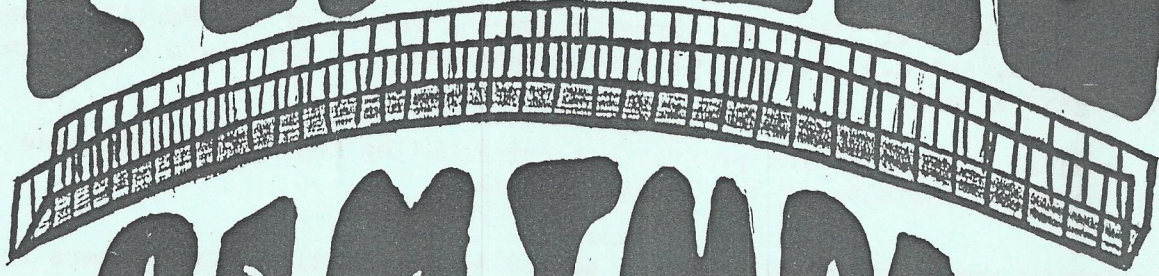


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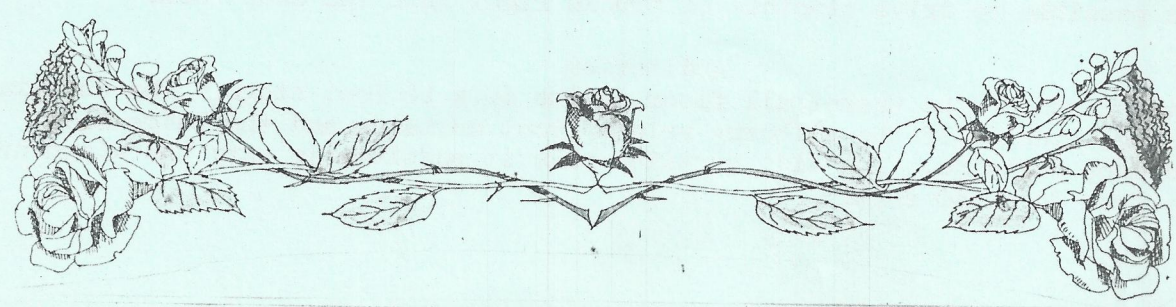
REMINDER

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COMING EVENTS

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| June 1 | 7:00 | Firemens Meeting |
| June 2 | 12:00 | Senior Citizens Dinner |
| | 7:00 | Council Meeting |
| June 9 | 2:00 | Fertile Garden Club
Pilot Knob State Park |
| June 13 | | Fertile Alumni Banquet |
| | 4:00 | Informal Coffee |
| | 6:30 | Supper |
| June 16 | 12:00 | Senior Citizens Dinner |
| June 18 | 7:00 | Library Meeting |
| June 20 | 1:00 | Girls 4-H Club Meeting |
| | 1:00 | Boys 4-H Club Meeting |



Fertile Dedicates \$38,000 Gymnasium
By Mrs. George F. Smith

Fertile: The new gymnasium-auditorium was dedicated Friday evening, January 3, with Ray Murray, formerly of Buffalo Center, who is administrative assistant to George Keller of the WPA, giving the principal speech. H.B. Armour, Des Moines, Don Tormy, Fort Dodge, and H.B. Sexauer from Hampton were also present.

Rev. Mr. Schmidt of Stanhope, formerly superintendent of the Fertile schools also gave a talk, and H.B. Bennet, district supervisor for the state educational department gave a talk.

The musical portion of the program was furnished by the bank, girls glee club and the girls sextette of the Fertile School.

Dinner

Earlier in the evening a dinner was served by the Fertile band mothers for the guests of honor, faculty, and school board members and their wives.

Perhaps one of the most unusual things about this gymnasium-auditorium is the fact that the limestone on the exterior of the building came from the rock quarry here in Fertile. Another feature is that there are no posts or pillars to obstruct the view of the spectators. The roof is supported by four large arches, made of laminated boards, stained walnut. To add both to the exterior and interior beauty of the building, the whole front from the top of the bleachers to the arched roof contains clear glass windows.

Size of Building

The building itself measures 86 a 84 feet excluding the corridor running beside the old building which is 10 x 80 feet. The basketball court alone which runs east and west, measures 42 x 76 feet.

