

August 1994

FERTILE



REMINDER

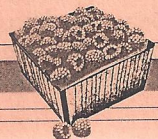


*Artist
DeAnn Monden*

COMING EVENTS

August 1	7:00	Firemens Meeting (Organize Fire Dept)
August 2	12:00	Senior Citizens Dinner
	7:00	Council Meeting
August 3		Recycle
August 9		Garden Club
August 16	12:00	Senior Citizens Dinner
	7:00	Library Meeting
August 20	1:00	Boys and Girls 4-H

CANNING OR FREEZING



JULY CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met July 12, 1994 with Mayor Elthon presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Rock has been hauled to the lagoon. It still needs to be spread.

Council discussed possible appointees to the Library Board. Two are needed. Mayor will talk to several possible members.

Bob Jones was present to discuss the water and sewer hook-up for his mother's property.

Two trustees from Grant Township and several Fertile Fire Dept members discussed the future and the funding of the Fire Dept. Motion to have the Fire Dept. submit a budget to the council and set up a separate account from the city. City will pay Fire Dept. one-fourth of their funds per quarter. Carried.

Motion to have Arden Bergan install tile in the south end of School St. Carried.

Mike Dahn reported he will attend the First Responder Class.

Council discussed the ditch drainage in the ditch in front of Gary Anderson's property.

Permission was given for Marv Hansmeier to build a garage on his property.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Did you read in the Mason City Globe how a man fights his "Creeping Charlie". His recipe is: 4 cups regular table "Morton" salt. Mix thoroughly with 2 gallons of water in a 2 gallon sprayer. Spray on affected areas. At the end of the 1st day creeping charlie will start to lay over and 2nd day start to die. The 3rd day it will be brown and dead.

I've been told in Arizona Green Houses they sell "Charlie" to be put in hanging baskets. I'm sure it grows well - so it is a thought!!

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JUNE BALANCE SHEET
Expenditures

David Low	\$301.41
Les Zearing	567.20
Janice Hare	264.08
Interstate Power Co.	394.85
Treas. - State of Iowa	116.47
IPERS	87.86
Liberty Bank & Trust	142.24
Wastes Systems Corp.	1537.73
WCTA	42.58
Peoples Natural Gas	11.62
Northwood Anchor	16.20
Pronto Market	8.31
LGI	7.00
Marv's Service	29.79
North Iowa Tire	49.68
Schulze Welding	7.95
Feed - Rite Controls	15.00
Northway Well & Pump Co.	978.71
Worsley Electric	29.96
Fertile Little League & Softball	700.00
Postmaster	11.25
BMC	897.30
	<u>\$7744.73</u>

Revenue 4465.00



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club met Tues. July 12 at Linda Shehan's home to tour member's flowers and gardens (in the rain). 17 ladies took a drive through view of the gardens. After the tour we went to Mary Anderson's home for our meeting. Roll Call "My favorite picnic spot." Secretary's report read and approved. Question and answer period which gave some advice on gardening was monitored by Ethel Tuttle. Donna Ouverson gave the "Thought for the Day". Mary Anderson and Lorna Petersburg served a delicious fruit cup lunch. Next meeting will be Guest Day, Aug. 8th.

Ethel Tuttle
Reporter

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AN OPEN HOUSE - to honor Lovilla Felland on her 90th birthday will be held on Sunday July 24th from 2 to 4 at the home of Roger and Goldie Felland at 404 Washington Street Fertile, Ia

"Congratulations!"

A daughter, Alexis Marie, was born on June 30, 1994 to Scott and Laura Lovik of Clear Lake, Ia. Grandparents are Marcus Lovik of Fertile and Mary Baca of Denver, Co. Great-grandparents are Stanley and Erma Brue of Fertile and Lloyd Lovik of Forest City, Ia.

A son, Zachary M, was born on July 1, 1994 to Paul and Shelly Van Den Bosch of Ankeny, Ia. Grandmother is Norma Van Den Bosch of Ames, Ia. Great-grandmother is Jeanette Van Den Bosch of Manly.

A son, Casey Robert, was born on July 7, 1994 to Tim and Patty Hall of Clear Lake, Ia. Grandparents are Gene and Judy Hall of Fertile.

