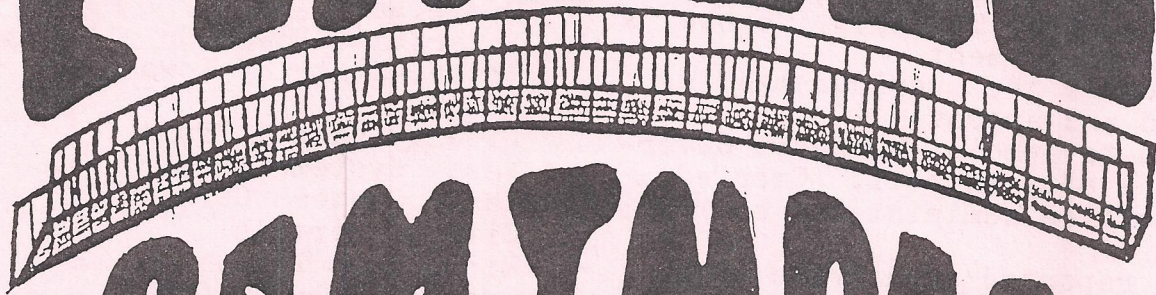


# FEATILE



# REMINDER

July 1993

# WEEKLY

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## COMING EVENTS

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 5 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- July 6 No Senior Citizens Dinner  
7:00 Council Meeting
- July 7 Recycle Day
- July 17 1:00 Girls 4-H  
1:00 Boys 4-H
- July 20 12:00 Senior Citizen Dinner  
7:00 Library Meeting

Any coming Event  
Please call 797-2572  
by July 17 th.



CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., June 1, 1993. Mayor Smith presided and council members Shropshire, Thompson, Scobee, & Felland were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion to appoint Margaret Ouver-son to the city council. Carried. Oath of office administered by Mayor Smith.

Mayor reported John Greve will have a quit-claim deed made for the west section of the Fertile Park. He will check on needed bathroom renovation.

Reported that lightning damage was done at the water plant.

Miller Diesel & Automotive will repair the city truck.

Library Board is planning a fund raiser. Park Beautification Group requested gravel for shelter house and repair of benches.

Discussion on grading and graveling of alleys. Carried.

Motion to ask Dan Benson to plow snow. Carried. Discussion on mowing of ditches of property that is privately owned. Motion to mow no ditches except city property. Carried. If private property has to be mowed by the city, owner will be billed.

Council discussed concrete being dumped on the island east of the park. Signs will be put up. No dumping is allowed on the point.

Council discussed checking account for Fire Dept. and Special Gifts & Grants for the park. Motion to set this account. Carried. Gifts to the park will be put in this account.

Price received from Tuttle Asphalt for street repair. Motion to have them fix holes in streets. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Please Note

Everyone will be responsible for their own ditches, sidewalks and parking. City will not mow them. Control of weeds is required.

MAY BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Tim Tuttle	\$ 159.57
Janice Hare	282.08
David Low	301.41
Interstate Power Co	706.39
Treas.-State of Iowa	118.53
IPERS	80.51
Liberty Bank & Trust	130.36
Waste Systems Corp.	316.00
Waste Systems Corp.	1221.73
City of Fertile	25.50
Winn. Coop Tele.	58.00
Peoples Natural Gas	63.77
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	6.21
Worsley Electric	24.00
Feed - Rite Controls	10.00
Pronto Market	8.90
BMC	15.34
Max Nye	5.30
Total	<u>3533.60</u>

Total Receipts 6891.99

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IN APPRECIATION - A special thanks to Pastor Kampstra for his visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Thanks to the Lutheran Ladies for the gift and for the cards, flowers and phone calls. Thanks to members of the Church of Christ for the cards and all the signatures.

Keith Sheimo

Our thanks to Norman Nye and Larry Shropshire for restoring the Veterans Monument - to the Girls 4-H Club for planting all the flowers and to Larson Plumbing & Heating for the use of the jack hammer to get through the limestone to plant the tree.

