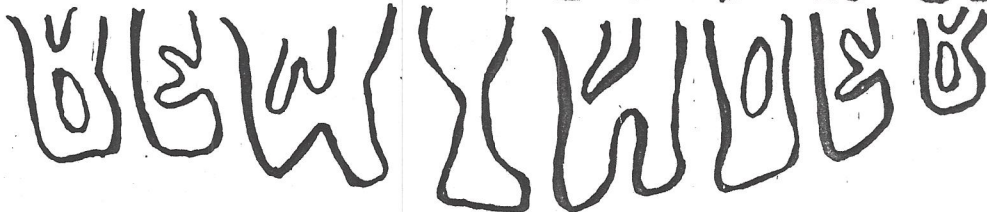


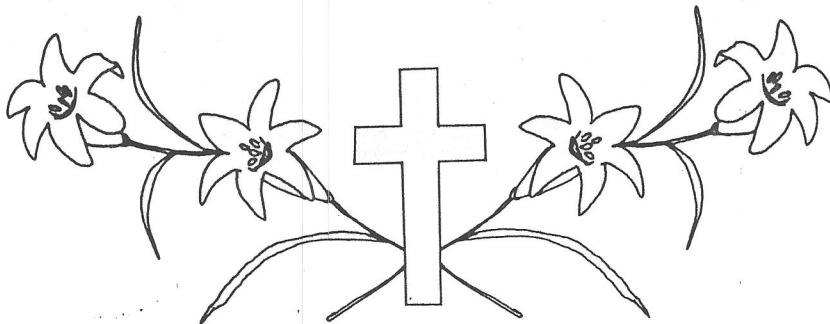
FERTILE



REMINDER



April 6	7:00	Firemen's Meeting
April 7	7:00	Council Meeting
April 7	12:00	Senior Citizen's Dinner
April 11	5:00-7:00	Little League Soup Supper
April 14	1:00	Fertile Garden Club Line Creek Nature Center Mason City, Iowa
April 23	7:00	Library Board Meeting
April 18	1:00	Girls 4-H Club Meeting
	1:00	Boys 4-H Club Meeting
April 21	12:00	Senior Citizen's Dinner
April 24	5:00-7:00	Fish & Chicken Supper Fertile Community Center
June 13		Fertile Alumni Banquet



Happy

Easter!

This century is coming to a close, and there have been the greatest inventions and discoveries since our country was founded. What do you consider the greatest invention? I think electricity. Think of what it gives us.

The first thing I can remember was a man cutting the grain with a scythe and laying it in winrows. Two men tied it with the straw and shocked six bundles in a shock and one on top.

Then the harvester came in. It was pulled by four horses. It cut the grain, tied it in bundles and kicked it off for men to shock. Then it was ready for the threshing machine. Now there are the combines that cuts the grain, threshes it and runs it into a wagon box pulled by a modern tractor equiped with a heater and an air conditioner, a radio and many have a phone. And the grain is hauled to the elevator if the farm doesn't have a dryer. The straw is ready to bail. No threshers to feed and most of the grain haulers go to a cafe to eat.

The farms usually were small, 80 or 120 acres, all the machinery was so small and drawn by horses. The farmer thought when they got in the field early in the morning and worked until supper time, their horses had pulled a piece of machinery long enough for one day. The ground had to be disced, dragged, planted and dragged again and with horses, this took time. Nowadays a very large field can all be done in one day, no tired horses. The big machinery is all tractor pulled.

Back when there was a few settlers, there was the pony express. A man riding a horse took the mail so many miles and a man stood ready with a fresh saddled horse and the rider exchanged horses and rode on to the next horse that was ready for him. That was the way mail was distributed over the country. Later as little towns sprung up, a wagon with a top on it, like our vans, pulled by four horses and driven by two men, carried the mail and passengers from one town to another. They were often held up and robbed and some were killed. It was not always by Indians, sometimes it was white men too!

