

The Fertile

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March 1990

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Dear Readers of The Fertile Reminder -

As these winter months seem to be passing so quickly, I hope you and yours have had a healthy winter. For the most part, it has been a good winter to be out and about. But then we have the month of March right on our heels! We all know how fickle she can be and her "weather changing mood" can change in an instant. No matter what March has in store for us, we know it won't last long and we can look forward to spring!

Now I hear the sportcasters talking of tournament time. It seems as though the football season was just over, then basketball and other indoor sports and now tournaments are just around the corner. I am certain those of us who are older can so well remember our basketball teams of years past and how we would fill the Fertile Gym to cheer our Indians on! We most certainly lost our identity when our school closed-But it is good to remember back when!

As spring draws near, we are all thinking of things we'd like to do. We think we'd like to paint our house both inside and out- perhaps hang some brightly colored wall paper or even change our color scheme! Why not? There is nothing that can give a person a lift as much as a change of scenery. And wouldn't it be nice to do something different or unexpected for someone else- perhaps a short note, share a bit of your baking with someone or even just stopping for a short visit. Why not start your changes from within yourself as well as from without?

Once again I am reminding you that The Reminder needs to hear from you if you expect to continue receiving our newsletter. As we have told you before, we do not expect to make any money on doing this but we would like to break even. Perhaps you too, have heard that postage is going up another nickel so that is an added expense to those who receive this by mail.

This past year, we have heard from less than twenty households here in Fertile and that is not a good percentage when you think that more than 140 papers are hand delivered each month! Those of us who work on the paper, enjoy doing it but in the near future if you don't receive your paper, it is because you have failed to contribute and

your name has been dropped. It is up to you!

Let's All Think Spring!

Until next time-

L.V.N.



Births

Burke and Danelle Risetter of Marshall, Mn. are parents of a baby boy born Jan. 19. He weighed 9 pounds 9 oz. and has been named Brandon Burke. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Risetter of Webster City. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wolf, Erenstine Claus, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ades of Webster City and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Risetter of Jewell.

Terry and Jody Schroder of Esterville are parents of a baby girl born Feb. 5, 1990, she weighed 7 lbs 15 Oz. Grandparents are Grant and Joyce Russell of Fertile, Keith Steuer of Elmore, Mn., Harold and Darlene Schroder of Esterville. Great Grandparents are Orville and Eva Strohman of Lakefield, Mn. and Eldean and Voila Harpestad of Elmore, Mn. and Opal Boor of Esterville, and Harry and Ann Schroder of Esterville. Great Great Grandparents are Olive Strohman of Lakefield, Mn. This is their first child.

A day in March

A warm and sunny March day can make a fool of sages, wise with spade in hand, and garden planned, he'll dig and plant, then rave and rant when fickle March winds blow and cover garden beds with snow.

As Spring's first promise fades away he vows next year he'll wait for May.



"Putzy" Post

Bonnie Beck
Postmaster



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2. as your return address
3. when ordering merchandise (by mail or phone)
4. filling out forms (school, doctor, utilities)
5. when ordering newspapers or magazines

Remember, your mail is delivered by your mailing address, not your street address. If you use another delivery service, the billing for this merchandise is still sent by your mailing address.

Take a minute to correct mailing addresses on mail that you receive. Note near your return address or your correction, that you have an address change.

Getting your correct mailing address onto your mail is not difficult. Corrections however, sometimes, takes a few months so don't give up.

Quiz for the month. This is a "Corny" game and all answers pertain to corn. Answers found on a back page.

1. Breakfast cereal
2. Fattened on grain
3. An English breed of domestic fowl
4. Nebraska
5. A meal used for breads or muffins
6. A thickening agent
7. A horn of plenty
8. Used in cake icing
9. A certified variety
10. A tasty summer vegetable
11. A favorite snack
12. Colored kernels on the ear
13. Served with cabbage

NEW BANK HOURS

Starting on 2-12-90 the First State Bank of Hanlontown will change there hours:

- 9-12 1-3 Mon-Thurs.
- 9-12 1-5:30 on Fridays

(Note that the noon hour is closed)

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

March 6: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrot salad, corn, pudding, bread, milk and coffee.

March 20: Meatloaf, baked potatoe, ple slaw, squash, sherbert, bread, milk and coffee.