The Fertile Beautification & Improvement Committee

# Post Office History

Globe-Gazette Correspondent

## Correspondent at Fertile

### Also Works as Postmaster

By CHUCK WALK  
Globe-Gazette Farm Editor

FERTILE — Besides being the postmaster at Fertile for the past 13½ years, Mrs. C. E. Eikenbary has found time to be the Globe-Gazette correspondent for that Worth County town.

In fact, Mrs. Eikenbary has been a correspondent for so long she can't remember the exact number of years. She thinks it's better than 25 but knows it hasn't been as long as she has been connected with the Fertile Post Office.

BEFORE SHE took over the duties of postmaster in 1945 she helped her husband during the 30 years he was postmaster. That adds up to almost 44 years of service in the Fertile Post Office.

The connection between her family and the Post Office doesn't stop with her and her husband. In fact it goes back as far as 1872 when her uncle became the first postmaster of the first Post Office in Fertile.

ALTHOUGH THERE have been non-relatives who have served as postmasters, Mrs. Eikenbary also points out that her older sister and father both held the post for a number of years.

Mrs. Eikenbary's father (her maiden name was Overson) and mother were among the early settlers around Fertile. They made the trek from their home in Wisconsin in a covered wagon and had to cross the Mississippi River on a raft because there were no bridges at that time.

Of the 10 children in Mrs. Eikenbary's family there are four

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besides herself, still living in or around Fertile. One sister still lives in Fertile while one brother is in business in town, another is a minister and a third farms just south of town.

MRS. EIKENBARY has two children of her own. Her son, Charles, is in the real estate business in Mason City while her daughter lives in Japan where her husband, Paul Shook, is a missionary. Five grandchildren, including a set of twin boys in the Shook family, completes the list of relatives.

Needle work used to be a favorite hobby of Mrs. Eikenbary before she took over the duties of the postmaster but since then she says she just doesn't have the time. Her days are kept busy in the office and handling a small drug business that her husband ran before his death in 1947.

She was Sunday school superintendent of the Fertile Mission Church for 11 years and taught Sunday school for 26 years before retiring earlier this spring.



PETER A. GROVE

He grew to manhood in the Fertile area and worked at his father's general store. For one year, he acted as postmaster and was later appointed carrier for the first mail route out of Hanlontown in 1903. He served in that capacity for 30 years until his retirement.



LOOKING AT THE PAST Postmaster Mike Purcell stands near the office they used until recently this summer. Though it is no longer in use many letters and other mail passed through the office before its closing.

The Fertile Public Library is now taking applications for an Assistant Librarian. Someone who is available during all open hours in case head librarian is sick or on vacation. Would be working 6 hours a week; 3 hours on a Mon. or Wed. night (5-8pm) & 3 hours on Sat. morning every other week. Could possibly work more than the 6hrs/week scheduled. Must be at least 18 years old & willing to use the computer & fax machine. Send resume to:

Fertile Public Library  
 P.O. Box 198  
 Fertile, IA 50434

**"Raising the Roof"**  
 ATTENTION NORTH IOWA

The Fertile Public Library is putting on a special fund raising day called "Raising the Roof" on Sat. Aug. 28, 1993. It will be a whole day of fun & excitement to help raise money for a new library roof. There will be a soft ball tournament made up of area church group teams, a tractor rodeo, craft fair, tug-of-war (city vs. country), a dunk tank, cowchip bingo, grease pig chase, ice cream social, parade & MORE!

If your church has a soft ball team that would be interested in playing, call Arnie Hauge at 797-2474. If you want to have a table to sell crafts, call Cheryl Benson at 797-2679. (\$10 per table- will be held at the Fertile gym).