Then in the early 1920's, a post office was established at Clear Lake. There was a man there who took the out-going mail to the train and brought the mail from the train to the post office. There were carriers that took all the mail on his route and delivered it. His route was as large as he could make in a day. Ted Winn was our carrier and Dad would blanket, feed and water his horses and Mr. Winnie would come in for a quick hot meal. He never left the mail in the cutter, he always brought it in and hung it on the back of his chair. You know how the mail is delivered nowadays, sometimes it takes several days for a letter to go 150 miles. They still have rural route carriers, but they go in cars and most of them finish their routes in a little over half a day. If a snow storm blocks the road they don't go 'til the next day. The saying, "The mail must go through", don't hold true anymore.

When we moved here in 1930, there was no place to keep food cool. Some places had cellars, but those in the east end of town had water in them. Shortly after we moved here, Bud Jenkins started to deliver ice. There were many ice boxes sold. And just a short time after the ice box had become so handy the refrigerator came on the market. When we first came here there was no electric lights. There was a cord hanging down from the ceiling with a bulb on the end of it. What a joy it was to come home after dark and keep swinging your hand around until you hit that cord. We bought the place shortly after we moved here and that was our first project, to get wall switches.

Then there was the range for the kitchen. You had to learn whether it would take a small piece of coal or one corn cob to finish baking your cake. The stove in the living room burned large pieces of wood or coal. You had to get up in the night and "Throw another log on the fire", take the plants out of the window, but there were no water pipes to freeze up.

In 1939 Carl Sheimo was in the hardware store and he took the salesmanship for a new stove. It burned Philgas and again Bud Jenkins delivered that. The tanks were fastened on the outside of the house. That called for a different heater and furnace were put in, and are mostly run by natural gas.

Did you ever stand on a well platform and pump water for a herd of cattle and several horses? Well, if you never have, I'll tell you it's not any fun. I usually had help, there were two of us and sometimes three. The most disgusting part was to have the tank nearly pumped full and to have all the stock come to drink. They were not a bit polite about it, and when they got through drinking we had to start pumping again to leave the tank full. This went on for some time, and what a happy day it was when the Windmill came on sale. They couldn't keep them in stock fast enough for the farmers. Dad happened to get one of the first ones and he brought it home and got it put up. What a happy day when it pumped the tank full of water. But now and then it would play a joke on us and leave the trough empty. For if you remember there are days in the summer when there isn't a breeze. Then it was to hook the handle to the pump and start filling the trough. We would keep it hooked up and turned on and watch for the slightest breeze to turn the windmill wheel. They lasted until the farmer decided to sell off all the stock. The machinery got so large and the farms were so much larger and it was all done by tractors. No horses to get tired and they wanted to work late and not have milk cows to bother with, so the tank of water was forgotten. Then after several years the windmills became a risk. People were afraid of them falling on barns, machinery or something important, so they were taken down and an electric motor used to pump what water was needed.

And the wind walked o'er the waters and turned the mills, and talked to it's self, on top of the hills.

To be continued
Violet



The Grant Livewires 4-H Club met February 15 at the Fertile Community Center. Roll call was "One Thing You Do Well".

Megan Levad told us about Officer Training School she attended.

Emily Evans, Bridget Anderson, Katie Evans, Emily Suby and Laura Lovik attended a 4-H swim party for 4-H members at Clear Lake.

February 22 we are having a bake sale to raise some money for our club.

Barb and Arlene Lee, Rachel and Nicole Midtgaard, Kim Jacobs, Emily and Stacy Suby, Katie Evans, Bridget Anderson and Megan Levad attended and performed a skit called "Slumber Party" at "Share the Fun" at the North Iowa fairgrounds.

Megan Levad gave a presentation on "Clay Molding". Katie Anderson and Abbey Almelien gave a presentation on "Party Snacks".

Next month we are going roller skating on March 21.

Emily and Stacy Suby were hostesses.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY CENTER - It is just what the name implies, a building 'belonging' to the whole community. If we are going to keep the center open we need the cooperation of everyone. We need volunteers to help with all our mone making events. We are very thankful for all the great people that furnished and helped at our fish & chicken supper. We make a profit of \$740.00 and are planning another one for April 24th. If you are able to help or furnish salads, please call us at the center. Our utility bills have been over \$900.00 a month this winter so we need to make money. We are doing our best to keep the cafe open with as little help as possible so we appreciate it when customers get their coffee and water or pick up their dishes. Any suggestions you have will be appreciated.

