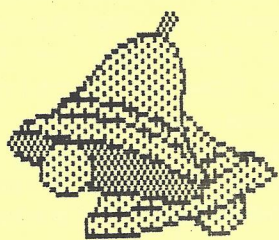
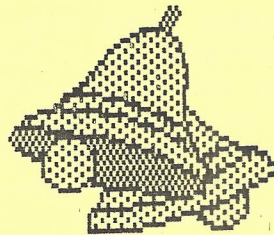


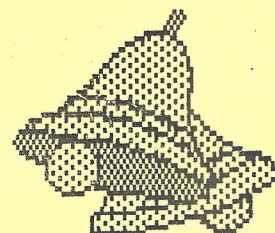
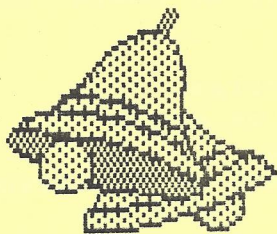
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FERTILE Reminder



JUNE
1990



Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder-

As I am writing this, it is a bright, cherry morning but a cool one. It feels good to have the furnace come on and take the chill off. It seems that the gas bill just goes on and on - soon we'll start complaining about the high light bills as we turn our air conditioners on! We humans are hard to please but as for me, I know I can take cold better than the extreme heat.

Three weeks ago, my sister, two neices and myself did a unique job that none of us had done for several years and I dare say that very few of you have ever done. We put new coverings on and retied four wool batt standard sized quilts.

These wool batts go back to when I was a child and were the only kind of quilts we used in our home - after all these years, they are still the only quilts we use although ever so often they are taken apart so they can be cleaned and rejuvenated.

As I was growing up, we had a bachelor friend who lived across the road and he raised sheep. Each spring when he would shear the sheep, he would give my Mother the wool from three sheep - my Mother would wash clothes for him, bake bread - I don't know if it was an even exchange or not. Now this was before there were factories who cleaned the wool and made it into batts of the needed size.

There would be these small tufts of wool and over a long period of time, my Mother would wash the wool in the wash tub with much strong soap and many changes of water. As I recall, the wool was greasy, had debris clinging to it as well as "crunkleberries". Most certainly it was not an inviting sight! When my Mother would feel the wool was clean, she would place small clumps on an old sheet in our front yard so it could dry. Every once in awhile, a bird would think it would make a good lining for their nest! As the wool became dry, it was gathered into a bag to be "corded" into small fluffy batts during the winter. The "corders" were made of wood with wooden handles and sharp teeth which in turn were pulled over the tufts of wool - Now I remember this was hard work and each segment of wool when finished was only about three by six inches in size so it took many of these to make a batt for a quilt.

"Way back then" we could buy painted cotton material which was

thirty six inches wide so we'd buy ten yards, sew the two lengths together and have enough material for both the top and bottom. Now the material is forty five inches wide so we have to do it a bit differently. We have an old quilt frame and the rest of the family has the know how of putting the material on the frame, spreading out the wool batt sheets and getting ready to tie. This year I didn't help much but kept the needles threaded!

The difference now is the method our wool is cleaned. We now send it to a factory where it is washed and made into a continuous size batt - sometimes a bit more wool is added to make it the desired weight as some is lost in the process of cleaning.

Now the end results were "four, lovely, light as a feather, clean quilts", one of which is mine. They keep us toasty warm. I can remember my Mother saying she liked them because they were so light and "didn't bend down her toes". I must confess that many in our family are getting away from them but we have some of the next generation who would have nothing else and I am glad they are keeping the tradition alive.

We have plans for another session in the fall and I am hoping I feel like helping instead of being the needle threader!

With pleasant thoughts and memories.

Until next time -

L.V.N.

QUIZ FOR THE MONTH

Fill in the proper numbers - answers are found on a back page.

1. The _____ wise men.
2. Judas and _____ pieces of silver.
3. The House of _____ Gables.
4. The Roaring _____.
5. _____ or fight.
6. A _____ flusher.
7. The _____ inning stretch.
8. "Into the valley of death rode the _____.
9. _____ in hand.
10. The _____ apostles.
11. The _____ ages of man.
12. _____ poster bed.
13. The _____ Horsemen of Apocalypse.
14. The _____ varieties.
15. _____ horse town.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on May 1, 1990. Mayor Hoffman presided and all council members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Kay Olson asked to put a driveway to the building they bought on Main Street. Carried.