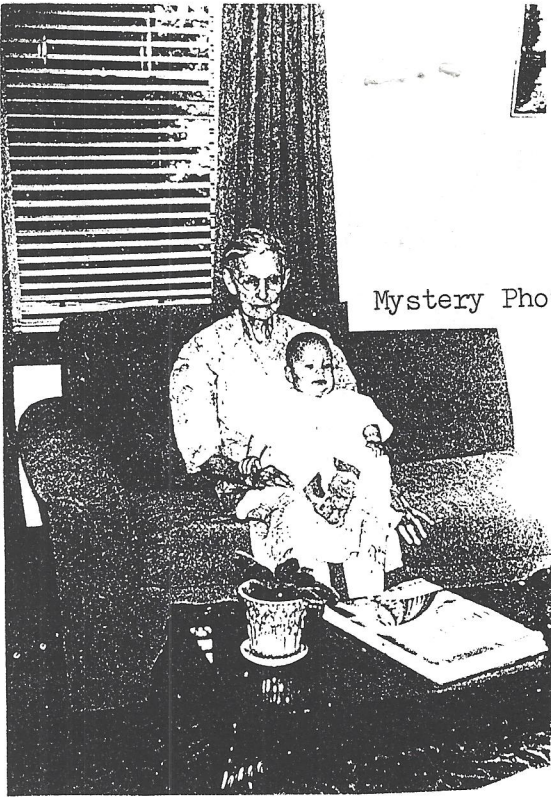
If you are interested in being in any of the events, or have any questions, ideas, or donations please call Cheryl at the library- 797-2787 or 797-2679. Or mail to:

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If you wish to donate items for the special fun day please call Cheryl. Here is a list:

1. vanilla ice cream
2. Chocolate & Strawberry syrup
3. plastic bowls, spoons & napkins
4. money
5. coffee
6. money
7. cans of pop
8. hot dogs
9. buns
10. bars or cookies
11. more money
12. frozen lemonade concentrate
13. foam cups for coffee
14. volunteer help for events
15. hay bale twine
16. tug of war rope
17. potato chips

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 Friday 1 - 5 pm      Saturday 9 - Noon



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Our sympathy is extended to the family of William "Bill" Hammervold who passed away on May 18, 1993 at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Mason City, Ia. Bill was the son of the late Ed and Sophie Hammervold. Bill grew up and attended school in Fertile. He left this area in the early '50's and was a resident of Mason City at the time of his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister Edith. He is survived by his wife, a son and his family and a sister Karla all of Mason City.

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*Joan E. Norem*  
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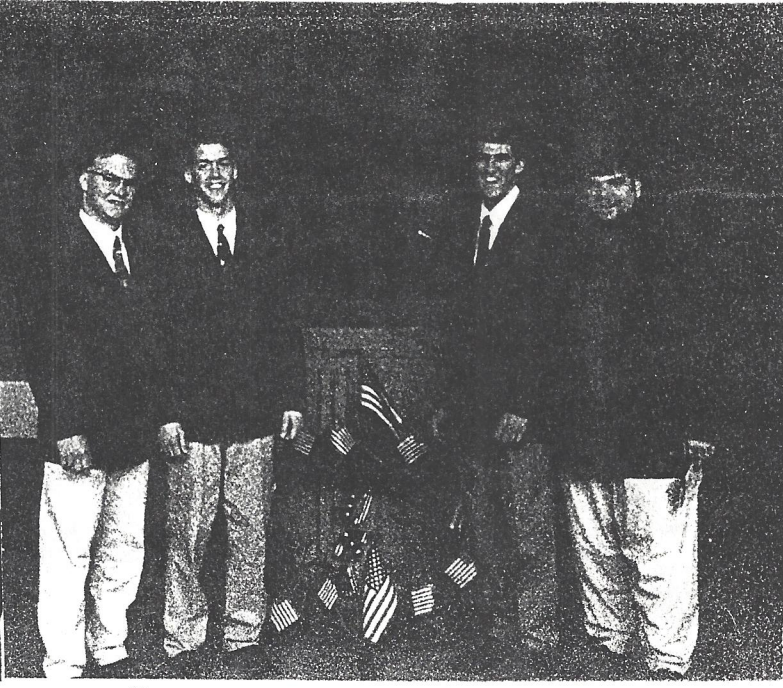
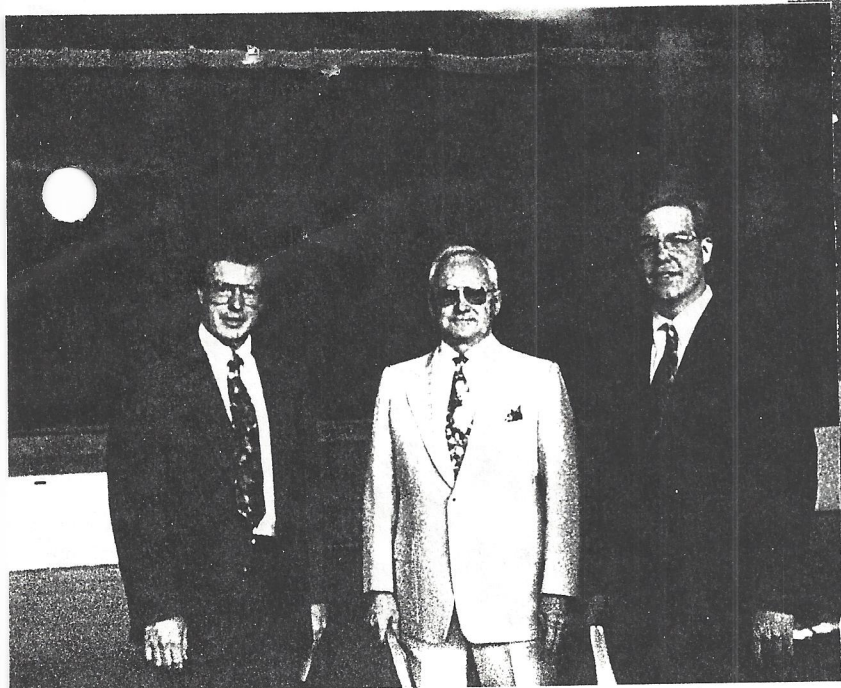
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*Pastor Kampster Pastor King Lindsay*