R.B.O.

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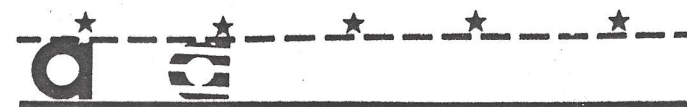
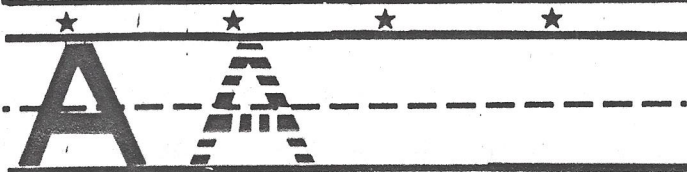
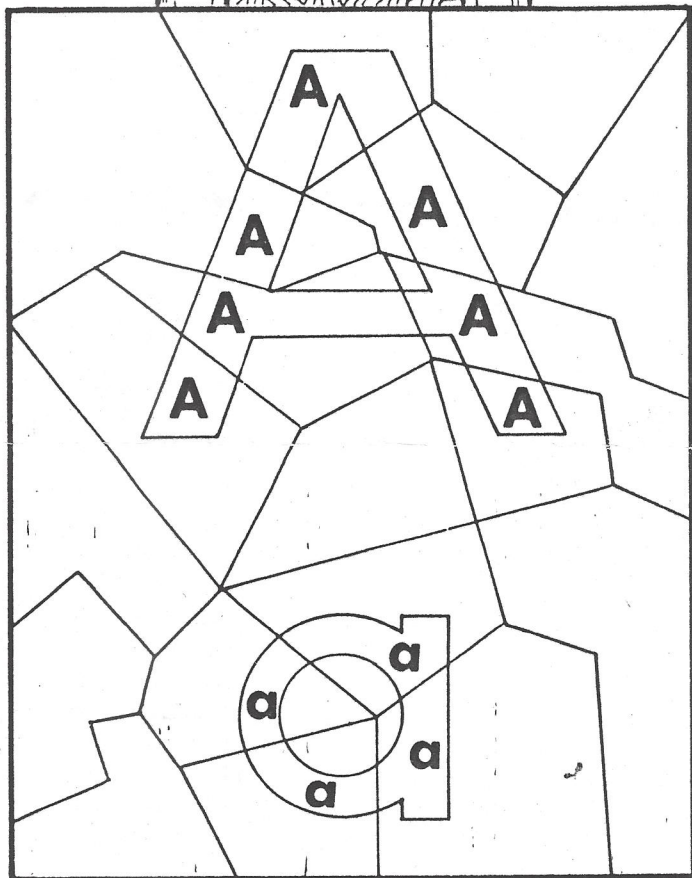
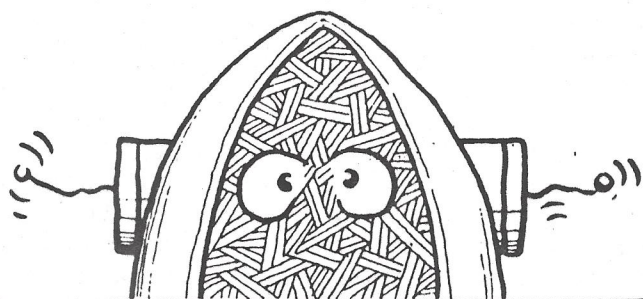
Just a reminder - The Fertile Sweetheart Dance. April 3rd at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake. Get those tickets in!