The interior of the building is one of the most beautiful in the state. The walls six feet, eight inches from the floor are stained walnut, paneled off in blocks sixteen inches by eight feet, with gilt paint. Above this the wall is finished in Nu Wood blocked off with red stripping. This Nu Wood absorbs sound, thus improving the acoustics. The arched ceiling is decorated in tan and white, off-set by a small strip of red moulding running next to the arches. Sixteen recessed floodlights, four in each arch, illuminate the auditorium.

Seats 500

Ample space is provided for spectators at basketball games, for the eight rows of bleachers, 84 feet long, on the south side of the basketball court, seat approximately 500 people. These bleachers are so constructed as to provide plenty of foot space for all spectators. This is done by having a raised plank about half the width of the regular bleacher seats on which the spectators sit. Chairs may be placed on the basketball floor to provide additional seating room at plays or music concerts.

The space beneath the bleachers is well utilized. There is a school board room 18 x 12 feet at the east end and a fire proof safe in which to keep school records besides the 65 x 23 foot manual training room. At the west end of the manual training room is a large door opening unto a driveway so that in the future it may be possible to drive tractors or trucks right into the shop room.

Auditorium

To the north of the basketball floor is the 60 x 16 foot stage. The curtains for the stage consist of the mulberry velour front curtains and the beige side, back, and drop curtains. The side curtains make it possible to vary the width of the stage from 30 to 60 feet.

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Under the front part of the stage is a storage space for chairs and beneath the stage itself are two dressing rooms, the one on the east used by the girls, the other by the boys, each equipped with showers. Between these also is a storage room. Above the stairs leading to these rooms are small dressing rooms, one on each side of the stage which can be used when plays are to be presented.

Heating System

The main entrance of the gymnasium-auditorium on the east side, opens into a corridor between the two buildings. The ticket booth is located just north of the main door to the gymnasium. In about the middle of the corridor, built into the east wall is a large trophy case. A doorway to the north end leads into a hall of the old building between the home economics room and the bandroom. A checkroom is built into the east wall of the main room of the gymnasium.

The main room of the gymnasium is heated by four steam air units. One is located on each side of the stage, one over the stage itself and the fourth one is located over the east end of the bleachers. The steam for these units is produced by the boiler of the old school building.

The construction of the building has taken approximately one year. Very little of the labor was skilled, almost all of it being furnished by the WPA men. Mr. William Lewis of Des Moines, the foreman, was rock mason. Of the total cost of the construction of this gymnasium-auditorium, \$38,000, the WPA furnished \$23,000. The approximate cost of the building per cubic foot was \$14.75 which is very low.

Other Changes

Many changes have also been made in the old building since the construction of the new gymnasium-auditorium. One of the most important of these is the moving of the first and second grade room down into the old home economics room, which in turn has been moved to the former manual training room. This year instead of sitting at desks as previously, the first and second grades have little tables and chairs. Cupboards along the walls provide space for the work books, pencils, and colors, and other materials used by the little folks. On the west wall a lavatory and drinking fountain have been installed, and to make it still more convenient, the adjoining room, which has been used for showers, was made into two washrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls. The room that was formerly occupied by the first and second grades is now the seventh and eighth grade room thus giving the high school an additional class room.

New Equipment

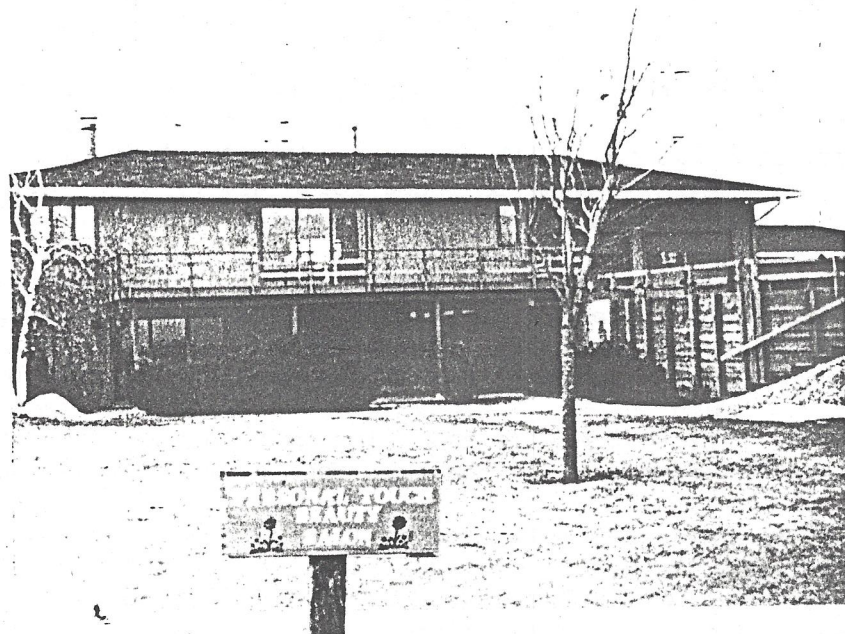
The new home economics room has been much improved over the old one. It is now divided into four kitchens, each completely equipped with stove, sink, and table. In addition there are three large wall cupboards and a serving window.