A son, Daniel David, was born on June 20, 1994 to David and Julie Sunne of Council Bluffs, Ia. Grandparents are Don and Ruth Sunne of Fertile, Ia.




Lovilla Felland will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 24, 1994. She continues to live in her own home, doing her own household chores, does her own cooking and buys her own groceries. She has a few outside plants which she enjoys watching them bloom. Most of her life has been spent in the Fertile area. She was born and grew up in Ellington Township, spending all of her life on a farm, was baptized and confirmed at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church, attended the one room country school and attended Waldorf College.

She married Ole Felland and they were the parents of 2 children, Roger, who continues to live in Fertile, and Sandy, who passed away in July of 1990. She has 3 grandchildren, Shelia Trees of Lake Havasu, Ariz., Lona Trees of Forest City, and Tanya Olson of Fertile and 6 great-grandchildren.

She talks about all the cooking she has done for crews of men that were threshing - all the canning of vegetables, fruit and meats. Today she spends a lot of her time watching T-V and get-togethers with her family. She enjoys seeing her great-grandchildren and watching them grow up and talks of all their energy that youth has. She appears in good health, but talks of aches and pains, which we all may do, if we're lucky enough to reach the age of "90".

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TEDDY BEAR LEARNING CENTER

Teddy Bear Learning Center celebrated it's 10th birthday on Saturday, June 25 at the Waddington farm.

Pre-school graduation was held with Ivy Millard, Rachel Tuttle and Tyler Van Winkle the three graduates. This was followed by a pot luck supper.

At 6:30 all children who had attended any length of time at the day care were invited to a fun carnival in which the parents operated the nine booths. Drawings were held for prizes and prizes were given for guessing games.

Dean Ouverson gave all the children, parents and grandparents buggy rides with his Belgian mare, Molly, and a buggy he built.

A clown stopped by to add to the entertainment.

The evening was ended by sharing a birthday cake.

Teddy Bear Learning Center was started in August, 1984 and is a Christian day care run by Penny Miller and Betty Waddington.


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THANK YOU to family and friends for prayers, visits, cards, telephone calls and visits during my recent hospitalization. It is good to live in a small town where everyone cares.

Kenneth Gudmonson

In a Pickle

Neil L. Kuns

August 30, 1993

During the early forties one of the thriving businesses in Fertile was the dill pickle packing plant, operated by Marty Hjelmelland. The whole operation from the planting of the cucumber and dill seeds through the mixing of the brine in the large wooden vat on a tower east of Dad's garage to the selling of the barrels of pickles took place in and around town. There were many steps in the process, and some of these could be handled by young people, such as the dusting of the cucumber vines to kill or at least control the cucumber beetles. Teed (Alan) Elthon, my best friend, and I prevailed on Marty to hire us for the dusting job.

The plants sprawled over the field at the south-east corner of State Routes 86 and 9 where the Church of Christ and the Steak House now stand. Our high tech equipment consisted of tin cans nailed to the bottom of a lath. Nail holes had been driven into the bottom of the cans, and when given a shake enough of the dusting lime fell out and powdered the leaves. It must have been the most cost effective way of getting the job done in those days, for the process never changed, as far as I can remember. It didn't take a lot of skill or concentration, but it was a job and it was a useful way to while away the days of summer.

We had completed the job, and several days had passed, but Marty had not yet arranged to pay us. The executive committee of the dusting company (Teed and I) discussed the matter and decided that since Marty was *his* uncle he would ask Marty for our pay. I seem to recall that we were to be paid the princely sum of fifteen cents per hour. That Teed was his nephew was only part of the reason I wanted *him* to present our bill for services rendered. I have always hated to ask for *anything*, and used to follow Dad around for an hour, working up the courage to ask him if I could have one of the candy bars he kept for sale in the office of the garage (the "Cherry Mash" was my favorite).

We finally found Marty, and the timing was right to pop the question. Alan went up to him and announced, "Neil wants his money." I was mortified. It turned out that Teed had as difficult time asking for money as did I. Well, Marty was always good natured, and while I remember him laughing I also recall that he paid us without delay. What seemed to be a "pickle" for us was no problem for him. My guess is that this is frequently the way it is in life. We imagine pickling problems into existence when facing the question is a quicker and better solution.