SENIOR CITIZEN MENU'S - for April

April 7 - Creamed chicken on biscuits, peas, salads, apple cake with topping, coffee

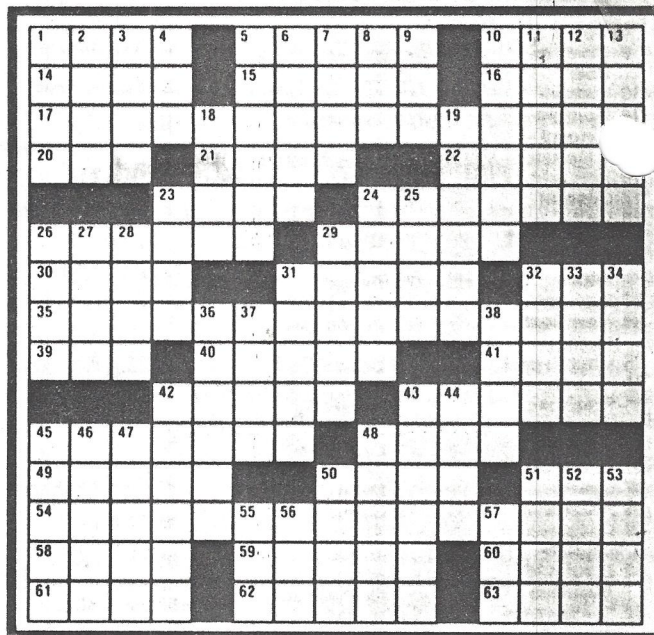
April 21 - Stuffed beef roll ups, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, salads, bun, coffee, dessert

Color in the spaces with the letters in them. What letter do you see? Name the letter as you write.



What runs faster - Hot or cold?

Answer - Hot, you can catch a cold.



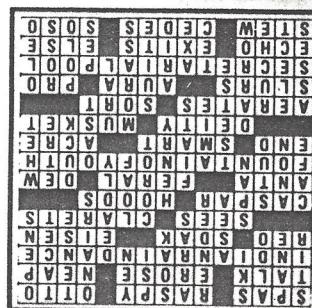
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- 22 Iron: Ger.
- 23 Notices
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- 29 Henchmen
- 30 Square pillar
- 31 Savage
- 32 Morning moisture
- 35 Ponce's dream
- 39 Terminal
- 40 Sting
- 41 Israeli port
- 42 Supreme being
- 43 Filintlock
- 45 Fills with gas
- 48 Cull
- 49 Insults
- 50 Air

- 51 Golf biggie
- 54 Typist group
- 58 Repeat
- 59 Ways out
- 60 Otherwise
- 61 Meat dish
- 62 Gives up
- 63 Mediocre

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- 5 Depict
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- 11 Present, for one
- 12 Musical direction for silence
- 13 Initiates
- 18 Lost
- 19 Lethal
- 23 Bridge
- 24 Painter Jean
- 25 Laze about
- 26 Dining place
- 27 Soon
- 28 — poker
- 29 Kissinger or Winkler
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- 33 To be in Paris
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- 36 Kiin
- 42 Clarence the lawyer
- 43 Swamp
- 44 USSR, mountain
- 45 Donkeys
- 46 Vote into office
- 47 Pleated trimming fabric
- 48 Retinue
- 50 Uninteresting
- 51 Game on horseback
- 52 Betsy or Barney
- 53 Margarine
- 55 Sleuth
- 56 Chopper
- 57 Footlike part



COUNCIL NEWS

FEB. BALANCE SHEET
EXPENDITURES

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Mar. 3, 1992. Mayor Nye presided and all council members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bids for 1992 mowing were received from David Haugen and Al Holland. Park mowing \$125.00 - Haugen, \$110.00 - Holland. Ball diamond mowing \$92.00 - Haugen, \$85.00 - Holland. Other city property \$72.00 Haugen, \$60.00 - Holland. Motion to accept Al Holland's bid. Carried.

Discussion on joining Iowa Rural Water Assoc. Motion to check on all their services and join the Assoc. if found satisfactory. Carried.

Budget hearing for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 will be held Mon. Mar. 9, 1992 at the Library.

Public meeting will be held Tues. Mar. 17 on recycling at the Comm. Center.

City received a check from Vision Electronics for \$80.88 based on the last six months.

Letter received from Kinney-Lindstrom regarding a grant for the Little League - Softball. Motion to accept the grant, based on matching funds, and for the city to own the proposed equipment. Carried.

Discussion on the roof at the water plant, and also street repair. Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Next regular Council Meeting will be Tues. April 7, 1992.