Motion to allow the Fertile Community Center to be used as a restaurant. Carried.

Bid was received from Wayne Sprecket on mowing the park. Motion to accept his bid. Carried.

Motion to send letters to residents having junk or junk cars on their property. They will have 21 days to remove junk or the sheriff will be notified and fines will be levied. Carried.

Council discussed painting fire hydrants, flushing hydrants, and repairing picnic tables.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned
Janice Hare
City Clerk

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 1990 at the library.

NOTICE!!!!!!

The Fertile Community Center is open for breakfast serving eggs, French toast, pancakes, bacon, sausage, home-made bread, cookies, and rolls. Hours are 6 am to 10 am.

Come and support your center.

NOTICE!!!!!!

Personal Touch Beauty Salon will be closed for vacation June 2 - 18. Plan now for your haircuts and permanents.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

The Grant Livewires met Saturday, May 12th. There were 12 members present.

We planted flowers and a tree b. the school.

Darcey Monson gave a presentation on "How To Plan a Garden". Carrie Seglem gave a presentation on "Pillows". We ended with a game from Emily Kingsland.

Reporter Darcey Monson

No Hurry
Did you hear about the folks who retired to a hilltop home in South Dakota?
They call their place "Mount Rush-No-More."

BRIDAL SHOWER

An open house Bridal Shower for Christy Tzoylis bride to be of Greg Nedved will be held Sunday, June 10th at 2 pm at the Fertile Church of Christ dining room. A short program will begin at 2:15 pm. Everyone is welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 5th - Cubed beef, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cole slaw, bread, butter, lemon cake with lemon sauce, coffee, milk.

June 19th - Meatballs, potatoes, peas, apricot salad, strawberry short cake, bread, butter, coffee, milk.

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

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club held their Plant & Bake Sale on Tuesday, May 8th at the Fertile Community Center. The proceeds were over \$200.

Thanks to everyone who attended. Door prize winners were Alice Kingland and Ellen Lundgren.

Ethel Tuttle - Reporter

CARDS OF THANKS

A hearty thank you to Charlie Sandusky for the donated lime fill and road rock for the Fertile Little League ball diamond.

It is greatly appreciated.

The Little League Board Members

Thanks to all who rode bikes, helped with the ride, and sponsors who donated to the good cause. We collected about \$600 to send to St. Judes Childrens Research Hospital. Again thanks.

Robin Harms

expenditures

Dear Harold,

Just a quick note for the next Fertile Reminder.

Joseph and Silence (Seglem) Levang are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary at an open house for them on June 10th at Bethel Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, Mn. The open house is sponsored by their two children - Mark and Linda (Bjork). No gifts requested.

Thanks for keeping the reminder coming monthly. We enjoy it very much. It was good to have a chat with you at Mabel Elthon's funeral.

Joe and Silence (Seglem) Levang.
Class of 1930.

STORK NEWS

Michael & Melinda Bartz of rural Northwood are the parents of a baby boy born May 10th. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and has been named Adam Allen. Grandparents are Eugene & Joanne Bartz of Grafton and Allen & Marsha Berg of Fertile. Great grandparents are Vera Bartz of St. Ansgar and Earl (Toad) & Vivian Fox of Forest City.

Bentley & Jackie (Steuer) Brunsvold of Forest City are the parents of a baby boy born April 18th. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21" long. He has been named Tanner Erling and joins a brother Hunter. Grandparents are Grant & Joyce Russell of Fertile, Bob & Judy Brunsvold of Forest City, and Keith Steuer of Elmore, Mn. Great grandparents are Orville & Eva Strohman of Lakefield, Mn. and Viola Steuer of Elmore, Mn. Great Great grandparents are Olive Strohman of Lakefield, Mn.

A special "THANK YOU" to each one who participated in the Fertile 1990 Cancer Crusade, and also to each household who gave a donation. The town was well represented.

