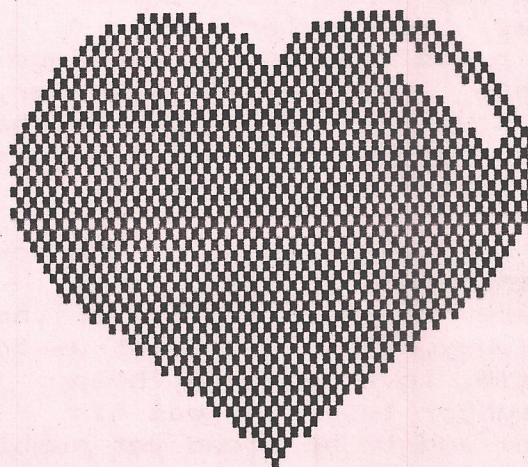
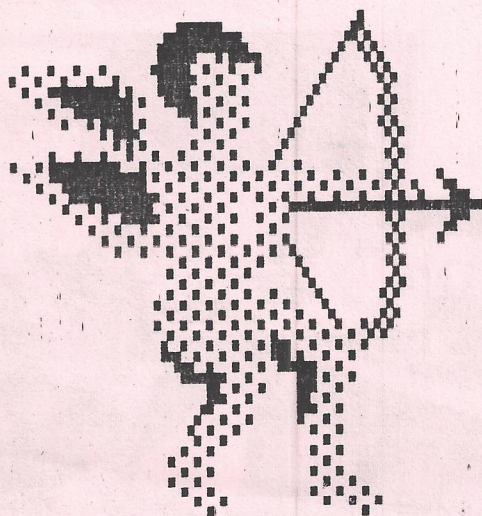


FERTILE
REMINDER

FEBRUARY
1991



A MAN WITH NO NAME BUT HAD A BIG HEART

When I was about 8 years old, I spent most of the summer at my Grandpa's and Grandma's. And this joy was shared or rotated with my brother.

During the summer we would help with the farm chores such as milking cows, feeding beef cattle, and pigs. Hay bailing time would come about three times a summer and this man taught us how to bail hay. Of course, we were too young to drive a tractor, but we did anyway. He would get us started straight down the windrow, but we were too short to reach the clutch, so he would jump off the hay rack, jump on the tractor and turn the corner, off the tractor and back on the hay rack once again. He never complained about our driving (of course he gave us a dirty look when we made a direct hit in a fox hole with the hay rack wheel).

Farming was different back then. A group of farmers would work together on one man's field then move to the next farmer's field until all was completed. Being 8 or 9 years old, he made you feel like one of the men.

Back at the home farm, lived grandpa, grandma, and his brother. Relatives from all around flocked to their farm like ants to honey. All guests were treated with love, unmatched anywhere in the world. Life was always exciting. I remember several times when other relatives and this man would gather chicken eggs for Grandma and bring them to the house. Well, the result was somewhat disastrous. One would threaten the other and grandma would say, "You wouldn't dare." You can guess the result, one huge egg fight. After the fun was over, Grandma never even got mad. Another custom in the home was all new guests were initiated into the cattle water tank.

This man never taught us the so-called important things of this world like reading, writing, arithmetic making money, etc. He taught us to enjoy life, love everyone, help your neighbor (everyone was his neighbor) and to be proud yet humble. Money didn't mean much to him.

His brother has the same loving heart, only his brother's was milder and patient.

Candy bars were always in the

front seat of his pickup but if he was out of candy he would take you up town to get some.

The reason I put A Man with No Name is because a lot of people didn't know his real name. They called him what he was "Buddy". He lives in the hearts of everyone who met him. Buddy never married, but had more so-called adopted children than you could count. Buddy babysat and loved to do it. He loved all children. He never would take money for it and made you feel you were insulting him for offering it.

When winter would come he would go around and blow snow from driveways and lanes. This doesn't sound special except he did this without telling anyone or taking money for it. He would drive miles to help anyone do anything. In the past, he drove quite a lot.

Buddy was the jack-of-all trades. He did dishes, cleaned, cut wood, farm work and the list goes on. Many generations of children have been influenced by this man. Even on the day he died, he was playing with children.

Two days before he died, he was teasing his great niece and asked if we would take his picture when he kissed her and put it in the Fertile Reminder. We granted his wish.

God was good to Buddy because he never suffered. His heart was always big and it gave up 12-26-90. May God bless him as he blessed others.

A Friend of Buddy



THANK YOU

Thank you to our friends and neighbors for the food, cards, prayers and thoughtfulness shown us at the loss of our brother "Buddy". It helps to know so many cared and shared our loss.