The old gymnasium has also been completely revised. It is now divided into two rooms, a band room and a play room for the primary pupils. The bank room is finished in the same NuWood as the gymnasium, making it sound proof.

The WPS also contributed labor to these changes made in the building.

This community is certainly fortunate to have such a fine building for its use. Not only will it instill more interest in the people for their school and its activities, but the students will feel more like working in athletics, musicals and declamatory projects.

This was published in the Clear Lake Mirror
by Mrs. Geo Smith



In August of 1968, after graduating from high school in May, my father said, "you've got to figure out what you're going to do with your life because you're not living here forever."

I decided to give beauty school a try. In September of "68" I enrolled in Rochester Beauty School, Rochester, Minn. My first haircut on the floor had a triple cowlic on the top of her head. Nobody had told me about cowlics. Her hair stood straight up all over her head by the time I was done. She cried, I cried, and my instructor was very angry. I swore I'd never cut hair again.

I acquired my license a year later from Minnesota and on to Iowa I came. Even 25 years ago people were moving home to their parents. Poor Dad. I attended La'James Beauty School and acquired my Iowa license.

The best advice I ever got was from my dad who said, "no job is going to be perfect, but decide what you're going to do, and then be the best at it you can be." I think Oriville Reddenbocker must have known my dad.

I worked in Forest City for 3 years at the Forrester. I was very fortunate there. After two months, Joyce Stedler Russell, from Fertile left the Forrester and went to work for Winnebago and I got all her ladies. My first pay check was for \$33.50, and I thought I was loaded. So did my dad. By the next month I was moved into my first self supported apartment for \$60.00 a month. Thanks dad. It was the best thing you could have done for me. I learned to make it on my own. I lived on my own for 2 years and then married Tom.

Haircut prices were \$1.50 and shampoo sets were \$1.75. Everyone wore backcombing and washed their hair only once a week. We started cutting mens hair in about 1970. One half of my business today is men.

Permanents ranged from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Coloring hair has always been my least favorite thing to do (you never know what you're going to get, and I don't like surprises!

After working in Forest City for 3 years I went to Mason City and taught school at La'James for a year. I couldn't keep my hands off peoples hair so I decided I had to do the actual work again.

I then went to Clear Lake and worked with Elenor Wubben who taught me everything about people and hair that I hadn't learned in school. I worked there for a year. I have many of the first customers I did when I was in Clear Lake and I can honestly say there isn't one of my customers I don't like. I feel fortunate for that.

Tom and I then opened our own shop north of Clear Lake for 3 years and we've been in our home in Fertile 14 years. I always include Tom in the ownership because without his help I'd never be able to have my own shop. He's the one that fixes all the equipment, moves all the snow, puts gravel on the driveway when it's slippery, taxis's people around in bad weather, etc., etc.

The only two disadvantages of having a shop in our home is that the phone rings seven days a week and at all hours. The second is having your work downstairs and never having a breathing time from work to family. When you drive somewhere to work, you have time getting there to make the seperation.

All in all, I've enjoyed my work very much and I'm looking forward to many more years of doing just what I'm doing right now - Trying to give everyone "The Personal Touch".

Tom and Nance Sheimo

SPRING

Hurrah! Spring is here or so says the calendar, March 21st. But I think a Higher Power rules the weather, for the next day, it snowed.

The robins arrived early, but we know they have to be snowed on three times after their arrival.

The hyacinths, tulips and crocuses are up. The snow was rather hard on some of them. But if you go look you will see where the snow or ice is melted from around the tulips. They breathe the same as we do. The jasmine, snowball, bridal wreath and iris will soon be shooting leaf buds followed by the flower buds. They are usually in bloom to be used in bouquets to take to the cemetary Decoration Day.

I see the mourning doves have arrived. They are sitting on the high lines and him telling her his love story. Gold finches are here, some just barely changing color and some almost yellow.

