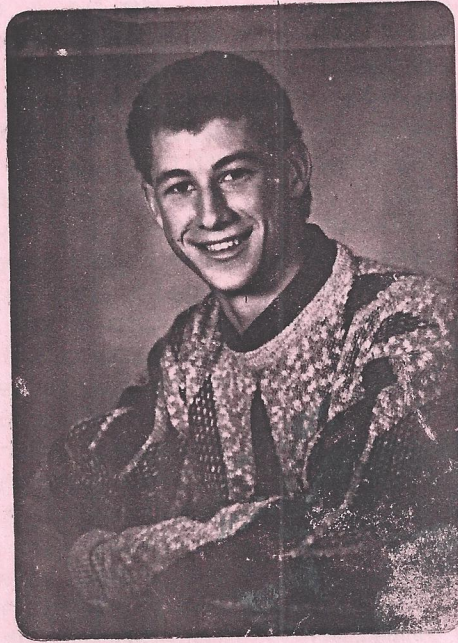
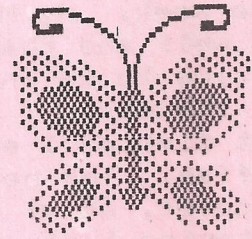
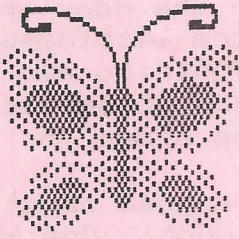
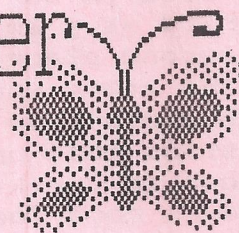
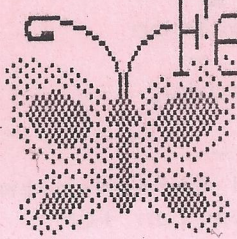


Fertile Liberty



This Month's Reminder
Honors
John Seglem

Fertile MAY Reminder
1990



Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder-

I guess old habits for me are hard to break. I find I wake up early on Sunday morning, the same as during the week. My Mother taught all of us well and that morning was the best time to do what you planned to do for the day. I find I enjoy this quiet time as I enjoy another cup of coffee. The neighborhood is dark and quiet, as of yet, the birds haven't started their singing.

I am so glad that I live in the Midwest and can enjoy watching the seasons change. We got our yard cleaned again and it is amazing how much "stuff" gathers during the winter. As of now, the grass shows only a tinge of green as it needs a good rain to wash away the winter's dirt and give it much needed moisture. I can see the start of the swelling of the buds on the trees and bushes but don't think they are too far ahead to be hurt by our cold temperatures. We are enjoying the sight of many robins and I keep watching for the "nest building" in our big maple tree in our front yard. Truly it is good to watch nature at work.

I have been thinking and remembering the summer storms we had when we were growing up. My Dad was very afraid of storms and as I remember back, I think we spent a good share of our summer nights in our dirt cellar. We would be sound asleep but when my Dad called up the "stairway" to get up we knew why! Quickly we would gather up a supply of blankets and heavy wraps as we never knew how long our ordeal would last. We had an outside cellarway and whenever possible we would go this route. My Dad would carry the lantern for light and after we were all down he would pull the door down on top of us and we couldn't hear the howling of the wind nor the crash of the thunder nor see the wicked lightning. Now I know there were mice in our dirt cellar but even as afraid as I am of them I guess they took second place to the storm. Sometimes the storm would hit suddenly and we would have to climb down the steep steps that opened through the trap door in our kitchen floor. There was much good food stored in our cellar, all tightly covered, so we could have survived for a long time. I can still see my Dad as he'd gingerly lift the outside cellar door to

check things out. Sometimes the storm hadn't let up at all and we knew our vigil would continue for quite some time - But what a relief when he would open the door and we could hear the storm letting up and the thunder and lightning was in the distance. Then back to bed and hopefully some good sleep for the rest of the night!

We have often laughed about the storm we slept through! One morning we awoke and looking out of our upstairs window we saw our old Model-T standing out exposed to the weather. This was certainly not typical of our family but the thought crossed our mind that my Dad forgotten to put it away the night before. Then we looked again and our "shed-garage" had been lifted from it's foundation and was hanging in the trees! It took a long time to live that storm down!

