been named Adam Perry. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Duane Pederson of Fertile and Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Slugger of Forest City. Great grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Selmer Pederson of Fertile.

David & Coleen Purcell Lura of Oak Harbor, Wash. are the parents of a baby boy born Jan. 1st. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and has been named Daniel Jonas.

Answers to Quiz

Brrrrrrrr!

- SNO W
- W I ND
- RAI N
- T HUNDER
- IC E
- BLIZZA R D
- FROS T
- HA I L
- STOR M
- SL E ET



Recently we had our Annual Turkey dinner, and we all came away feeling as "stuffed" as the turkey himself! We were so proud of the way everything was organized and went off so systematically. It was indeed a pleasure to have visitors from out of town.

Have you ever stopped to think about how many committed folks we have in the town of Fertile, that do all this volunteer work?

The organizers, pie bakers, dressing makers, potatoe peelers, table decorators, turkey roasters, chair carriers, table luggers, and 101 other tasks - all performed by the same people (plus a few new ones) year after year.

Then, the yard work and the cement repair - involves another group of our population. At one time we were involved so we realize the effort put forth.

Why have folks been so willing to do these menial unpaid jobs? We know the secret - we love Fertile - we love to have a Community Center to have our Banquets, meetings, sales and fun times in. It all helps us to keep our Community pulling together, and of one mind.

To begin to name all the individuals that participate would result in us having more enemies than friends, but we do believe that at least one "bouquet" should be tossed, and that, in the direction of Ruth B. Ouverson who devotes more hours (than I care to think about) to overseeing the "goings on" at the Center.

Also, we should realize the effort put forth by the Senior Citizens to keep things going. Without their help, the Center would not run as well as it does.

So, in conclusion, we submit this little rhyme.

Onward Fertile  
 Onward Fertile  
 Never let it die,  
 The small town still  
 Is the best of all  
 With folks upon--  
 Whom we can rely.

Gratefully,  
The Brues

# Mother's decision leads to presidency

If Mary Washington hadn't changed her mind at the last moment, George Washington probably wouldn't have been the first president of the United States. He wouldn't even have been a citizen of this country.

Instead, he would have been an officer in the British navy.

Washington's ancestors were sea-going men. His grandfather, John, had been a merchant seaman. His father, Augustine, was an importer-exporter in Virginia. His older brother, Lawrence, was just 22 years old when Admiral Vernon of the Royal navy made him captain of his own ship. Lawrence distinguished himself in battle against the Spanish in the West Indies.

Lawrence was 14 years older than George and was like a father to him after Augustine died in 1743. Highly respected, and with a lot of influential friends, Lawrence had no trouble securing the promise of an appointment for George as a midshipman in the Royal navy.

George surely would have advanced to a full-fledged officer and would have had command of his own ship in due time.

There was one obstacle to overcome, however, before George could join: his mother, Mary. When she heard her 14-year-old son wanted to join the Royal navy, she was against it.

It took months of arguing, pleading and promising by George and Lawrence to convince Mrs. Washington that this

was the right move for George. Worn down by the constant pressure from her two sons, Mrs. Washington finally agreed to let George join.

It didn't take George long to pack his things. He was practically out the front door when Mrs. Washington had second thoughts. With new resolution, she said that George couldn't go. And this time she meant it.

There's little doubt George Washington would have been a good, perhaps even spectacular navy officer, but for most of his life he was anything but a friend of the Royal navy.

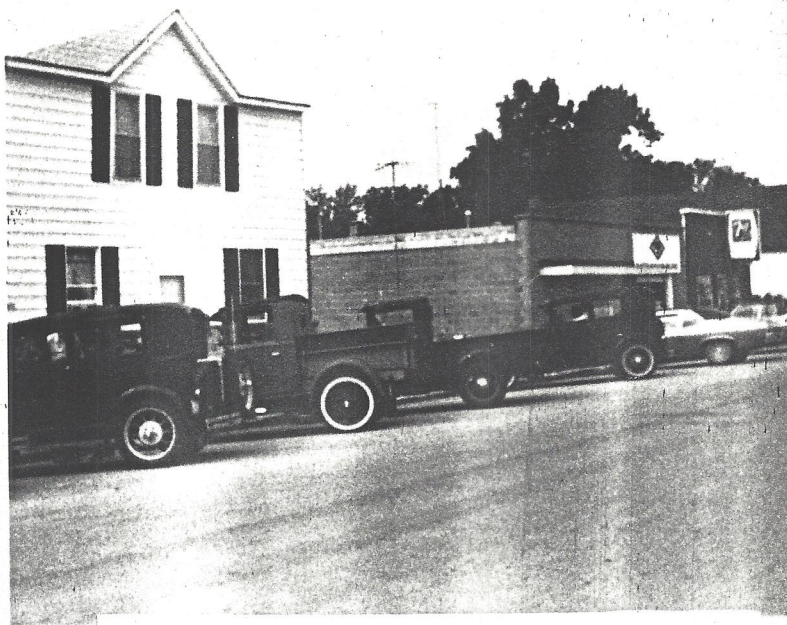
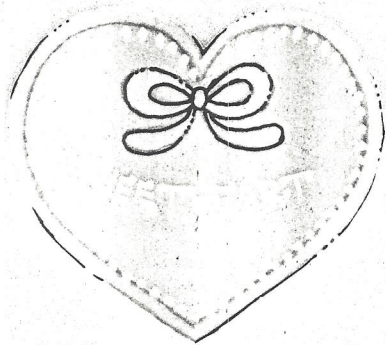
He turned out to be an outstanding general and his coordination of land and sea power

during the American Revolutionary War was the crucial factor in Britain's defeat.

Chances are, had Mary Washington not changed her mind at the last moment, when the American Revolution broke out, George would have been fighting against the rebels rather than leading them to victory.

What's even more ironic, was that Mrs. Washington never believed in the American Revolution. She felt it was wrong to break away from England and worried constantly that the rebels would lose and George would be hanged as a traitor.

Even after the war was won and George was elected president, Mrs. Washington wasn't convinced it had been the best course of action for the colonies.



Vintage Cars on main street



THANKS CHARLIE S.  
for all you do for  
fertile.

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Remember to save REU Owl  
sales slip and leave them at  
the Library or the Community  
Center.  
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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	
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE	797-2437	Call For Reservations	
Rent The Rug Doctor			
BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2680		
OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	OUVERSON OIL	797-2267
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		