With Sympathy

SPECIAL MEETING TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT - Monday August 1, 1994

GIRLS 4-H NEWS

Our deepest sympathy to Stephen and Jeanette (T) Oliver of Hanlontown, Ia on the death of their 23 month-old son Stephen II, who passed away on June 26, 1994 in a tragic accident. Other survivors include a sister, Jessica, his grandparents Eugene and Lois Low of Fertile, his great-grandmother Luella Low of Fertile and many other relatives in the Fertile area.

The Grant Livewires met June 25th with 10 members present. The meeting was the club's achievement show, and mothers were guests. Megan Levad gave a presentation on "A Survival Kit for Your Car". Katherine Kingland and Anna Almeliem told about the farm safety camp they had attended. A committee was appointed to plan projects for the North Iowa Fair booth and make a scarecrow. Megan Levad and Barb Lee attended the 4-H state convention on June 28.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Alvin Miller of Clarion, Ia. who passed away on July 1, 1994 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson, Az. Survivors from the Fertile area are Viola Roberts and Verle Miller.

BOYS 4-H NEWS

The Fertile Valley Farmers met June 25th at the home of Jesse Faber. Six members were present. Jesse Faber gave a presentation on horseback riding. An informal meeting was held. Fair projects were discussed. The members needed to help in the 4-H foodstand for Sunday night were selected. The fair runs from July 26 thru July 31. Jesse Faber was our host. Our next meeting will be scheduled in September.

Word has been received of the death of Ruth L Ouverson of Mason City, Ia. who passed away on July 3, 1994. Her husband, Luverne "Bill" Ouverson attended school at Fertile. Also surviving are a stepson, Neil Ouverson who lives at rural Fertile. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Nate Lovik, Reporter

Our deepest sympathy to Larry and Fran Tibbets on the death of Fran's brother, Harold Skalicky of Portland, Oregon who passed away on July 4, 1994.

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Ans on Kids Page!

Word has been received of the death of Ruth I. (Steuerwald) Smith of Mason City, Ia. who passed away on July 13, 1994 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center East. She was baptized and confirmed in the Fertile Lutheran Church and also attended school in Fertile. She moved to Mason City in 1945. Our sympathy to the family.

NOTICE: Someone? says "Hi" to Deb and Mary Lou!!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Andy and Pat Oswald on the death of Pats mother, Edna Mae Legge of Belmond, Ia. who passed away on July 11, 1994 at Belmond Healthcare Center in Belmond, Ia.

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Word has been received of the death of Michael Steltzner of Mason City, Ia who passed away on July 13, 1994 at his home in Mason City. Survivors are his wife Frances and 2 daughters. His wife is the former Frances Hill, daughter of the late Lester Hill, who grew up in the Fertile area and attended school in Fertile. Our sympathy to the family.

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Dear Editor: Dale (and Dick, as we send him our copy to the Phillippines)very much appreciate the Fertile Reminder. Perhaps you will find the attached newsworthy! I hope this photo will reproduce okay.

Phrel (Mrs. Dale) Varberg
St. Paul, Mn.



Back Row: Rev. Dick Varberg, Masbate, Philippine islands;
Dale Varberg, St. Paul; Allen Elthon, Fertile;
Ruth Nyhus, Portland, OR; David Elthon; Boyd
Varberg, St. Paul.
Front Row: Ivene Nelson, Clear Lake; Amy Mahoney, Mondamin;
Sylvia Lemon, St. Charles, IL.

Mother's Day Weekend 1994 was a special time for nine of the thirteen grandchildren of the late Andrew and Olena Elthon, long-time Fertile residents. The reunion took place in an Eagan, MN hotel. Over 70 met to get reacquainted, share memories, and enjoy extended time together.

A highlight of the weekeend was a dinner Saturday night, emceed by Sylvia Elthon Lemon. Dale Varberg read and then presented to the family members an Elthon Family History which he wrote for the occasion. Another notable event was a chapel service Sunday morning led by Rev. Dick Varberg at which time many expressed gratitude for the spiritual heritage given them by their parents and grandparents. The speaker was Mike Lusardi, staff member of Athletes in Action and chaplain for the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. He is a son-in-law of Amy (Elthon) and Wendell Mahoney.