The geese and ducks have been flying over for quite awhile. There are several that have landed on the river back of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lovick's home. When Thelan Elthon lived there he fed them and they learn fast, where to come back for food.

The yards are being raked and a large amount of twigs are burned from the terrible ice storm we had last winter. The town looks like a smoke stack, but it will be nice when it is all clean. The grass has a pretty green tinge to it and soon the lawn mowers will be running.

I hear a familiar sound east of my house. It is a tractor preparing the little field ready for planting. Perhaps it will be planted to beans, as it grew corn last year.

The ice has long been gone from the Winnebago River, due to the high temperature we had the first of March.

A few houses that had paper around the foundations to help keep the cold out, has been removed, and the spring rains have washed the outside of the houses clean again. Lots of the early spring house cleaning has been done. Soon the furnaces will be turned off and air conditioners installed.

If you live where stock is raised, you would find little colts and calves running in the spring sunshine and tiny pigs sleeping on the fresh green grass in the warm sun.

The gravel roads that the school busses couldn't travel for sometime, due to the most going out and so much rain, have settled down, partly dried out and been repaired so busses can travel them again.

Yes, these are all signs of spring and I think we are looking forward to a nice bright summer, with plenty of rain for crops, and gardens. Wishing you all a pleasant and Happy Summer.

Violet Hall

Fertile Public Library

Check it out!

NEWSLETTER

NEW BOOKS in JUNE

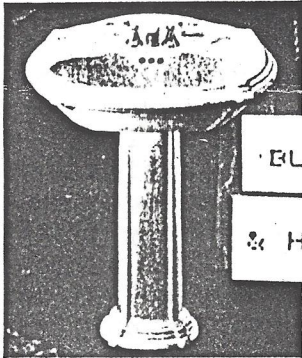
"H" is for Homicide by Sue Grafton
 "I" is for Innocent by Sue Grafton
 All Around the Town by Mary Higgins Clark
 For Love Alone by Ivana Trump
 Jewels by Danielle Steel
 The Way I See It by Patti Davis
 The Gossamer Cord by Philippa Carr
 Thunder on the Plains by Rosanne Bittner
 Land of a 1000 Dreams by B.J. Hoff
 Dark River Legacy by B.J. Hoff
 Sea to Shining Sea by Michael Phillips
 New Videos & many more books of all ages!

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday 2 - 8 pm
 Wed. 1 - 8 pm
 Fri. 1 - 5 pm
 Sat. 9 - Noon

Bygones by LaVyrle Spencer
 In My Father's House by Thoene
 Whatever Tomorrow Brings - Wick
 Gathering of Memories - Wick
 No Time For Tears - June Bacher
 New Grace Livingston Hill Books

Soon the Summer Reading Program will be under way starting July 11 running through Aug. 8 - Every Sat. morning at 10 am. This years theme will be "Books 'n' Stones 'n' Dinosaur Bones", I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone. This Summer read a book & avoid extinction.



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THANKS TO ALL who sent cards and letters while I was hospitalized, Pastor Kampstra for visits and prayers, Senior Citizen's card with all the signatures, Church of Christ card with all the signatures, Fertile Ladies Aid for the fruit and candy. Also to each individual for their cards. Thanks to all.

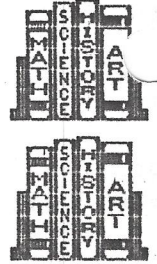
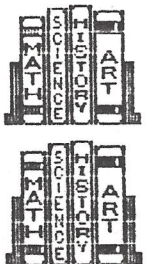
Keith Sheimo

Guess Who?

SENIOR CITIZEN MENU'S - for June

June 2 - Pot Luck

June 16 - Baked Ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, salads, buns, pie, and coffee



The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues, May 5, 1992 with Mayor Nye presiding and council members Thompson, Sandifer, Felland, Smith and Scobee present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Celeste Christensen was present to discuss some questions the Library board had. Library board will hire someone to mow yard. She reported locks will be changed on the front door, ramp will be installed for the handicapped, and prices are being received to make the bathroom handicapped accessible.

Council discussed a drainage problem on the property west of Esther Haugen.

A complaint was received on a property that is a nuisance.

Prices for the drainage tube on the west side of 1st Street were reported by Felland.

County Conservation Committee meets on Thursday and will report to the city.

Smith reported the problem at the water treatment plant is mainly caused by humidity. Motion to hire Worsley Electric to install two ceiling fans and a humidifier. Carried.

Motion to appoint Opal Almelein to a six year term on the Library Board. Carried.