I guess our summer weather has changed over the years even as our winter weather has. I am glad we don't have the summer storms that I remember in my younger days but we know bad weather happens across our land and I have a special feeling for those who endure them. Truly nature can cause much havoc in the twinkling of an eye!

May each of you enjoy this spring season and truly enjoy the unfolding of each new day.

Until next time -
L.V.N.

"ALL ABOUT BLUE" QUIZ
Answers found on a back page.

1. One of Eugene Fields famous poems -
2. An old waltz tune -
3. A symbol of happiness -
4. Kentucky is noted for it -
5. Folklore murderer -
6. Award of distinction -
7. Extremely fast -
8. Architect's drawing -
9. Name of a fish -
10. An aristocrat -
11. The Yankees and Confederates
12. Colloquial expression for Melancholia -

ONE OF OUR OWN

816 West St.
Colo, IA 50056

John Seglem is to be congratulated for being part of the Forest City state basketball team. John, along with the other team members, won the conference title and took District and Substate titles. They lost in the finals of the State Tournament in Des Moines, but being the #2 2-A team in the state is a great accomplishment.

John started school in Fertile attending grades kindergarden, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd and then our school was closed. He started 4th grade in Forest City and will graduate this spring. John has taken part in Fertile's Summer Little League Program and has been shooting baskets since he was old enough to pick up the ball.

John was honored by being picked as a member of the 2nd All Conference Team and received honorable mention by the Newspaper Sportswriters. Along with his accomplishments in basketball, he lettered in baseball and football at Forest City and was chosen for the 1st All Conference Team. John will be attending college next year but is undecided as to where he will attend.

John's parents are Jim & Barb Seglem. His grandparents were the late Enos & Ella Seglem

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN

THANKS

Thanks to Eugene Hall for all the repairs he has done for the community center. Whenever we need a window fixed or some other repairs done, we call, on Gene and he always responds willingly and donates his labor.

THANKS GENE
We Appreciate It

BIKERS NEEDED!!!!!!

Bike a Thon to be held here in Fertile April 28th. Each biker will get sponsors and the proceeds will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. To get sponsor sheets and more information call Robin Harms at 797-2729.

Dear Friends in Fertile,
I do miss you and will always cherish fond memories of home and kindnesses too. I do like my home--(much smaller) and the people are receptive even if they are not "Norsk".

Happy days to all!!
Love,
Harriet Duverson

PS - It's a joy to live just a mile from my Jerry(Jarlyn)

STORK NEWS

Mike & Nancy Duverson of Worthington, IA. are the parents of a son. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and has been named Timothy Martin.
Grandparents are Harold & Ruth Duverson of Fertile.

Brenda Lee Eddy and Don Elthon of Houston, Texas are the parents of baby boy born March 8. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. and has been named Martin William. Grandparents are Eveyln Juvet of Phoenix, Arizona. David Elthon of Fertile, Rhonda Holland of Lantana, Florida, and Douglas Eddy of Forest City.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club had their first yearly meeting on Tues. Mar. 13 at the community center. Twenty members were present. A potluck dinner was served by the new officers.

The meeting was called to order by Molly Almelein, our new president and we welcomed our new member Sharri Hoffman.

After the business meeting President Almelein received the year books. Mary Anderson gave a very good lesson on pruning. A delicious lunch was served by the officers.

Ethel M. Tuttle
Reporter

MARCH BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Evelyn Knudson	235.81
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	239.35
Dick Sheimo	281.52
Waste Systems Corp.	1149.40
Ipers	123.63
Treas.- State of Ia.	85.23
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	194.76
Winn. Coop Tele.	35.50
Cheryl Benson	41.56
Cely Olson	18.47
DNR	60.00
Max Nye	3.00
Southtown Lumber	11.89
Justin Hoeft	5.00
B. Dalton	133.98
Worsley Electric	38.93
Celebration	9.95
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Redbook	11.97
Interstate Power Co.	614.24
Christian Bookstore	36.32
Midwest Living	15.57
Food N Fuel	30.00
Manly Ins. Agency	155.00
City of Hanlontown	<u>160.00</u>
Total	4053.49
Receipts	1238.02

FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS:

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

NEW BOOKS:

Masquerade - Janet Dailey
 Calling Emily Evans - Jeanette Oke
 Nightrose - Dorothy Garlock
 Man from Shadow Ridge - Brock Thoene
 There are new books for the Junior Readers and Easy Readers.