Gene and Lois

We wish to thank all of our friends, relatives, and neighbors for the food, memorials, cards, flowers, their sympathy, and love during our time of grief. To the staff of Mercy Hospital, Dr. Orton, Randy and Denise Eischeid, Harold and Ruth Oувerson, Forest City Ambulance, and the Fertile Rescue Unit, Rev. Denny Ganz for his comforting prayers, and the ladies of the Fertile Church of Christ for the lunch served after the services. Also, to the community for the use of the community center to serve the lunch. The family would also like to express their love and gratitude to Dano Morf and the Ward-Van Slyke Funeral Home. God bless each one.

The Family of Leonard "Buddy" Low

FOND MEMORIES

Our sympathy goes out to the many families who have lost loved ones in the past few months.
Margaret Purcell Oswald
Dorothy Davis Fox
William H. Zobel
Jenny Jorgenson-

Minnie Oppedahl
David Brue-son of Stanley & Erma Brue

Glenn Purcell
Augie Luther
Evelyn Humphrey Luker
Wesley Pederson
Naomi Felland Hope
Ruth Johnson Muth
Leonard "Buddy" Low
Jon Larson (grandson of Iva Miller Schuler)
Loretta Nye-wife of Norman Nye

Even when a marriage is made in heaven, the maintenance work has to be done here on earth.

THANK YOU

Thank you from the Fertile Community Center to Worsley Electric for donating and installing a circuit breaker panel board. Also to Larsen Plumbing and Heating for donating and installing a new water heater. This is all greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Ethel Tuttle and Roger and Vera Humphrey for sending a memorial gift in memory of Lorreta Nye to the Fertile Reminder. They told us they enjoyed Loretta's articles so very much. We will all miss her contributions.

She not only wrote the letter every month but also found all of the sayings, poems, and cartoons for us and until her last illness, helped staple the paper together for mailing each month.

UPDATE

We are updating our mailing list for the reminder. All names that did not send a donation in 1990 will be deleted because of the cost of mailing. We are sorry to have to do this, but the expenses are high.

WANTED

Do you have extra rhubarb in your freezer you could donate to the community center for jam? Call Ruth or bring it to the center. 797-2267.

Wanted: Chest type freezer - cheap for the community center.
Phone: 797-2424 or 797-2267.

FOOD FOOD FOOD FOOD FOOD

Come and eat breakfast, morning coffee or noon lunch at the Fertile Community Center. Hours are 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Volunteers to help would be very welcome. Profit after expences goes to support the center.

CPR

There is interest in having a CPR class given to area people. The class will last four to six hours, one time. If anyone is interested, please contact *Betty at 896-2445 or Penny at 797-2704 for more details.



CHECK IT OUT

Winter is a good time to "catch up" on your reading. The library has just the right book for you. Come on in and check it out.

We have recently acquired many westerns in a trade with the Hanlontown Library. The Forest City has given Fertile's library many Harlequin romance novels. If westerns or romance novels are among your favorites, you will certainly want to see what we have now. If your taste runs to inspirational Christian reading, you will find a good selection at the library. In fact, if you are looking for a particular book that is not in our library, we can locate a copy and have it sent to Fertile. If you are interested in reading something brand new, consider these newly purchased books for adults: Vital Signs (Cook), Rachel (Borntrager), Princess Diana's Diary (Morton), Dances With Wolves (Costner), No Greater Love (Ellis), and Dawn (Andrews). Among the new junior fiction books are three by Pascal: The Carnival Ghost, Amy Moves In, and Jessica the Babysitter.

Beginning on Saturday March 9, there will be a "once-a-month" storytime from 10:00-10:30 a.m. Cheryl and Sarah invite all interested children to come!

Thinking ahead a little, Cheryl would like some volunteers to help out with the summer reading program. Please give her a call if you are interested.

We have more new children's cartoon videos that can be checked out for a week.

The library is open:

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

A good book is waiting for you at the library. All you need to do is to come in and check it out! by Celeste Christensen
The next library board meeting is Jan. 31, 7:00.