Motion to buy paint for Fire Hydrants, and the sign on Highway 9. (Sign will be painted by Frank Sheimo and Max Nye) Carried.

Motion to have Craig Hansmeier check on the roof at the Library. Carried.

Motion to approve repair bill for fire trucks and accept estimate for additional work. Carried.

Council discussed recycling. Reported that repair at the Lagoon is started, brush in the park has been burned, and culvert by Comm. Center is in need of repair.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

David Low	\$301.41
Tim Tuttle	145.80
Janice Hare	282.08
Interstate Power Co.	694.56
Treas.-State of Iowa	108.67
IPERS	104.33
Waste Systems Corp.	1214.50
City of Fertile	51.00
Winn. Co-op Telephone	86.86
Peoples Natl. Gas	198.22
Liberty Bank	639.87
Nelson Pet. Products	153.00
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	49.50
Larsen Plby. & Htg.	35.35
Farmers Co-op	9.50
Pronto Market	36.30
Northwood Anchor	97.20
Marv's	20.80
Food-n-Fuel	28.09
Twedt Insurance	8284.00
Iowa Rural Water Assn	75.00
Total	12,615.64
Receipts	15,229.93

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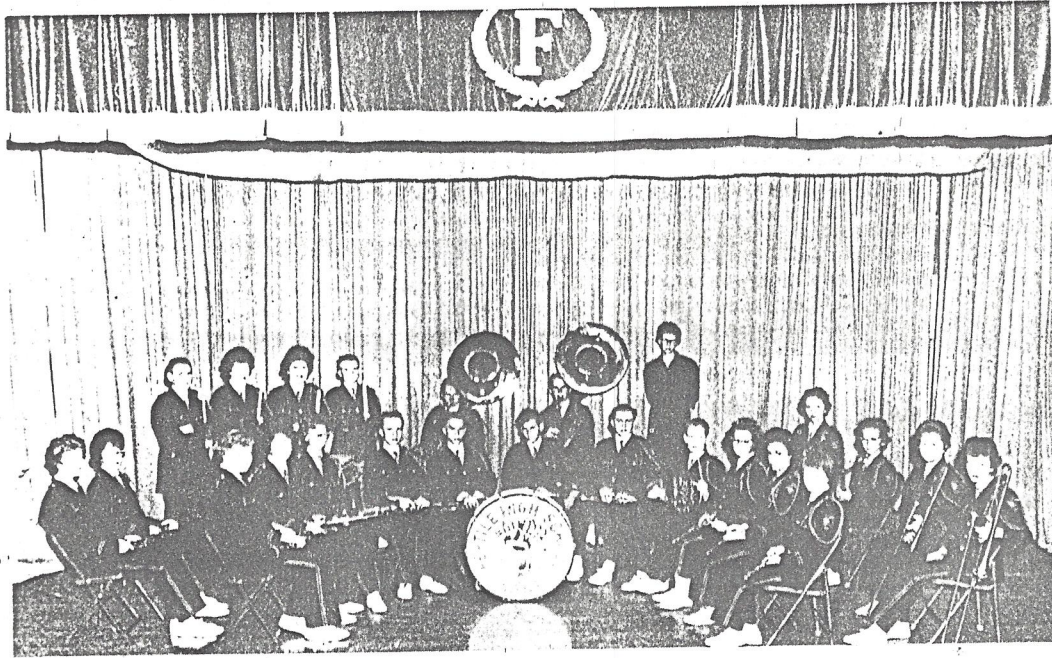
Have you noticed that the fire hydrants have a new look?