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



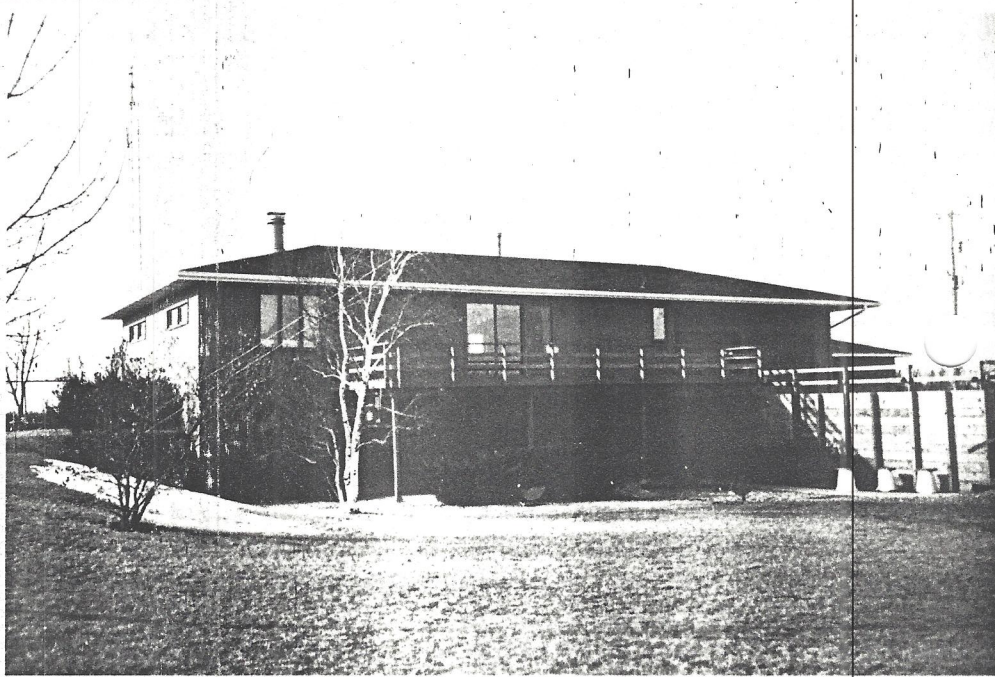
Joel Secory of Clear Lake, has taken over the American Family Ins. Agency in Fertile. Joel is a life-long resident of the area, living in Clear Lake most of his life. Joel has been in the insurance business, for three years, the last two with American Family. The office address is 912 North 8th Street West, which is on highway 18 west in the Maplewood Plaza, just east of Eddy's True Value, which is now Kramer's Hardware. Joel is in the process of contacting the people now insured by American Family, and also is trying to set up an office in Fertile. The office would be open 1 day per week to make it more convenient for servicing your accounts. Please feel free to call or stop by the office anytime. A notice will be in the Reminder concerning the office later.



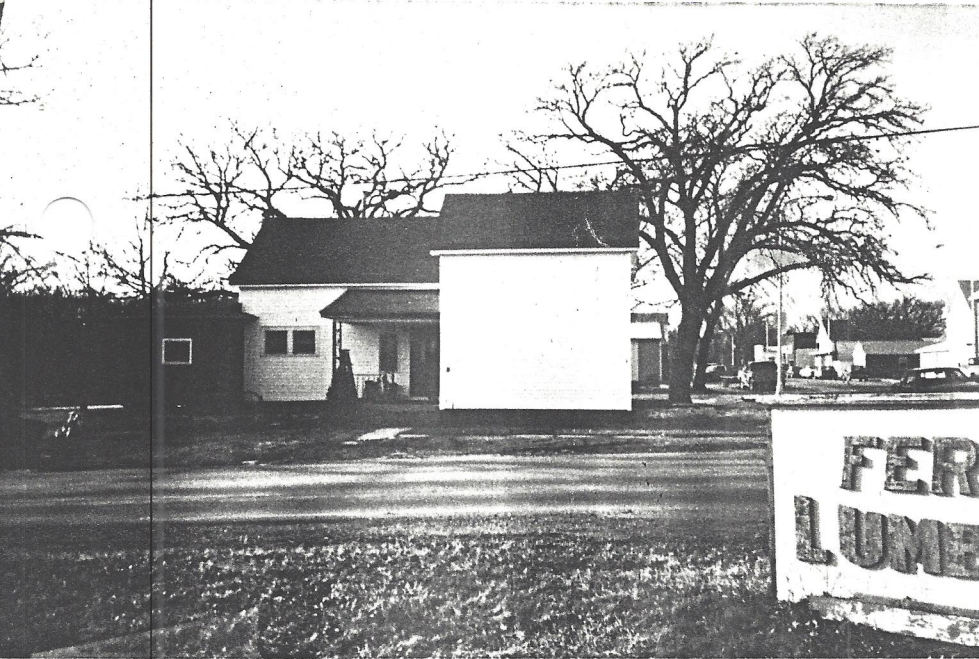
Home of Eugene and Lois Low. Built on acreage purchased from Harold and Ruth Ouverson. (site of former M.P. Ouverson home.)



Home of Tom and Nancy Sheimo and Trisca. Built on lots purchased from Harold and Ruth Ouverson farm. →



Home of Mrs. Clarence Low and Sons erected on their farm purchased from John A. Ouverson.