The Library Board will meet on Monday, May 7th at 7 PM.

National Library Week will be April 22 - 28. Our theme is "Visit your Library"
 We will hold open house on Saturday 28th from 1:30 - 2:30. Cookies and drink will be served.

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Apr. 4 1990 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Vision Electronics reported cable T V will be finished in Fertile within the next 2 weeks.

Fertile's request for a park grant was not approved. Proposals can be submitted again in 6 months.

Council received a bid from Stoffer Construction for street repair. Motion to seal cracks on main street and do needed street repair at the same price as 1989. Carried.

Motion to accept bid by Robert Suby on the maintainer. Carried.

City will take action against property owners who have junk cars or whose property is a nuisance.

Several water and sewer customers will be notified on delinquent accounts.

Motion to allow sheep to graze the lagoon. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare

City Clerk

Next meeting will be held on Tues. May 1, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. at the library.

NOTICE!!

All property owners in Fertile are asked to get rid of junk cars and any item on their property that is a hazard, either to others safety or that is a eyesore.

Those not complying will be notified by mail to get rid of these nuisances.

Fines will be levied in accordance with city ordinances.

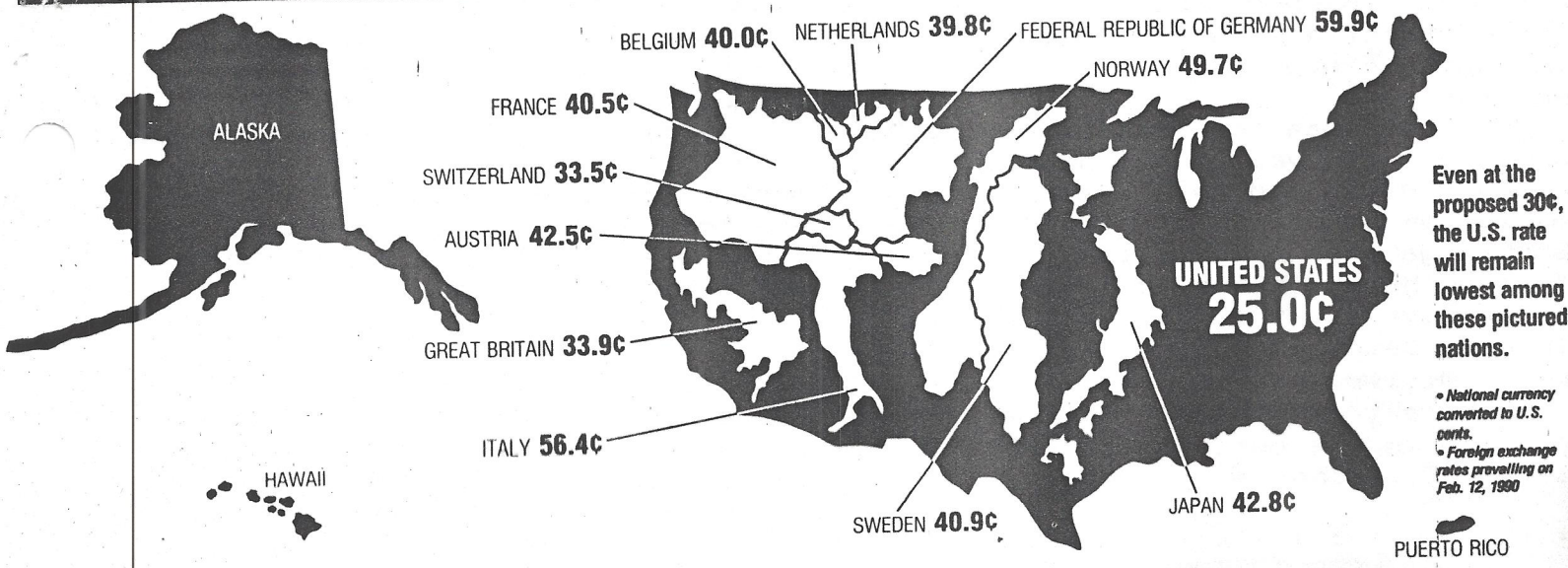
City Council

The Fertile Garden Club will hold their plant and bake sale on May 8th. Doors will open at 1:30.

