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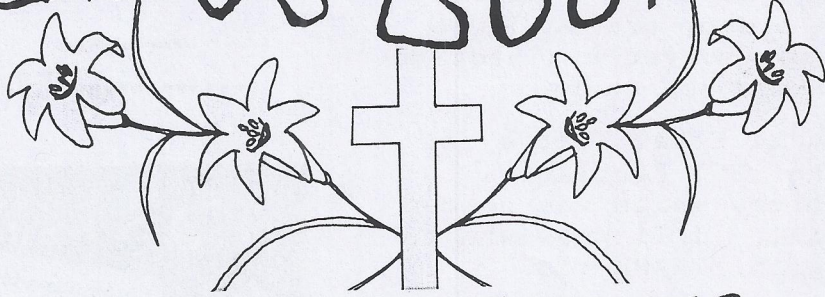
FERTILE



REMINDER

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COMING EVENTS

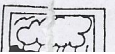
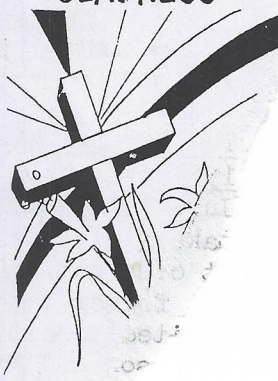
- April 1 Good Friday
- April 3 Easter Sunday
Daylight savings time
set clocks ahead one hour.
- April 4 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- April 5 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
7:00 Council Meeting
- April 6 Recycle Day
- April 7 6:30-7:30 (Fertile Little League)
Boys and Girls
sign up at Comm.Center.
- April 12 12:30 Garden Club
Tour Country Garden
Meet at Comm. Center.
- April 16 1:00 Boys and Girls 4-H
- April 19 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
7:00 Library Meeting
- April 30 10:00 Auction Sale
(Donations)
At School House.

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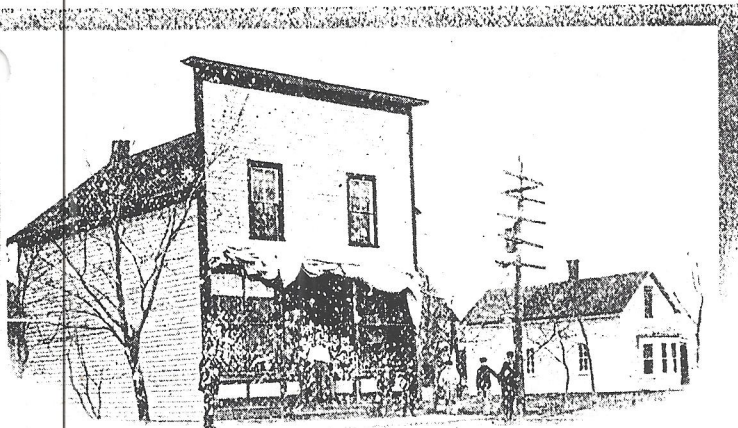
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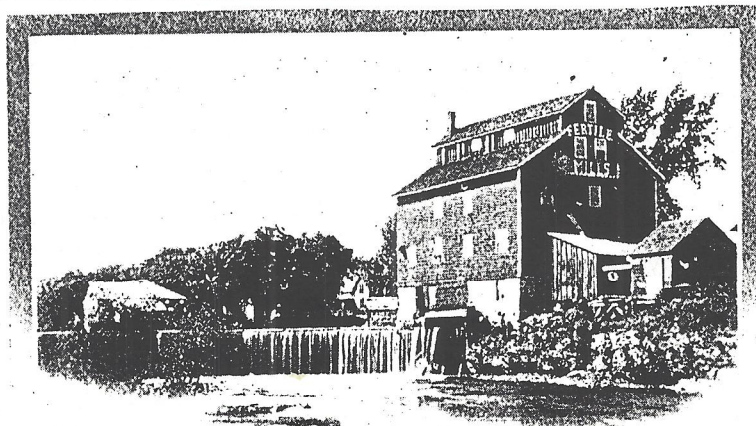
FERTILE is one of the oldest and most substantial towns in Worth County, dating from the advent of the arrival of Wm. Rhodes, on August 6th, 1856, who erected the first house, 14x18 feet in size, with a Dutch fireplace at one end. His first venture was in a saw mill, which he constructed and operated. In 1868 this was supplemented with a grist mill. The next to arrive and settle hereabouts were Wm. K. Fankell and E. S. Winans, in 1857. The first child born here was John Fenton Rhodes, December 1, 1861. The first marriage was M. O. Blackmore and Louise Fankell, which occurred July 2, 1868. The first death was a daughter of Luther Place, during the winter of 1856-7. The village was platted during the year 1877, and the plat thereof filed for record August 21st of the same year. The first store was opened in 1872 by Ole Ouverson in a small frame building. In 1874 K. Paulson was admitted as a partner. In 1875 this business was transferred to Messrs. Grove & Kirk, the postoffice being combined with it, with A. A. Grove as postmaster. Gunder K. Daley started the first blacksmith and wagon shop in 1870. Halver Ouverson was next in this line in 1875. Dr. J. R. Jones was the first physician, arriving in 1878, and in 1879 he put in the first drug store. The past twenty years has wrought many changes in Fertile, and the future holds out even more for it. Situated as it is in one of the best farming and stock-raising sections of the country, traversed by Beaver and Lime rivers, affording excellent irrigation and pasturage, and manned by a coterie of merchants of the "do or die" character, whose aggressiveness mate well with their progressiveness, and the new enterprises which are continually springing up and maturing, it is destined in the near future to eclipse all its former records of progress and prosperity. With its Mill, Brick & Tile Works, Peat Plant, Co-Operative Lumber Yard, Co-Operative Creamery, strong financial institution, three general merchandise stores, hardware store, drug store, furniture store, two blacksmith shops, hotel, barber and shoe shops, splendid school and church buildings, it stands out pre-eminently—a beacon light throwing its rays in every direction—and attracting trade beyond its territory. The town was incorporated April 17th, 1908, and the following officers installed: Mayor, E. M. Lang; Councilmen, A. A. Elthon, P. J. Ouverson, J. A. Johnson, J. A. Ellefson, O. H. Rholl; Clerk, C. Eikenberry; Treasurer, J. F. Rhodes; Assessor, G. A. Rye. All are representative business men, enthusiastic in the advancement line, and will acquit themselves in their usual characteristic manner. It is proposed to first establish a grade, after which new sidewalks will be constructed, a "new dress" donned, so to speak, and an invitation extended to new enterprises, relying upon their past achievements and future prospects, which were never more effulgent than at the present day, to accomplish that for which they have so long sought—supremacy in every sense of the word.



