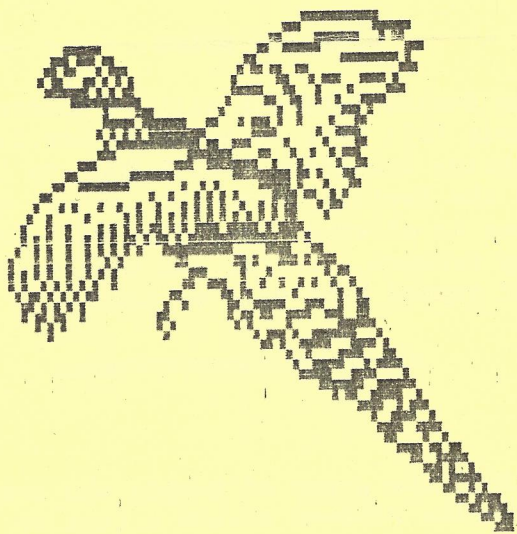


November 1990

FERTILE
REMINDER



Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder-
The frost is on the pumpkin this morning as I am writing this to you. The frost seems to have held off longer than usual in our area. Having had fair warning, I hope you were able to salvage things that you had outside and weren't quite ready to part with for the season!

As you probably know, I have been having radiation treatments every day for the past month in Mason City and I don't know how much longer at this time. As we go on our way every day, we have certainly been able to watch the familiar places change from day to day as each day brings a change in the surroundings. In the mornings when we go, we have seen entire fields of corn and soy beans standing intact and when we come back home big inroads have been made and the next day the fields are bare and look as though they had never produced a crop. And the beautiful colors of the trees and bushes! The brilliant red of the sumac, the gold of the maples, the rust of the oaks, and in between the brilliant green of the evergreens. Truly - autumn paints a beautiful picture - And aren't you glad you live in the Midwest where you can watch the changes from day to day!

As you get this Reminder, another Halloween will nearly have come and gone. However, I am reminded one Trick and Treat I was involved in, which has given our family a good laugh over the years. This was in my younger years when I was in my "prime of life".

Ainme Nye and Myna Smith were the telephone operators at this time and as Halloween fell on a Saturday the office was more than hectic with calls coming in and going out on the switchboard and the hordes of youngsters coming for their treats - way back then it was nothing to have a hundred youngsters show up. Anyway about nine in the evening, I decided to call on Myna as she was at the switchboard alone. I draped a sheet about me, borrowed Mary Ann's mask and set out. When I opened the door and in a changed voice said, "Trick or Treat" she threw up her hands in utter disgust and she informed me she had so many "visitors" that she had nothing left to give. I tried to console her by calling her a poor old lady but that only added to her disgust and

finally she threw a nickel at me and told me to go! In my changed voice. I told her I couldn't take her money when she finally said, "Who are you anyway? Haven't you been here before?" Finally, I couldn't keep my identity any longer and removed my mask and what a good laugh we had! Every Halloween I think of this.

Each year our line of treaters seems to grow smaller and smaller. There are the usual timid knocks on our door by the little ones decked out in their finery. And then there are the bigger ones who can hardly wait to be on their way to the next place for more loot. I have my goodly supply of treats on hand and hope a good dent is made in the treats.

As I close for this time, I want to thank our families and friends both near and far who have remembered us in so many ways during these difficult weeks. For the prayers, for the well wishes, for calls, for gifts of food, for mail and other expressions of love. How wonderful it is to live in a small caring community.

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving this year. It is a beautiful time of the year when we think with grateful hearts of our families and friends and our fields. It is a time when we especially appreciate our many blessings and give thanks.

May you and yours have a "Blessed Thanksgiving"!

Until next time -
L.V.N.

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RISE AND SHINE

The Senior Citizens will be holding their Fall Fair on Saturday Oct. 27th serving breakfast from 6:00am to 12:30pm at the Fertile Community Center. A full Menu is offered. They also will be selling produce, crafts, and bake sale. Orders for canned beef will be taken.

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Join the group of people who are tying Yellow Ribbons around a tree to show their concern for the crisis in the gulf.

Center

Cleaning Day at the community will be Wed. Nov. 7th from 10 am until ??.

Also 7 PM until ??

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

NOV. 6TH - Cubed beef over mashed potatoes, squash, cole slaw, lemon cake with lemon sauce, bread, butter, milk, coffee.