*"Three Men and a Mike"*

OUR COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC was a huge success. The park was "wet" so it was held in the Community Center with approximately 250 people attending.

We have received many good comments on the service and the food. What a great crowd shared our pot luck dinner with lots and lots of delicious food.

Wasn't it nice to see all the former residents come back and be with us. The class of 1943 was also celebrating their 50th class reunion and were in attendance at the service. Isn't it nice when one moves away and comes back and still calls Fertile their home town.

We wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this community affair a success and most of all to everyone who came and shared our noon meal.

The F.B.&I.

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NOTICE: The Personal Touch Beauty Salon will be closed from July 5 through the 19th for vacation.

### JELLY BEAN PRAYER

RED is for the blood He gave,  
GREEN is for the grass He made,  
YELLOW is for the sun so bright,  
ORANGE is for the edge of night.  
BLACK is for the sins we made,  
WHITE is for the grace he gave,  
PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow,  
PINK is for our new tomorrow.  
A bag full of jelly beans,  
Colorful and sweet,  
Is a prayer, is a promise,  
Is a friend's small treat.



OUR PARK



In spite of the park being flooded this spring and with all the rains the water still is running over the entrance bridge and the ground is still wet, our Veteran Memorial Monument has been restored. The flag pole is fixed and a flag was flown over Memorial weekend - also a decorated wreath was placed in front of the monument.

Two northwood maple trees were planted in memory of Amos Ouverson and Don Suby. Also a few years ago a tree was planted in memory of Harley & Edith Ouverson and Andy Elthon. Flowers in front of the park sign were planted by the girls 4-H Club. They also planted flowers in the two red wood planters in front of the log cabin.

The steps have been repaired with a railing on the east side of the park to walk up to the road more easily.

We hope our weather will cooperate so our other projects will soon be completed.

The Fertile Park Committee has changed their name to F.B. & I. We think Fertile Beautification and Improvements sounds more inique.