Ginger's Gems



Where In Iowa? (Compiled by Doris Aardsma)

Match up Iowa attractions with their locations in the second column.

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| 1. Home of C.Y. Stephens Auditorium | A. State Center |
| 2. Steamboat Sunk in Missouri River - The Bertrand | B. North of Denison |
| 3. Land Owned by Abraham Lincoln | C. Davenport |
| 4. Birthplace of Mamie Doud Eisenhower | D. West Branch |
| 5. Annual Celebration - Lincoln Highway Days | E. Iowa City |
| 6. Annual Iowa Rose Festival | F. DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge |
| 7. Home of Handcrafted Furniture, Woolens, Home-Cured Meats | G. Nevada |
| 8. National Balloon Museum | H. Dubuque |
| 9. Klokkenspel | I. West Bend |
| 10. Putnam Museum | J. Ames |
| 11. Cable Car Square | K. Indianola |
| 12. Old Capitol | L. Boone |
| 13. Herbert Hoover National Historic Sites | M. Amana Colonies |
| 14. Sgt. Floyd Monument | N. Sioux City |
| 15. Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin Historic Site | O. Arnolds Park |
| 16. Grotto of the Redemption | P. Pella |

I-9I	K-8
O-9I	W-7
N-14	V-6
D-13	C-5
E-12	L-4
H-11	B-3
C-10	F-2
J-9	I-1
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 3/4 C cold margarine
 4 eggs slightly beaten
 1 1/2 C granulated sugar
 1 tsp. baking powder
 1/2 C real lemon juice (concentrate)
 Extra powdered sugar

Combine 1 1/2 C flour and 1/2 C powdered sugar. Cut in margarine until crumbly. Press in a 9 x 13 pan, lightly greased. Bake 15 min. Mix eggs, granulated sugar, baking powder, real lemon juice and 3T flour. Pour over baked crust and bake 20-25 min. or until lightly brown. Sprinkle with extra powdered sugar. Makes 24 to 36 bars. Bake in 350° oven.

Margaret Halvorson

Going to church on Sunday can be a beauty treatment. You can have your faith lifted!

The fact that silence is golden may explain why there is so little of it.


Farmer: "Aren't you the boy who applied here for a job two weeks ago?"

Boy: "Yes, sir."

Farmer: "And didn't I say I wanted an older boy?"

Boy: "Yes, sir. That's why I'm back here now."

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The formula for failure - Try to please everyone!

It's almost impossible to smile on the outside without feeling better on the inside.

There is no indigestion worse than that of trying to eat your own words.

Disappointments should be cremated not embalmed.

You can preach a better sermon with your life than you can with your lips.

Every mother knows which side the bread is buttered on - The side the kids drop on the floor.

Mystery Photo: Verle Miller





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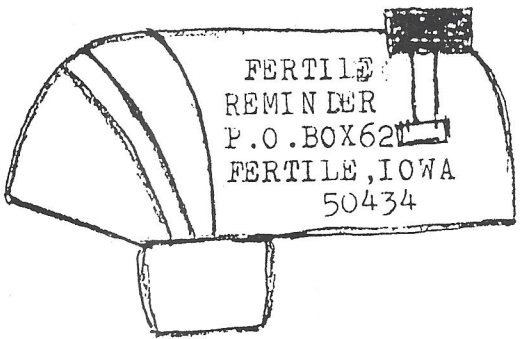
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SPECIAL MEETING - to plan and organize the Fire Department. There is an interest in having training and getting the fire equipment up to standard for the Fertile Fire Department. The Fire Department is looking for volunteer either men or women. The next meeting will be Monday, August 1, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire station. It is felt there is a real need for this in our community. All interested and concerned persons are urged to attend.
FERTILE FIRE CHIEF

THANKS to the Fertile Garden Club for the beautiful flowers which you have planted in our park. We hope everyone is enjoying them. Have you noticed our sign "William Rhodes Park" has been replaced with a new one? Also the tables have a new coat of paint.



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