Florence Nye
Neighborhood Chairman

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| Evelyn Knudson | 240.02 |
| Cheryl Benson | 72.73 |
| David Low | 301.41 |
| Janice Hare | 264.35 |
| Cely Olson | 18.47 |
| Waste systems Corp. | 1149.40 |
| IFERS | 112.83 |
| City of Fertile | 51.00 |
| Peoples Nat. Gas | 138.68 |
| Winnebago Co-op Tele. | 222.28 |
| Feed-Rite Controls | 10.00 |
| Treas. State of Ia. | 3.30 |
| Treas. State of Ia. | 91.37 |
| First State Bank | 597.66 |
| B.M.C. | 42.88 |
| Two Days Business Center | 47.40 |
| Forest City Summit | 6.10 |
| Interstate Power Co. | 528.23 |
| Doubleday Book Club | 52.95 |
| B. Dalton | 132.21 |
| Glamour | 15.00 |
| Christian Bookstore | 36.98 |
| Dick Sheimo | 431.72 |

Total 4566.97

Receipts 20443.40

A FARMERS' WIFE

A pinch-hit farmhand without pay
Who helps with church and P.T.A.;
A seamstress, doctor, referee
Who never has much privacy;
A chauffer always in demand
Who raises orphaned pigs by hand;
A cleaning woman, cook, and maid
Who sees that all the bills are paid;
A gardener with laundry heaps
Who hasn't time for beauty sleep;
A good mechanic, dreamer, guard
Who tends the cows and mows the yard;
A nurse and reader of magazines
Who gathers eggs in old blue jeans;
A thoughtful neighbor, mom, and friend
Who votes and hopes all wars will end;
A tutor, vet, and fixer of flats
Who loves new shoes and funny hats;
A loving wife through gold and gray
Who teaches children how to pray;
All this and more is a farmers' wife
His heart, his hand, his way of life.

A smile can add a great deal to one's face value.

There is no pain medicine as effective as a mother's kiss.

I went shopping for a Dad,
 Here is what I'd buy;
 One who would always stop to
 Answer a little boy's "why?"
 One who would always speak
 kindly to a little girl or boy,
 One who would give sunshine and joy.

I'd pick a Dad that followed
 The Bible's Golden Rule,
 And one who went regularly
 To church and Sunday School,
 I'd buy the very finest Dad
 To place on our family tree -
 And then I'd try to live like him,
 So he'd be proud of me.

LIBRARY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM
 FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM
 SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON 1 PM - 4 PM

NEW BOOKS:

September - Rosamunde Pilcher
 Always and forever - Cynthia Freeman
 Outlaws of Mesquite - Louis L'Amour
 Hell raisers - Dorothy Glenn Garlock
 Golden orange - Joseph Wambaugh
 Into the darkness - Barbara Michaels

The Library Board will meet, June 4,
 at 7 PM.

The summer reading program will
 begin June 13th for children ages 4
 through 3rd grade. Will run for 5
 weeks, one hour per week. The theme
 is "Silly Dilly summer"

*****NOTICE*****

Change of Polling place for the
 Primary Election of Fertile Precinct
 Tuesday, June 5th, 1990, Fertile
 Community Center, Fertile, Iowa

4-H ON WHEELS

Williams Rhodes Park
 Fertile
 Tuesdays' 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
 June 12, 19, 26, July 2, 9

For more information call the Cerro
 Gordo County Extension Office

423-0844

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| Active Games | Boys & Girls |
| Art Activities | 8 - 13 years old |
| Building Birdhouses | \$6.00 registration |
| C R D Activities | includes t-shirt |

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

\$6.00 registration fee includes:
 4-H on Wheels t-shirt and a
 bird house

Answers to Quiz

1. three
2. thirty
3. seven
4. twenties
5. fifty-four forty
6. four
7. seventh
8. six hundred
9. four
10. twelve
11. seven
12. four
13. four
14. fifty seven
15. one

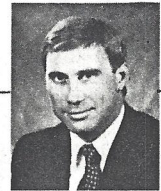
The family of Marcella Mitchell want
 to thank you for the love you showed
 our Mom while she lived in Fertile.
 Also, the children thank you for the
 many calls, food and prayers that
 were brought in. The Lord Bless You.

Betty Richardson
 Karen Hofbauer
 Charles Mitchell
 Diane Thome
 Mary Burger

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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| LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING | 797-2219 | FIRST STATE BANK | 896-2265 |
| FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE Rent the Rug Doctor | 797-2437 | BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE Delicious Food Call for reservations | 797-2647 |
| BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING | 797-2680 | OUVERSON OIL | 797-2267 |
| OLD MILL ANTIQUES | 797-2490 | GAIL'S BEAUTY SHOP | 797-2475 |
| PRONTO MARKET | 797-9698 | | |
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| WORSLEY ELECTRIC Katolight Generators Sales & Service | 797-2494 | | |
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