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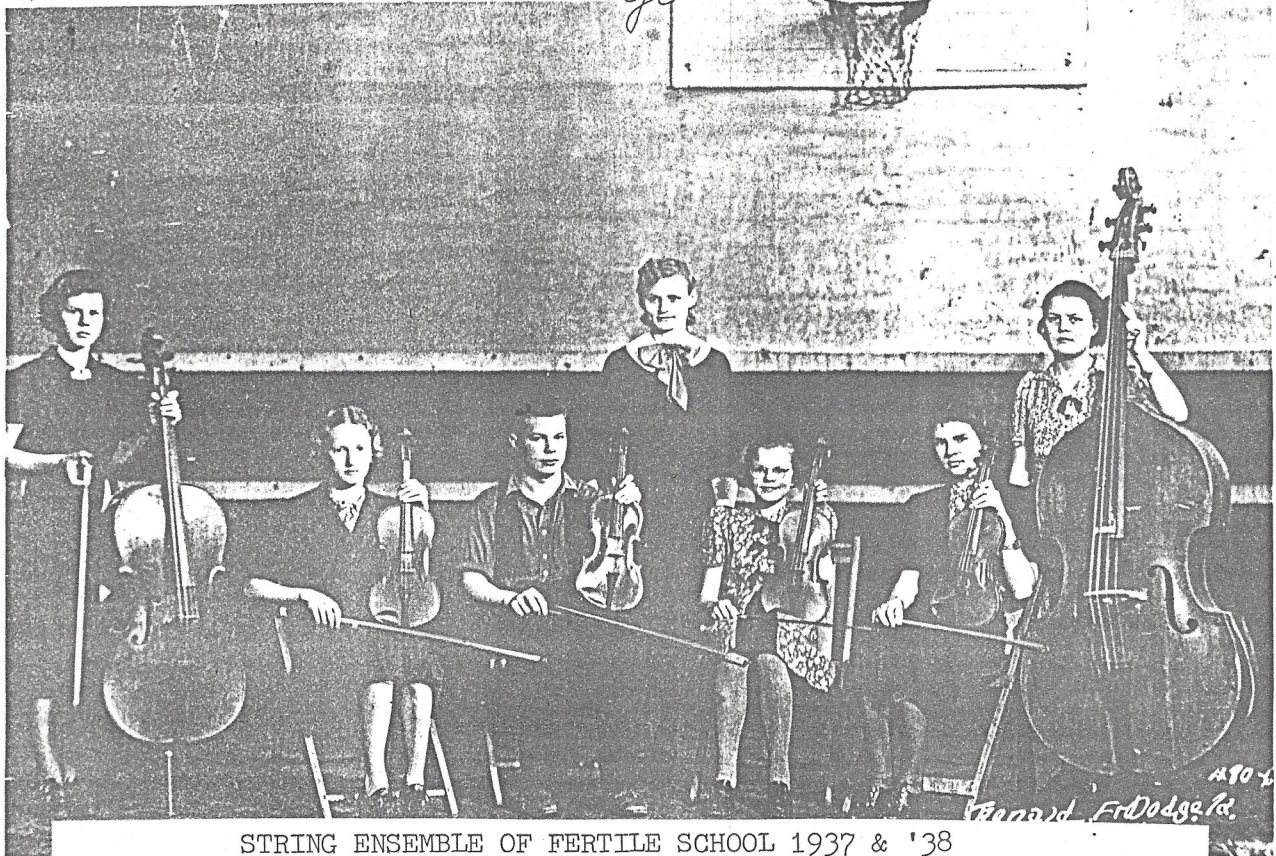
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Row 1: Linda Wolfe, Pat Purcell, Cindy Midtgaard, Ronnie Ouverson, Richard Knutson, Steve Petersburg, Marshall Field, Steve Ouverson, Janan Haugeñ, Joan Scobee, Jenny Abrams. Row 2: Betty Elthon, Jennifer Graham, Bob Purcell, Donna Brinton, Elouise Nelson, Jerry Hoffman, Dave Lovick, Dick Norem, absent, Harlan Rodberg, Judy Jones, Mary Ann Knutson, Mary Lou Lovick, Karen Zirbel. Director, Mrs. Angell.



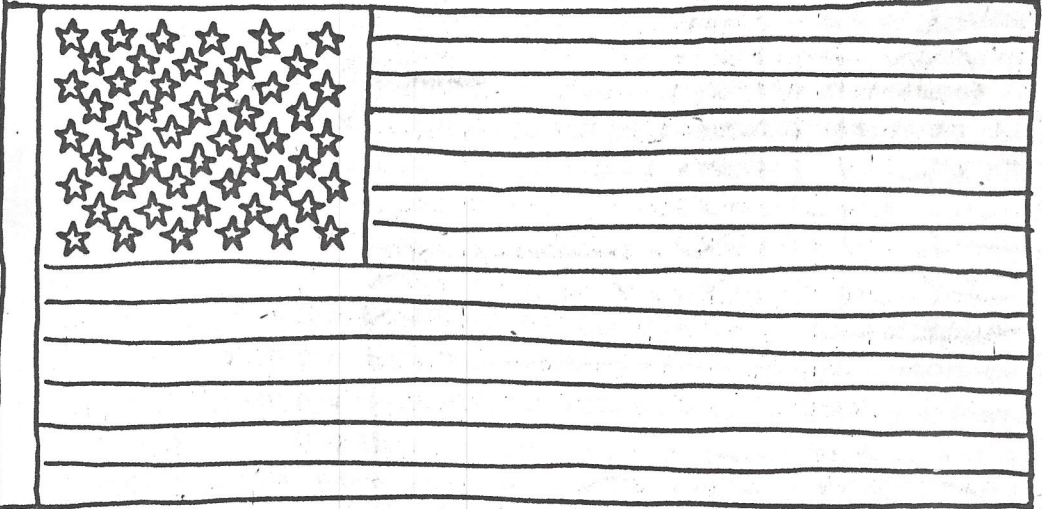
STRING ENSEMBLE OF FERTILE SCHOOL 1937 & '38