Remodeled home of Marve and
Kathy Brierly and family.
(former Jones home)



Fertile City Council
L to R
Jody Smith
Cliff Peterson
Jan Hare (city clerk)

Loren Hoffman (mayor)
Ray Sandifer
Craig Hansmeier
Ken Strohman

Beginning new term left to right
Ray Sandifer Jody Smith Craig
Hansmeier.

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Feb. 6 1990 with Mayor Hoffean presiding and council members Peterson, Smith and Sandifer present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dan Benson reported on a used DOT truck with blade. Motion to buy the truck at a cost of \$6,100, 2-way plow \$450, and lift cylinder \$100. Carried

Wilson Rohn for Robetelle gave a presentation on their program and requested funds for the next year.

Mayor reported on proposed grant application for work in the park. Motion to apply for the grant Carried.

Council set Tues. Feb. 27th as a special meeting to work on the budget for 1990-91.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Special meeting will be held Feb 27th. Next regular meeting will be held Tues. Mar. 6th 1990.

GRANT LIVEWIRES 4-H CLUB

The Grant Livewires met Saturday, Feb. 24th. All the 4-H members brought place settings.

Barb Lee gave a presentation on making a floor plan.

Jamie Cuverson did a presentation on how to organize your room.

Katie Anderson gave a presentation on a place setting. Then Jessica Suby gave a game. Abbey Almeliem, Nichol Midtgaard and Darcy Monsen got 4-H pins for being in 4-H for a year.

Reporter-Darcy Monsen

DUTCH DROP COOKIES

5 cups flour	2 tsp baking powder
1 cup white sugar	3 eggs
1 cup brown sugar	1 cup milk
1 cup shortening	1 tsp soda
1 tsp. salt	1 tsp vanilla

Mix well and drop by spoon onto cooky sheet. Mix together 1 box cherry flavored gelatin and 1/2 cup sugar. Moisten bottom of glass and press into jello mixture, and press on cookies. Bake 350 degrees, 10 to 12 minutes.
(this recipe was taken from an Amish cookbook)

Expenditures

Evelyn Knudson	261.07
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	264.73
Dick Sheimo	289.02
Waste Systems Corp.	738.
Ipers	128.00
Treas. - State of Ia.	94.89
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	273.43
Interstate Power Co.	582.56
Winn. Coop Tele.	35.95
Cheryl Benson	55.41
Leonard Low	50.00
Manly Ins. Agency	50.00
Tele. Com. USA	.55
Fertile Meats	158.90
Northwood Anchor	21.33
B. Dalton	138.69
Ouverson Oil	20.00
Family Circle	13.97
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Popular Science	9.97
Northwood Anchor. Co.	34.00
Larsen P&H	179.84
First State Bank	745.91
Treas. State of Ioea	26.83
Christian Bookstore	17.90
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe	6.08
Marv's	94.02
Baker & Taylor	60.
Total	4714.

Receipts 3456.14

The next distribution of surplus commodities will be Thursday Mar. 8th. The hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Commodities are green beans, flour, butter and rice.

This year, think first of someone else. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Gladden the heart of a child. Welcome a stranger. Thank God for what you are and what you have, whether it be great or small. Mend a quarrel. Give a soft answer. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize if you were wrong. Listen. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Express your gratitude to others. Pray for peace. Go to church. Love completely. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again. These are but inklings of a vast category, a mere scratching of the surface. They are simple things; you have heard them all before; but their influence has never been measured. This year, they can change your life.

Looking at main street from the bank of Lime Creek in the Spring of 1917 or 1918.



Answers to Quiz

1. Cornflakes
2. Cornfed
3. Cornish
4. Cornhusker State
5. Cornmeal
6. Cornstarch
7. Cornucopis
8. light corn syrup
9. hybred seed corn
10. Corn on the cob
11. Popcorn
12. Indian corn
13. Corned beef



First building on left is the Elthon store. Next to it is the Fertile Locker. In 1917 or 1918.

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM

FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON 1 PM - 4 PM

NEW BOOKS:

- Web of dreams - V.C. Andrews
- Until there was you - June Masters Bacher
- A place called home - Lori Wick
- Vow of silence - B.J. Hoff
- King of the night - Johnny Carson
- Whose rose garden is it anyway - Art Buchwald

The Fertile Library is participating in Open Access program where the library users can borrow directly from other Iowa Libraries. Visit the library for more information.

Moving day

March first was "moving day." Do you recall the renters, in their wagons, passing by? Their household belongings, though piled high, looked defeated, looked tired out and small.

— The drivers, too. Perhaps a man, his son with wife and younger children back among the feather beds and bureaus. Everyone knew they hadn't got a farm yet; but they clung to their dignity; they waved as they passed.

Farmers who owned the land they worked waved back across their mortgages; and felt the rack and ruin of the day, like overcast in the gray sky: another farmer gone — one left to shake his head, and struggle on.

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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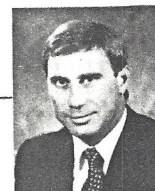
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