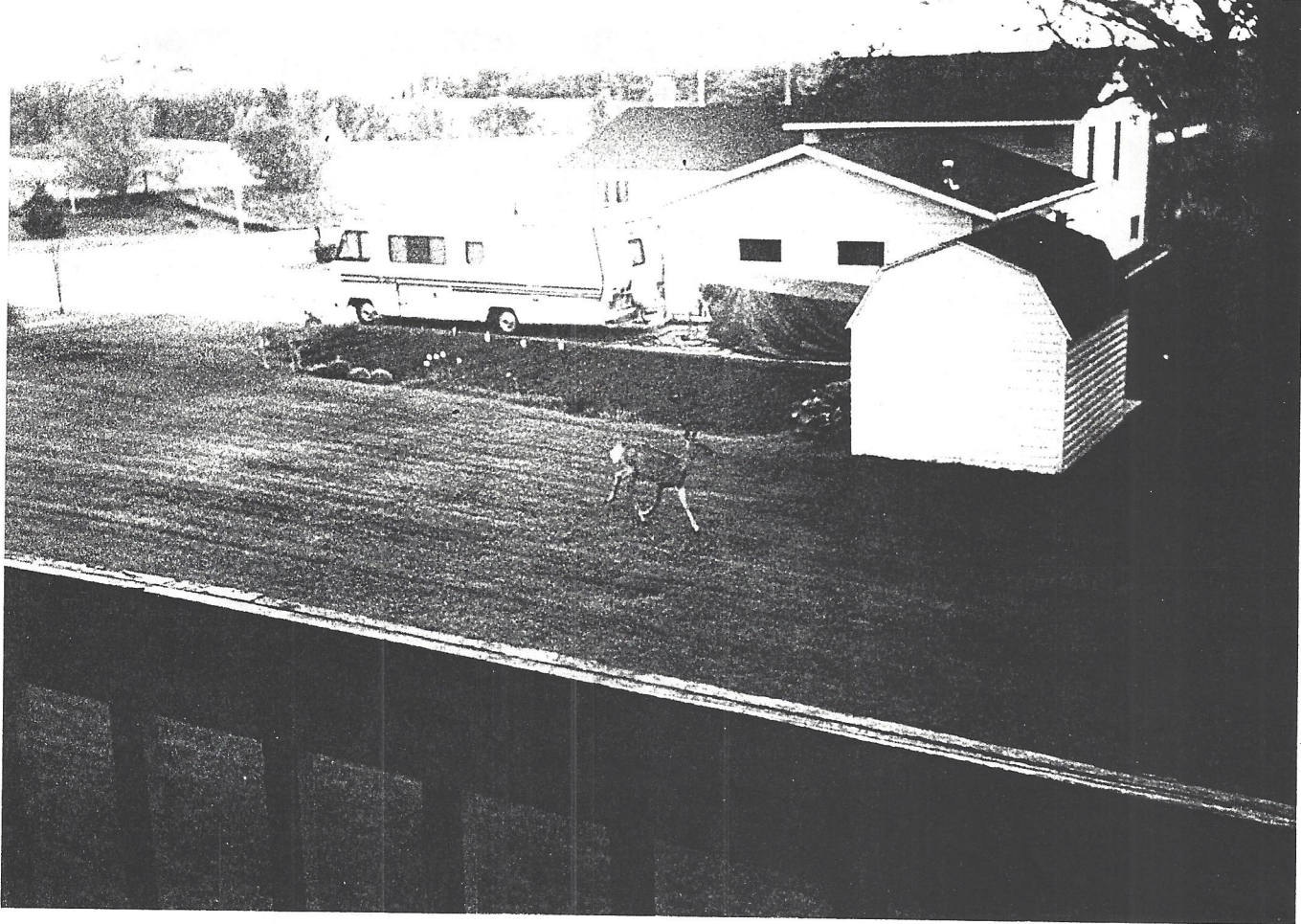
*Let's fly our flags  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*

LETTERS

Enclosed find check for the Reminder. I enjoy receiving it so much. You gals do a good job.

The Old Reminder Gal  
Carrie Luther

NOTICE: The Reminder does not charge for thank you's, open house showers or anniversaries. The only charge is for advertising.



Deer in Fertile! A number of these beautiful creatures have been seen in the woods in the northwest part of town behind the homes of Lance Burtness and Frank Sheimo. They have gotten a little more brave this spring as the picture shows. Seems the like Diane's garden!

*"Congratulations!"*

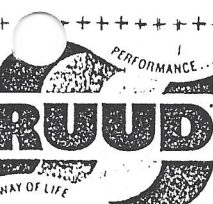
A son, Jesse Evan, was born on May 13, 1993 to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Henning Jr. of Fertile. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Henning Sr. of Fertile.