NOV. 20TH - Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberry salad, pie, bread, butter, milk, coffee.

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

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

"GUEST DAY"

The Fertile Garden Club met Tuesday Oct. 9th at the community center. Roll call was answered by introducing their guest. Elaine Hall gave a lesson on pressing flowers and showed us several pictures of pressed flowers she made.

FERTILE'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

The Fertile Annual Craft Fair will be held Nov. 17th at the Fertile Comm. Center from 9 am until 2 pm. Lunch will be served in the dining room.

STORK NEWS

Rich & Kim Zirbel of Armstrong are the parents of a baby girl born October 2, 1990. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and has been named Jenna Katherine.

FERTILE'S ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER SAT. NOV. 10th AT THE FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER SERVING FROM 5-7:30PM MENU - TURKEY, DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVEY, CORN, CRAN-BERRIES, ROLLS, HOME MADE PIE, COFFEE, AND COLD DRINK. ADULTS \$5.50 CHILDREN \$2.50 All proceeds go to help support the community center.

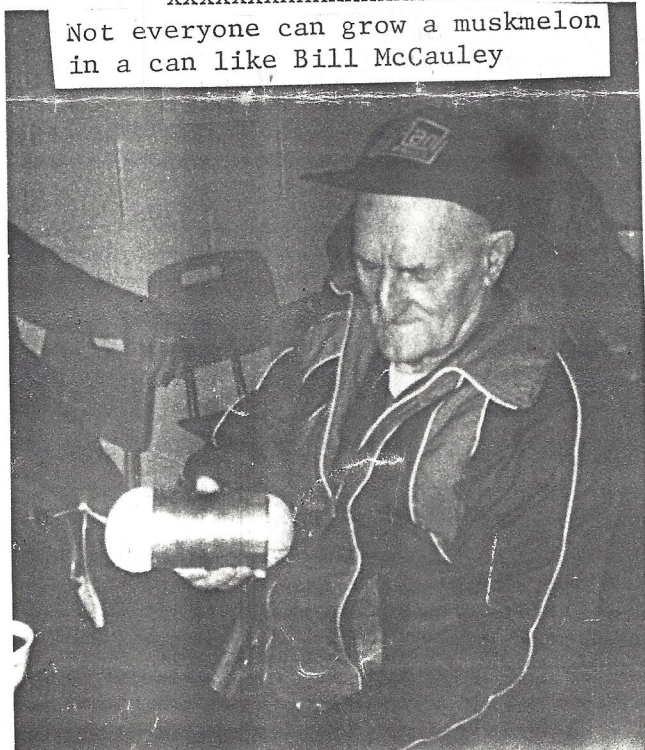
"When thou hast eaten and artfull, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God in not keeping His commandments... And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But though shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is he who giveth thee power to get wealth. Deuteronomy 8:10-18

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The holiday season is soon approaching. There are many new products and gift ideas from AVON. If interested in looking through a book or placing a order, feel free to contact me. Denise Eischeid 797-2471 anytime.

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Not everyone can grow a muskmelon in a can like Bill McCauley





CHECK IT OUT

Thanks to everyone who participated in the library survey. Your interest is appreciated. A summary of results will be made public in a later column.

The new fax machine is available to anyone who needs this service. The cost per page (incoming and outgoing) is \$2.00 anywhere in the continental U.S. International faxes (including those to Alaska and Hawaii) will have a fee of \$2.00 per page with the user billed for the difference between the actual cost and the fee. Cheryl can help you with this.

Did you know that this library subscribes to about 32 magazines? Any of the magazines may be checked out of the library. Some of the magazines are: Popular Mechanics, Field & Stream, Consumer Reports, Celebration, Ideals, National Geographic, Highlights, and Reader's Digest. We have magazines for people of all ages and interests. Come in and check it out!

The library is open:

WEDNESDAY 1:00- 8:00
FRIDAY 1:00- 5:00
SATURDAY 9:00- noon
1:00- 4:00

Do you ever need to type letters or school reports? The library has an electric typewriter which may be checked out for one week and a \$5.00 returnable deposit. The computer may be used in the library. Don't forget the pictures either! The Polaroid camera is here for you to use.

Cheryl has added Disney's video The Little Mermaid to the collection. This is a fun movie for the entire family.