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Cheryl Benson	25.00
Cely Olson	14.55
Laura Shropshire	8.59
Ingram	81.11
Oxmoor House	12.14
Better Homes & Gardens	30.10
Redbook	14.97
Glamour	15.00
Northwood Anchor	20.00
Country Home	16.97
NILC	20.00
Demco	29.12
Radio Shack	54.95
David Low	301.41
Tim Tuttle	159.59
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power	672.63
Treas. State of Iowa	107.33
IPERS	125.38
Waste Systems Corp.	1214.50
City of Fertile	51.00
Winn. Telephone	82.55
Peoples Natural Gas	259.10
Miller Diesel	325.73
Feed Rite Controls	20.00
Hygienic Lab	150.00
Liberty Ins.	155.00
Yelland & Hanes	11.76
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Fertile Lbr. & Howe	172.14
Postmaster	29.00
Worsely Electric	1026.72
Larsen Plby & Hty	275.00
Cheryl Benson	242.33
Gary Richard	184.65
Cely Olson	9.47
Oxmoor House	10.48
Better Homes & Gardens	24.41
Ingram	35.49
Country	9.98
Cheryl Benson	25.00
1992 Summer Reading	16.65

Total 6731.94

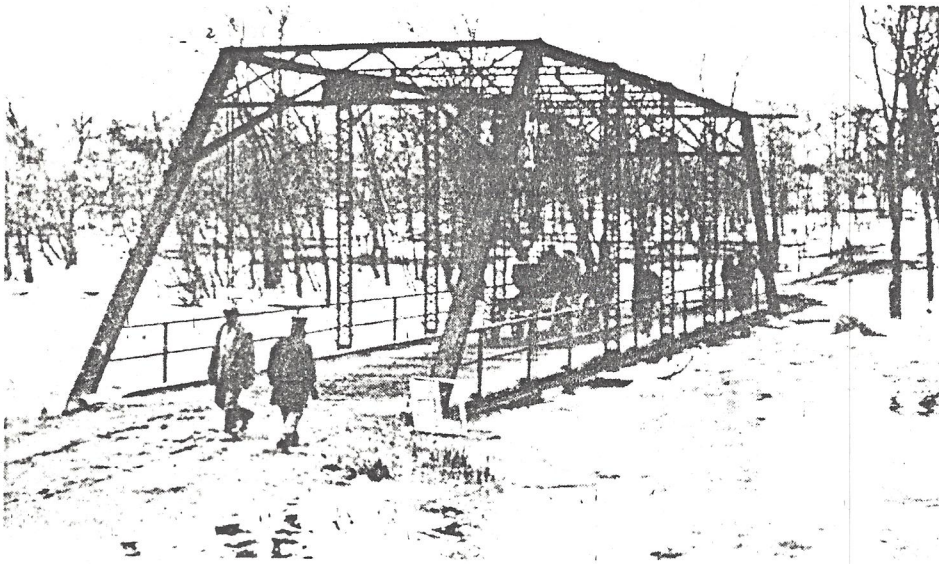
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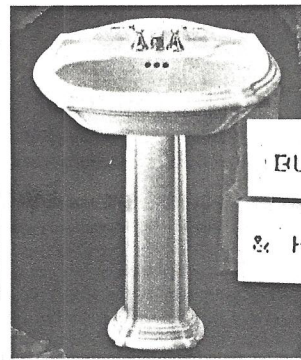
PERSONAL TOUCH SALON 797-2422
Tom and Mance Sheimo

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AFTER THE SEVERE winter of 1917 ice jammed in the river bend east of town, Chunks of the ice piled up at the bridge moving it one inch. Men would turn the ice so it would go under the bridge instead of washing it out.