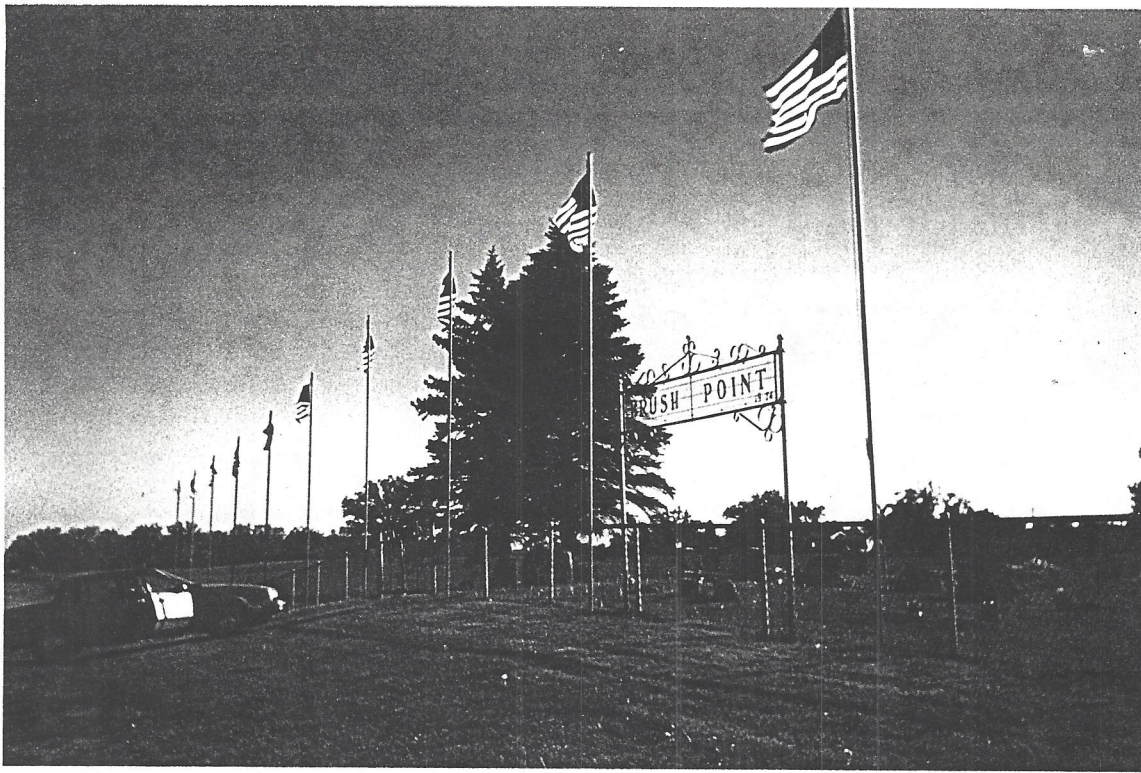
A son, Aaron Alexander, was born on May 27, 1993 to Robin and Randy Harms of Joice, former Fertile residents. Grandparents are Pat Tuttle of Fertile and Larry Tuttle of Joice.

A son, Luke Timothy, was born June 12, 1993 to Tim and Debra Kleveland of Fertile. Grandparents are Charles and Carol Kleveland of Forest City, former Fertile area residents.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jodi Ouverson for being chosen by the Forest City High School Band to represent them as queen for the North Iowa Band Festival in Mason City. Jodi was also chosen as the Most Outstanding Girl in the 1993 graduating class in Forest City. This is only a few of the many accomplishments she achieved during her high school career. Jodi is the daughter of Jerry and Donna Ouverson and granddaughter of Lenora Ourverson and Sherwood and Marion Pitkin.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jodi Ouverson and Jason Schubert for being selected to the 1993 Scholastic All Stars of North Iowa and Southern Minnesota. Jodi is a graduate of the Forest City High School. She is the daughter of Jerry and Donna Ouverson and the granddaughter of Lenora Ouverson and Sherwood and Marion Pitkin. Jason is a graduate of the Britt High School. He is the son of Russ and Cindy Schubert and grandson of Fern and Arden Midtgaard.