Hurry while there is still time to buy withdrawn books and pictures at the BOOK SALE. You won't find lower prices anywhere. All the proceeds go to update our library's book collection. The old movie projector has also been added to the sale.

Stop in, browse a bit, and ...
Check it out!!

by Celeste Christensen

The next library board meeting is Thurs. Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m.



"Putzy" Post

There is a little nip in the air, reminding us that the holiday season is not all that far away.

United States Postal Service

If you have loved ones over-seas now is not only the time to be buying those holiday gifts. Now is the time that you should be getting those gifts in the mail.

OVER-SEAS MAIL DEADLINES FOR CHRISTMAS '90

SURFACE RATE (This is the most economical)

Africa, Australia, Far East, Middle East, Southeast Asia, Central & South America

International October 1
Military November 1

Caribbean, Europe

International November 1
Military October 15

AIR PARCELS & PRIORITY

Africa, Australia, Middle East, Southeast Asia
November 16

Caribbean, Europe, Far East, Greenland, Central & South America
December 1

AIR LETTERS & CARDS

Middle East, Southeast Asia
November 20

Africa, Australia, Caribbean, Europe, Far East, Greenland, Central & South America
December 1

Mail now to save money on that postage, because mailing over-seas air mail is costly if the package weighs even a few ounces.

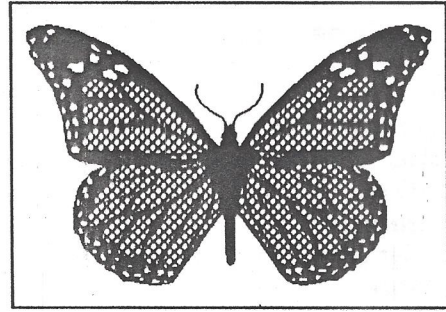


HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!
Bonnie Beck
Postmaster



Grandma

Who will take Grandma? Who will it be?
All of us want her--I'm sure you'll agree,
Let's call a meeting--let's gather the clan,
In such a big family there's certainly one
Willing to give her a place in the sun!



Strange how we thought she'd never wear out,
But see how she walks, it's arthritis, no doubt.
Her eyesight is faded, her memory's dim.
She's apt to insist on the silliest whim.
When people get older they become such a care!
They must have a home, but the question is where?

There were other days when she used to be spry,
She baked lots of cookies and made her own pie!
She helped us with lessons and tended our seams--
Kissed away troubles and mended our dreams,
Wonderful Grandma! We all loved her so!
Isn't it dreadful, she's no place to go?

One little corner is all that she'd need,
A shoulder to cry on and something to read--
A chair by the window with the sun coming through,
Some pretty spring flowers, still covered with dew.
Who'll warm her with love so she won't mind the cold?
Oh! Who will take Grandmother, now that she's old?

What! Nobody wants her? Oh, yes there is One
Willing to give her a Place in the sun--
Where she won't have to worry or wonder or doubt--
And she won't be our problem to bother about--
Pretty soon now, God will give her a bed,
But who'll dry our tears when dear Grandma is dead?

Original Poem

By: Verna OUVerson (90 years young)

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SEPT BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Meeting adjourned
Janice Hare
City Clerk

David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	239.73
Waste Systems Corp.	1176.84
IPERS	130.84
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	38.33
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	34.21
Dick Sheimo	473.04
Cheryl Benson	396.64
Treas. State of Ia.	97.49
Cely Olson	13.15
House of Sports	7.24
MVTL	10.00
Interstate Power Co.	610.71
Baker & Taylor	21.28
Cornerstone Book & Gift	41.70
Ideal	19.95
Worsley Electric	1328.64
Airway Lawn Service	200.00
Virtue	13.95
G & H Motor Parts	6.08

Total - 5,219.93

Total Receipts 10,255.96

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Oct. 2nd, 1990. With Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Hansmeier, Smith, and Peterson present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report on the blade for the city. Winnebago hasn't decided yet if they want to sell any blades.

Census Bureau has received preliminary report from city on disputed census count.

Gary Anderson discussed the water drainage problem in the ditch by his home. County Engineer will furnish the maintainer to do the re-shaping of the ditch there.

Request received from Dean Haugen to ask permission to tear down old garage on property on state street and build a new garage two feet further east. Motion to allow request. Carried.

Motion to approve the road use tax report as prepared. Carried

Discussion on culverts. Motion to make sure any work done on your property be cleared with the city before work is done and also to make sure it complies with all city ordinances. Carried.