Portrait Pedestal Lavatory



BURTNESSE PLUM
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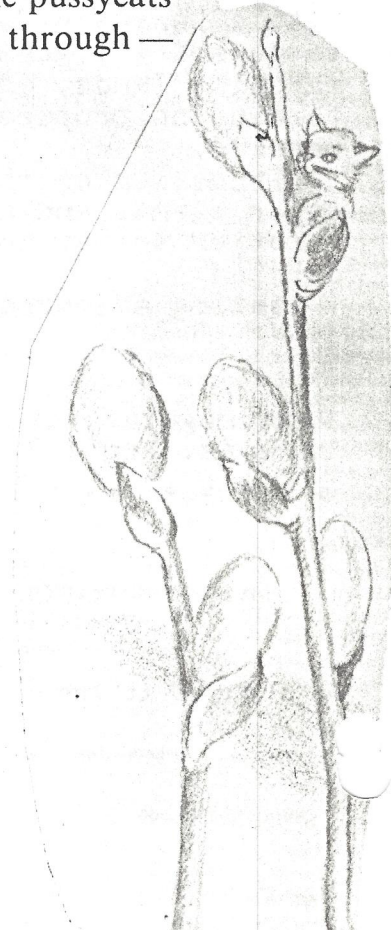
The Willow Cats



They call them pussy willows,
But there's no cat to see
Except the little furry toes
That stick out on the tree.

I think that very long ago,
When I was just born new,
There must have been whole pussycats
Where just the toes stick through —

And every spring it worries me,
I cannot ever find
Those willow cats that ran away
And left their toes behind!



N E W S L E T T E R

Fertile Public Library
Check it out!

It was a cold snowy day for our 25th anniversary Open House on Jan. 25, Sat. morning. Yet 35 brave visitors came to have coffee & rolls with us. I want to thank Roger & Vera Humphrey for helping me with the history displays, & to Celeste Christensen, Laura Shropshire, Robin Harms, Alvera Lovick, & Donna Nelson for their help in the kitchen.

We have new help at the library this month. Gary Richard, Sarah's husband, will be helping out.

Thank You to all the Fertile residents who signed the petition to help stop legislators from eliminating the Regional Library Systems.

Our 2nd Annual "Night of a 1000 Stars" will be held on Wed. April 8 at 6 P.M. Monty Allan will be here to read a story to the kids. (all ages) Popcorn & Punch will be served.

The Fertile Library Board now mets on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

NEW BOOKS

Adults

Years - LaVyrle Spencer
Hot Money - Dick Francis
The Edge - Dick Francis
Heller with a Gun - L'Amour
Carpenter's Cabin - Cleoral Lovell
Lizzy Ida's Luxury - Zoe Rexroad
The Farm - LaNelle Dickinson Kearney
The Family - LaNelle Dickinson Kearney

If you believe no child should grow up without books...

If you believe all people should have the information they need to lead better lives...

If you value America's libraries and librarians...

Children

Mother Goose & Grimm: Top Gog
The Legend of Jimmy Spoon - Gregory
A Light in the Attic - Silverstein
Westerns by Edson
3 new Romances by Janelle Taylor
Treasures by Belva Plain
Propnet by Frank Peretti
April Gold by Grace Livingston Hill
Twice Loved by LaVyrle Spencer
Twilight's Child by V.C. Andrews
A House Divided by Michael Phillips & Judith Pella
They Called Her Mrs. Doc by Janette Oke
The Union Belle by Gilbert Morris
Cannons of the Comstock by Brock & Bodie Thoene
Encyclopedia of Good Clean Jokes by Bob Phillips
Caroline & the Raider by Linda Lael Miller
Taking Back My Life by Nancy Ziegenmeyer

Say 'Yes' to
Your Right to Know
Call 1-800-530-8888*
March 16-April 11, 1992

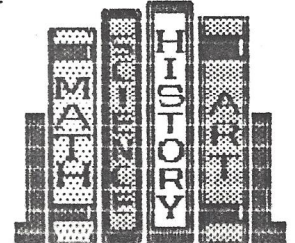
Stand up and be counted.
Your "yes vote" will help us to tell our nation's legislators that Americans value their libraries and want to see them fully supported. This 800 number will be in operation March 16-April 11, 1992. Callers must be 18 years or older.

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Monday 2 - 8 pm
Wednesday 1 - 8 pm
Friday 1 - 5 pm
Saturday 9 - Noon

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Can you find yourself?



STITCHCRAFT WORKERS last week set a new production record when they stitched up \$80,000 in cushions, mattresses and drapes in one week. The record output was a demonstration of the capability of the new highly mechanized processes that have been installed at Stitchcraft since the first of the year, Reuben

Krein, general manager explained. Utilizing the new automatic fabric cutting, material handling and packaging equipment, the ladies nearly tripled their output per person in the record week as compared to a year ago. Eighty-one of the Stitchcraft crew are shown in this Summit photo.