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A new look has been added to Brush Point Cemetery. A total of 17 flags and poles were put up along the east fence next to the highway. What a beautiful sight this is to see these flags flying as you drive by. This project was started from memorials to the Carl Kaasa and Amos Gilbertson families. The flags fly the entire Memorial weekend and are also put up on Flag Day. If a family requests they will be put up for a military service. A memorial plaque has been placed near the front gate with names of memorials of \$100 or more. Additional names will be added as they are received.

OUR TREE

Our memory and living tree has been planted. A twelve foot blue spruce stands on the Lumber Yard corner - yes, it is small but it will grow. We don't think all of our 470 plus lights can be strung on it - but watch in December to see where the rest of the lights will be shining. On Memorial weekend little flags were placed around it - also a flag was placed in each living veteran yard over the Memorial weekend. Many people were seen driving through town and counting all the flags

Jim Seglem's name has been added to our list of veterans.



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*Kids* **RIDDLE ME** *Korner*

**Riddle: What has teeth but cannot bite?**

Today is one of the good old days you'll be young for when you get old.

Write the name of each picture. The answer to the riddle will be in the boxes when you finish.

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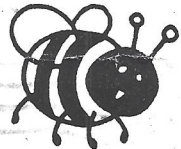
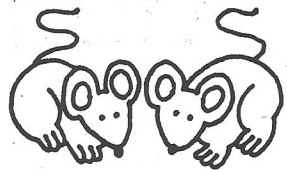
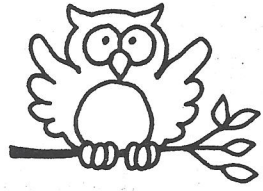
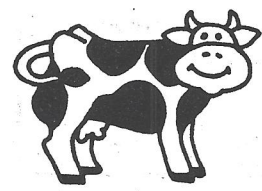
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To keep grass from growing between bricks in a walk - sprinkle the spaces with salt.

Use dish soap detergent in your bath to eliminate the itching of mosquito bites.

Answers: cow, owl, mice, bee; comb

**HINTS WITH VINEGAR**

- Clean diamond rings by soaking them in vinegar.
- Remove dried glue by applying hot vinegar.
- Raw peeled potatoes will keep well in refrigerator if you add a few drops of vinegar to water - cover potatoes with this water - vinegar solution.
- Apply vinegar to insect bites to stop the sting and itch.
- Remove odors from hands or bleach odor from clothing by rinsing with vinegar.
- Spray vinegar on chrome kitchen and bathroom fixtures to remove water spots.
- Clean eyeglasses with a few drops of vinegar.
- To make pie crust sheen, take the pie out of oven when almost baked and brush top with vinegar (white or cider) and put back in oven a few minutes.

**NO BAKE TOFFEE BARS**

Graham crackers  
 2 sticks oleo  
 1 C brown sugar  
 1½ C chopped nuts  
 1 8oz. hershey bar

Line 9 x 13 pan with whole graham crackers. Melt oleo, add sugar and boil 3 minutes. Add nuts and spread over crackers. Melt hershey bar and frost.

Lorraine Bakke

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Mystery photo: Grandma Humphrey and Bob Van Den Bosch



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Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.

You know you are getting older when the happy hour is a nap.

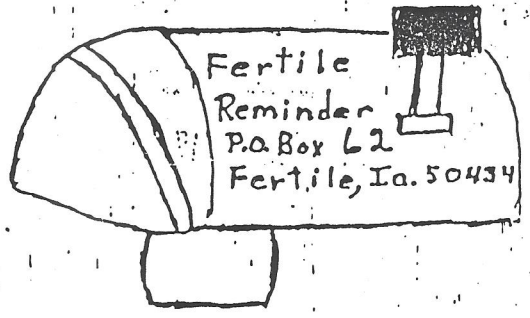
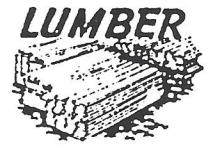
Remember when the only hazard presented by insecticides was running into flypaper.

Life is like a bath - the longer you stay in there the more wrinkled you get.

A grandmother is a mother who has a second chance.

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