Motion to pay the monthly bills. Carried.

Next regular council meeting will be held Tues., Nov. 6th at 7 pm at the library.

FOR SALE

15 inch studded snow tires-like new. 797-2733

Sheila Overson



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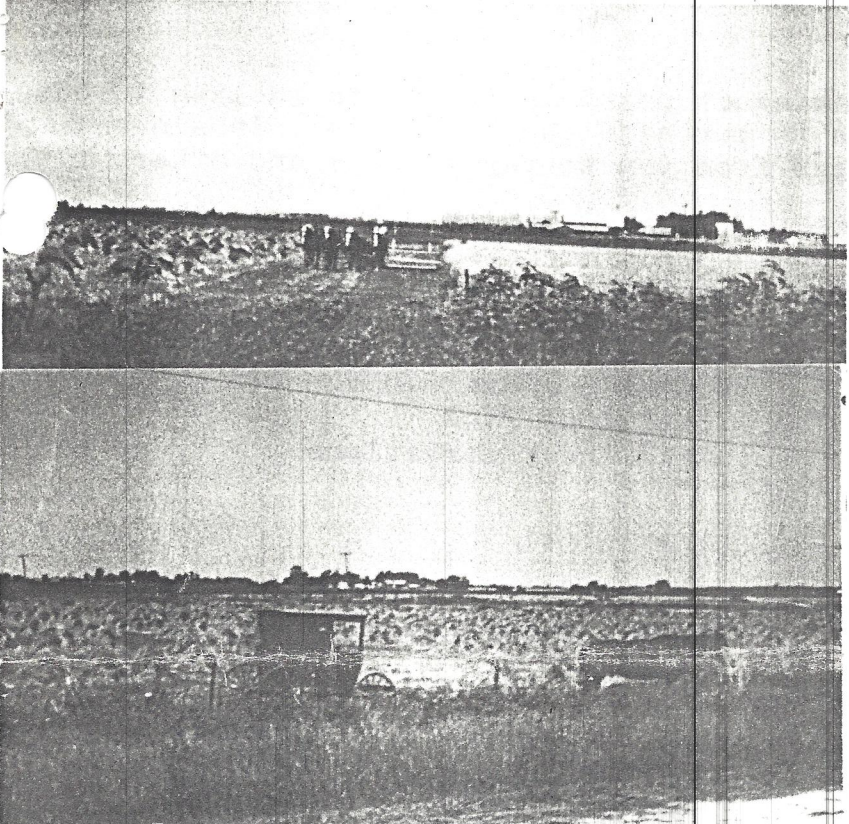
MAJ DAKIN

Tammie Kin

Dorie OLSON

The high school youth from the Church of Christ planted a tree this fall in memory of Andy Elthon. As we watch this tree grow, may we always remember the zest he had for life and all the caring he gave to his family and friends.

He will be missed by all.



Open House Bridal Shower for Tami Hall, bride elect of Daniel Horner, on Sunday Nov. 18, from 2 to 4 at the Fertile Church of Christ.

Feb 1936

Worst in 116 Years

The Globe-Gazette presents here pictures taken during this winter in North Iowa—the worst in 116 years, according to records. Three complete tieups of transportation, continued sub-zero weather, acute fuel shortages in many towns, loss of much time in schools, delays of mail for many days on rural routes and drifts as deep as 25 feet were characteristics of the season.

DOES THIS BRING BACK MEMORIES?



PHEASANT LOSS HEAVY—Hundreds of pheasants perished although farmers and sportsmen saved many. Jack Stevens, conservation officer, is shown examining dead birds picked up near Mason City.

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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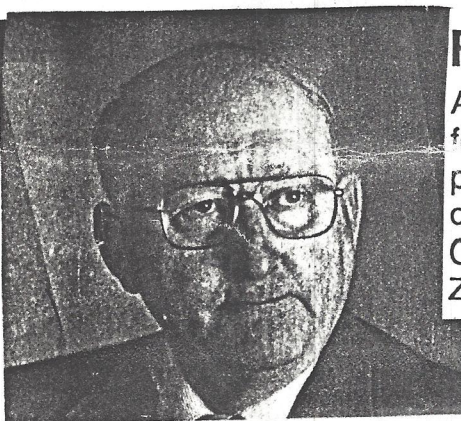


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