He's Free
(In memory of Buddy Low)

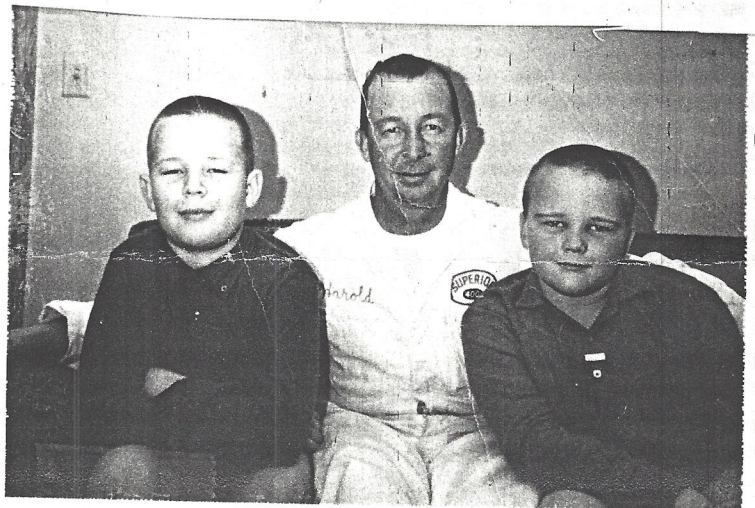
Don't grieve for him, for now he's free
He's following the path God laid you
see

He took his hand when he heard the call
He turned his back, and left us all.
He could not stay another day, to
laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
He found peace at the end of the day.
Oh how his parting has left a void,
But we will try to fill it with
remembered joys.
Friendships shared, a laugh or two,
his many pranks,
Oh yes, for these things we give
thanks.

So be not burdened with times of
sorrow,
He would wish for us, the sunshine of
tomorrow.
His life was full, he savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved
ones touch.

His 59 years seemed all to brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue
grief.

Lift up your hearts and peace to
thee,
God wanted him now. He set him free



Happy Birthday
from
R. B. C.

75 yrs old Dec. 19
39 yrs old Jan. 21
40 yrs old Jan. 25

Expenditures

David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	239.73
Waste Systems Corp.	1231.90
IPERS	122.99
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	195.19
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	130.54
Dick Sheimo	321.52
Cheryl Benson	259.92
Treas. State of Ia.	118.05
Cely Olson	11.54
Mary's	120.52
Sarah Richard	64.00
Interstate Power Co.	346.62
Target	51.45
Demco	77.61
Fertile Lmbr & Hdwe.	8.35
Cornerstone Book & Gift	46.55
Family Circle	27.97
Cheryl Benson	35.28
Consumer Report	30.00
Des Moines Register	22.75
Ingram	44.16
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Fertile Reminder	180.00
Baker and Taylor	231.00
Loren Hoffman	400.00
Ray Sandifer	180.00
Ken Strohman	135.00
Craig Hansmeier	165.00
Cliff Peterson	135.00
Jodie Smith	180.00
Fertile Comm Center	480.00
US Postal Service	137.50
Allen Berg	128.00
Eugene Hall	64.00
Henry Thompson	72.00
Larry Shropshire	64.00
Jerry Nye	72.00
Harold Miner	24.00
Postmaster	50.00

Total 6,566.55
 Total Receipts 8,997.14

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Jan. 2nd, 1991 with council members Smith, Peterson, Sandifer, & Stohman present

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Library board reported touch tone phones are installed in the library. Discussion on their 1991-92 budget and the need to update their encyclopedias for accreditation as a library to receive grants.

Council received one bid of \$300 from Harold Miner. Motion to accept bid. Seconded. Carried.

City received a letter from the Census Bureau. They will accept corrected count submitted by the City.

Discussion on snow removal.
 Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.
 Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
 City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be held Tues., Feb. 5th at the library.

BIRTHS

Mark and Carole Haston are the parents of a baby girl born Dec. 20. She weighed 7 pounds and has been named Ashley Nicole. She joins two brothers Robert and Anthony. Grandparents are Eugene and Lois Low of Fertile, and a Great-Grandmoter- Luella Low of Fertile.

Mark and Denise Bang are the parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 10. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and has been named Morgan Marie. Grandparents are Darrell and Marilyn Bang and Jerrel and Judy Reed of Wisc.

Chris and Darla Bowers of Dresser, Wisc. are the parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 14. She weighed 5 pounds 8 ounces and has been named Caitlyn Julia. Grandparents are Darrell and Marilyn Bang.

NOTICE

Personal Touch Beauty Salon will be closed for vacation Jan. 18-28.

RTA

On January 19 Winnebago RTA customers may tear all blue perforated pages from their RTA directory.

Saturday, January 19, at 12:01 a.m. RTA crews will begin connecting rural Forest City customers to a new digital telephone switch. During the conversion process there could be short service interruptions. At the time of conversion, rural Winnebago RTA customers will be assigned a new telephone prefix of 581 (Example- 581-XXXX).

Pray for peace in the Mideast.

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.

LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2219
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE 797-2437
BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2680
OLD MILL ANTIQUES 797-2490
PRONTO MARKET 797-9698
MARV'S SERVICE, 797-2677
Batteries & tune-ups
RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES 797-2681
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Complete Livestock Needs
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