Lavone Brenden, Lois Walker, Harold Sheimo, Beryl Cobeen-director, Catherine Jorgenson, Francis Brenden, Naomi Felland

The String Ensemble of 1940, under the direction of Evangeline French, received Division I ratings at Regionals in Clear Lake and also at State Contests in Waterloo. The members were the same.

June 14th is Flag Day

AMERICAN
FLAG



Color our flag!

The first little boy was bragging about how he had pulled a big weed out of the ground. The second little boy asked "What's so great about that?"

The first little boy said "Well, the Earth had a hold of the other end."

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Vacation Bible School - at Fertile Lutheran Church - June 4,5,8,9 & 10 from 9-11:30 AM.. Everyone Welcome. Program will be held during worship service on June 14th.

LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING
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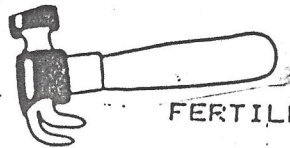


The following young people were confirmed May 17 in the Fertile Lutheran Church by Pastor Ger Kampstra.

Isacc Almelien
LeAnn Fairchild
Lorena Hoffman
Kevin Knudson

Holly Lovik
Jamie Ouerson
Laura Swingen

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FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE!
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DANISH PUFF

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2T water
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp. almond flavoring
- 1 cup flour
- 4 eggs

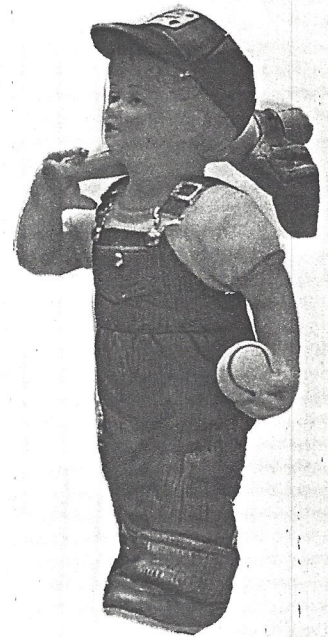
Heat oven to 350°. Measure first cup of flour into bowl. Cut in 1/2 cup butter. Sprinkle 2 T water & mix with fork. Round into a ball & divide in half. Pat dough with hands into 2 long strips 12" x 3", three inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Mix second amount of butter & water. Bring to a rolling boil, add almond flavoring & remove from heat. Stir in flour right away & beat until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until smooth. Divide in half & spread one of the halves evenly over each piece of pastry. Bake about 60 minutes until topping is crisp & nicely browned. Frost with powdered sugar icing. Can sprinkle with chopped almonds. Can use margarine.

Recipe

Rosemary Tannahill

Summer Baseball Schedule

PeeWees and Midgets West PeeWees East Only
 June 1 at Manly -----Home Manly
 June 4 Home Lake Mills-----at Lake Mills
 June 8 at Hanlontown-----Home Plymouth
 June 11 at Northwood-----Home Northwood
 June 15 Home Forest City-----at Forest City
 June 17 At Joice PeeWees only
 June 18 -----Home Kensett
 June 22 At Emmons-----Home Glenville
 June 25 Home Manly-----At Manly
 June 29 At Lake Mills-----Home Lake Mills
 July 2 Home Hanlontown-----At Plymouth
 July 6 Home Northwood-----At Northwood
 July 8 At Forest City
 July 9 -----Home Forest City
 July 13 Home Joice PeeWees only----At Kensett
 July 16 Home Emmons -----At Glenville