FISH and CHICKEN

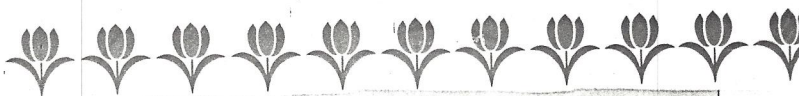
The Fertile Community Center is sponsoring a fish and chicken supper on Friday April 24th at the center. Serving will be from 5 to 7:

- Menu will be: Fish
- Chicken
- Baked Potato
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Salads
- Buns
- Coffee
- Cold Drink
- Ice Cream Cup

Price is \$5.00 for adults, children 5 to 10 years \$3.00 and under 5 no charge. We would appreciate donations of salads. If you are able to furnish one or help in some other way, please call the center at 797-2424 between 6:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Take outs will be available. We will also deliver to senior citizens.

LITTLE LEAGUE SUPPER

The Fertile Little League will have a Turkey soup and Chili supper on Saturday April 11th from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. at the Fertile Community Center. Adults \$3.50 and children 10 and under \$2.50.



Easter

Easter is bunnies and fluffy chicks small,
Colorful baskets with goodies for all,
Easter egg hunts bringing squeals of delight—
Easter is children with eyes shining bright.

Easter is beauty in springtime's new dress,
Flowers awakening to sunshine's caress,
Earth sweetly scented with April's perfume—
Easter is lilies in snowy white bloom.

Easter is robins rehearsing their trills,
Country lanes bordered with gold daffodils,
Joy o'er the earth and within our hearts, too—
Easter is gladness in life born anew.

Easter is church bells that fill the spring air,
Time of believing and heads bowed in prayer,
Peace and assurance, blessed hope from above,
Easter is knowing our dear Savior's love.

—Beverly J. Anderson

Here's what's cookin'
Recipe from the kitchen of

UNBOHEMIAN KOLACHES

- 1 - 4 oz. pkg. vanilla pudding mix
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter or oleo
- 2 envelopes yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. salt
- 5 to 5 1/2 cups flour

Make pudding according to directions using 1 1/2 cups milk. Stir in butter and cool to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in warm water and stir into pudding. Beat in eggs and salt. Add flour to make soft dough. Knead for 5-10 minutes, place in greased bowl and let rise until double. Punch down. Roll out dough - cut out dough using round cookie cutter. Place on greased cookie sheet. Make a dent in center of dough and fill hollow with cherry pie filling or desired filling. Let rise until double. Bake at 375° for 15 minutes. Cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 3-4 dozen.

Lila Midtgaard

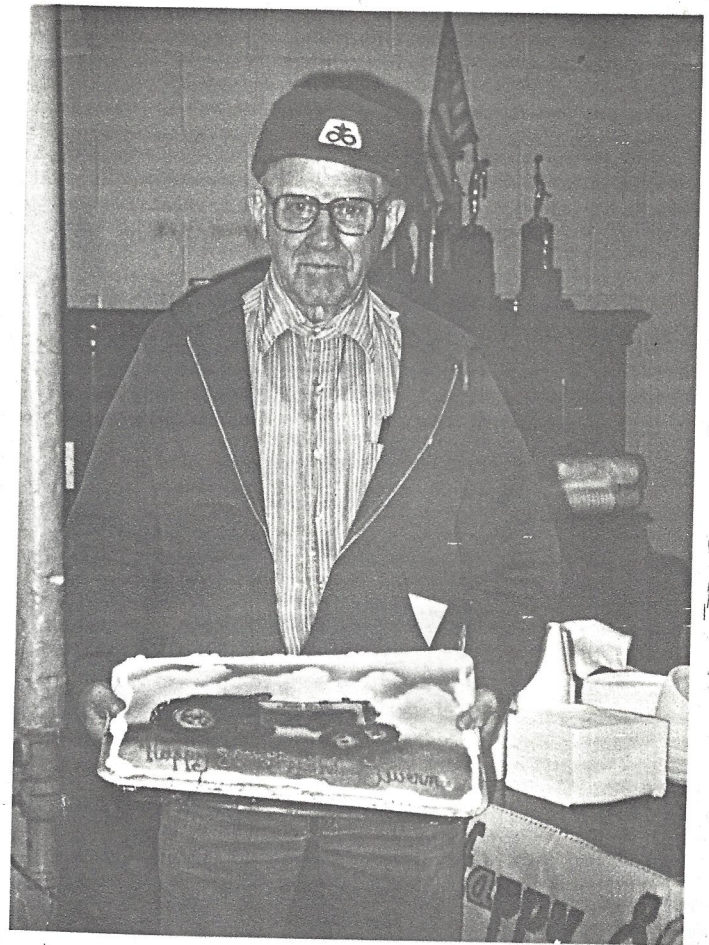
NOTE: On last months recipe for the chocolate cake, the amount of the soda should have been 2 tsp. instead of 1.

LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST
896-2265



Our sympathy is extended to Bentley and Jackie Brunsvold on the death of Jackie's father, Keith Steuer who passed away on February 21st. Keith was a resident of Fertile a number of years ago.

Also our sympathy to Allen and Marsha Berg. Allen's sister Sharon Rittenhouse passed away on March 9th.



Levern Nelson celebrated his 80th birthday on January 29, 1992, with a surprise party at the Community Center. Over 70 people attended.

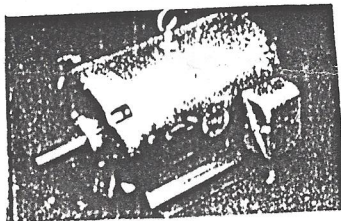
Levern and his wife, Reva, moved to Fertile in 1962 from their farm south of Fertile. He has a daughter, Nancy Ingham, of Swaledale; and a son, Larry, who farms southeast of Fertile; 7 granddaughters, 1 grandson and 9 great-grandchildren.

Levern's hobbies are farming, babysitting his great-grandchildren in Fertile and going out to eat with his family and friends.

A special thank you to all who remembered us on our 50th anniversary. The beautiful cards and gifts we received, to everyone who came and to all who helped in anyway. Words cannot express our appreciation.

Thanks to all
Keith and Mayvis Sheimo

Open House Bridal Shower - for Lisa Suby, bride-elect of Mike Lacey on Saturday May 2, 1992, 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. at the Fertile Community Center.



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Worsley Electric presently employs four full-time electricians, Fred Hare, a 20 year veteran, Tom Sheimo, with 16 years of service, and Jim Hare and Allen Hare. Much of the success that the firm has enjoyed is owed to the dedication and loyalty these employees have demonstrated over the years, as well as the many long-time customers that have allowed Worsley Electric to service their electrical needs.

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*Can you unscramble?
These names do not appear in order.*

NOTICE TO ALL FERTILE ALUMNI

For the May issue we are planning to have as much news as possible about the Fertile School and Alumni. We would appreciate any news or pictures you would care to share with us. Please have them to us by the 15th of April. Hope to hear from all of you alumni or former teachers. Mail your news to FERTILE REMINDER, PO Box 62, Fertile, Ia. 50434.



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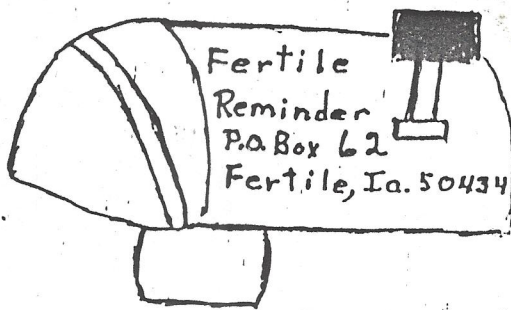
FRONTO MARKET

797-9698

A Town Meeting was held Tues. Evening March 17th at the Community Center to receive information about a recycle program. Doug Nelson from Mason City Wastes Systems presented the program as to what is recyclable etc. The Iowa law says that by 1995 we must be cut down on our landfills. Being that is the case, the City Council is proceeding to set up a recycle program. The tentative program is a once a month curb stop pick up. Fliers will be sent out later with more information.



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