No early sales. Lunch will be served and two door prizes will be drawn. Everyone is welcome.

Ethel Tuttle
 Reporter

Comparison of First-Class Rates and Service Areas/U.S. & Pictured Nations



Even at the proposed 30¢, the U.S. rate will remain lowest among these pictured nations.

• National currency converted to U.S. cents.
• Foreign exchange rates prevailing on Feb. 12, 1990

Selected retail prices compared to postage rates

Source: USA Today

	1980	1990		1980	1990
	\$10.76	\$16.64		\$3.08	\$4.60
Movie admission: 2 adults and 2 children			Roll of color film		
	\$1.21	\$1.93		\$0.75	\$1.95
Hamburger, fries, soft-drink			National magazine		
	\$0.45	\$0.87		\$0.65	\$1.57
Quart of milk			Pack of cigarettes		
	\$0.71	\$1.59		\$0.15	\$0.25*
20 oz. loaf of bread			*Proposed \$0.30 in 1991		

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- **No tax dollars** - no taxpayer funds support postal operations

NOTE!!!!!!

All donations to The Fertile Reminder should be sent to Harold Quverson Box 171, Fertile, Iowa, 50434

Articles you wish put in the paper may be sent to the same address.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

May 1 - Minute Steak, Potatoes, cauliflower, Carrot jello salad, Pie, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Milk

May 15 - Turkey, Mashed potatoes, Dressing, Corn, Cucumber salad, Bread & Butter, Pudding, Coffee, Milk

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

LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UP

Sign up for little league May 3rd 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the community center.

If you have uniforms, bring them with you when you sign up so we know for sure where they are. Cost is \$10.00 for one kid, \$15.00 for 2 kids, and additional kids will be \$1.00 per kid. Pay when you sign up!!!!!!

WANTED - Small Freezer for the ball diamond. Call 797-2223

FOR SALE

Large - Wing-back chair
Early American Scenic Print
Very good condition \$75.00-797-2785

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club met at the community center with 19 members present.

Rollcall was answered by naming a flower with your first name initial.

Fern Midtgaard gave a very good lesson on companion planting. Linda Shehan gave an informative talk on "flower beds - start to finish". Doris Novak gave the thought for the day. The hostesses were Fern Midtgaard and Penny Miller.

Our next meeting will be May 9th at 1:30 and is our plant and bake sale. Everyone is welcome.

ANSWERS TO THE "BLUE" QUIZ

1. Little Boy Blue
2. Blue Skirt Waltz
3. Bluebird
4. Bluegraass
5. BlueBeard
6. Blue Ribbon
7. Blue Streak
8. Blueprint
9. Bluegill
10. Blue Blood
11. The Blue and The Gray
12. The Blues

Home of kenneth, Randa, Shelley, Holly and Tyler Lundgren. Built by Keith Sheimo, and later owned by Louis Kraakevik.



THANK YOU !!!

We would like to thank all of the businesses that participated in the Easter Egg Hunt in the park.

Approximately 125 people attended.

A special thank you to Dee Ann Monson for advertising and to Tom and Trisca Sheimo, Leonard Low, Leverage Nelson and Larry Shropshire for hiding the eggs.

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who remembered us with cards, gifts, or flowers for our 50th Anniversary.

You made the day very special for us. THANK YOU!!!!

Adolph & Silence Stokke Johnson



Home of Cletus, Carolyn and Greg Nedved. Built in the early '70'



CLASS of 1926
 FERTILE HIGH SCHOOL

Clockwise: Rueben Rodberg, Pearl Johnson, Bernard Circutt, LeRoy Adamson, Earl Humphrey, Lenys Hill, Ivan Deuel, Helen Humphrey, Vera Westcott, Leo Oswald, Floyd Westcott, Alton Sanderson. Center: left, Horace Kirk, right, Clark Fankell

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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