GAMES SCHEDULES for GIRLS

June 5 - Manly at Fertile - 6:00
 June 8 - Lake Mills at Fertile - 6:00
 June 9 - Fertile at Plymouth - 6:00
 June 11- Forest City at Fertile - 6:00
 June 12- Hanlontown at Fertile - 6:00
 June 15- Fertile at Lake Mills - 6:00
 June 16- Plymouth at Fertile - 6:00
 June 19- Fertile at Northwood - 6:00
 June 22- Northwood at Fertile - 6:00
 June 23- Fertile at Forest City - 6:00
 June 26- Fertile at Glenville - 6:00
 June 29- Fertile at Hanlontown - 6:00
 June 30- Fertile at Manly - 6:00
 July 10- Glenville at Fertile - 6:00

Away games we will leave Fertile at 5pm
 We will meet at the softball fields.
 Glenville away game, we will be leaving
 at 4:45. Any Changes, I will let every-
 one know ahead of time. Please let me
 know if anyone won't be able to play.
 Jodie Smith

 * The Grant Livewires 4-H Club met *
 * May 16th at the Comm. Center. *
 * We had seven guest present. Roll *
 * Call was answered by telling what *
 * your family recycles. *
 * Our guest speaker was Bev Wignes. *
 * She told us about preparing our lace *
 * project for judging. *
 * Barb Lee gave a presentation on, *
 * "Fast Food". She told us how much fat *
 * certain items have. Rachel and Nicole *
 * Midtgaard served lunch. *
 * We cleaned our two miles on Hwy, 9 *
 * that our Club adopted even though we *
 * got a little wet. Next meeting is *
 * June 20th. *

CONGRATULATIONS: A daughter Amanda Christine
 was born May 6th to Jeff and Deidre Willmert
 of Elmore, Mn. Grandparents are Gene and
 Pam Hartman of Buffalo Center, Ia. Great-
 grandparents are Keith and Mayvis Sheimo of
 Fertile.

 * Government Commodities *
 * Will be Thursday June 4th at the *
 * Fertile Comm. Center, 1-4 P.M. *
 * Peanut Butter, Butter, Beans and *
 * Pears will be given out. *

 * Acreage For Sale *
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 * 1/2 mile south of Fertile *



The first segment of a 5 year plan to repair and rip-rap the sewer disposal Lagoon has begun by Bob Cuverson Construction. Bob's son Brian Cuverson is the machine operator. Domestic animals and weather has eroded the lagoon so a lot of work has to be done to put the lagoon back in shape. Due to the expense of the project, the Council decided work would be done on a 5 year plan. David Low has kept us informed as to the procedure and progress. The lagoon is not out of operation by any means, but we believe it is pay now or pay more later.

The first stage at the Water Systems Building project has been completed. Due to over condensation that has deteriorated the interior, 2 commercial fans and a dehumidifer system have been installed. Later, after the condensation problem is taken care of, improvement on the interior will be done.

RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES
797-2681

Our sympathy is extended to Carl and Celeste Christensen in the death of Celeste's grandmother who passed away on May 10th.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Faye Albers of Buffalo Center, Ia., who passed away on May 13th. Faye was a 1953 graduate of Fertile High School. Her sister Synova Hoffman lives in Fertile.

Our sympathy is extended to Herschel and Val Wills in the death of Val's father, Orville Johnson who passed away on May 9th.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Marvin Zobel of Waterloo who passed away on May 13th. He was born near Fertile, son of the late John Zobel's. His brother Harold and sisters Doris Burtness and Corrine Miller live in Fertile.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Merle Otis of Forest City who passed away on May 3rd. His wife Violet was the former Mrs. Bernard Orcutt former Fertile area residents.

Our sympathy to the families of Fitch Bailey who passed away in April. The Bailey's were former Fertile residents but due to health problems moved to Mason City this past winter. We will miss not seeing him walk around town.

Next month "The Reminder" will feature the 1992 graduates from high school and college.

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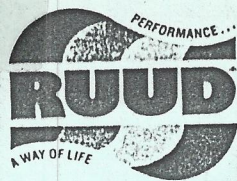
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* The Fertile Alumni Association, *

* would like to remind anyone who has *

* had a change of address in the past *

* three years to please notify our *

* corresponding Secretary Marilyn *

* Severson Box 163, Fertile Iowa 50434 *

* if you have not received your *

* invitation to the Fertile Alumni. *

* Also if you know of any former *

* classmates who have attended Fertile *

* High, please extend an invitation so *

* they can get their paid reservation *

* in the mail soon. *

* Any teachers you may have kept in *

* touch with, please send us their *

* addresses. We have sent invitations *

* to some but our list is incomplete. *



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Andy Oswald
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June 1992