BROWN'S MEAT MARKET, FERTILE



VIEW MAIN STREET, FERTILE



The Fertile Valley Farmers met on February 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Pres. Isaac Almelién called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken by telling our favorite winter activity. Seven members were present. Business meeting was conducted with new business discussion on different ways to raise money. The club will be holding a bake sale on April 30th to start at 10:00 a.m. at the Fertile Community Center. It is in conjunction with the Community Center Auction being held at the same time. Discussion regarding holding a car wash in May was tabled until the next meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Isaac Almelién gave a presentation on the proper technique for shooting a free throw.

Lunch was served by Nate Lovik and recreation for the meeting was playing basketball in the gym.

Nate Lovik, Reporter

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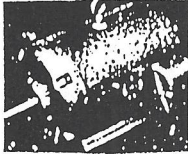
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4-H NEWS

The Grant Livewires 4-H Club held their Feb. meeting at the Community Center. Roll Call was "My Favorite TV Show", answered by 13 members and leaders. We discussed the "Share the Fun we were in. Arlene Lee and Emily Suby worked at the Community Soup Supper as part of their leadership project. Presentations were given by Katie Anderson on Hospitality Baskets, Barb Lee on Ironing a Shirt, Anna and Abby Almelién on How to Care for Guinea Figs, Rachel Midtgaard on Paper Marbleing. Katherine Kingland on Bunny Baskets, Laura Lovik on Heart Decorations, Emily Kingland on How to Make a Wake Up Doll. Next month we plan to go bowling for a recreation meeting.

We sure enjoy the paper. Thanks for all the work.

Larry & Judy Ouverson
Holt, Mo.

Thanks so much for the reminder for the Fertile Reminder! We enjoy the issue.

Deb & Tim Kleveland
Fertile, Ia.

Dear Reminder Gals: The Reminder is so newsy! Saves much letter writing. It is so interestedly edited. Keep up the spirit!

Harriet Ouverson
Colo, Ia.

So happy to receive the Fertile Reminder and really enjoyed reading the article Maxine Rye wrote. Also those of Neil Kuns. Brings back so many memories.

Katie Thovson Baartman
Boyden, Ia.

I was given a copy of the February Fertile Reminder. I really enjoyed it and would like to get more of them. I am enclosing a check for it and will be looking for the next issue.

Edna Bakken
Joice, Ia.

You are to be commended on the fine job you do publishing the monthly paper. I have so many fond memories of growing up in "Putsy. It's a great town!

Elsie Suby Chisholm
Osage, Ia.



"Congratulations!"

A daughter, Courtney Ruth, was born to Ericka (Ouverson) and Phillip Myers of Sauk Village, Ill. Grandparents are Larry and Judy Ouverson of Holt, Mo. Great-grandparents are Virgil and Ruth Ouverson of Fertile.

A daughter, Maggie Mae, was born on March 14, 1994 to Stacy and Shelley Shipman of Fertile, Ia. Grandparents are Ken and Rar Lundgren of Fertile, Ia.

A son, Jesse Allen, was born to Brad a Shelia Tomlison of Cortez, Co. on Marc 1994. Grandparents are Dean and Nancy Ouverson of Fertile and the Keith Toml. of Waverly, Ia.

We Won!

Neil L. Kuns

December 20, 1993

It is probably difficult for anyone who grew up in a city where there are many magnets to hold the community together to understand how important the public school is to a small town. The PTA meetings, High School plays, and especially the basketball games were events that galvanized the citizens into one unit. *Any* game was a social event, but when the team was *good*, the game was the *finals* of the Worth County Tournament, and Fertile was *hosting* the contest, the whole town turned out to cheer on the boys.

For the tournament extra bleachers were erected on the stage, which ran along the whole north side of the basketball floor. Those were filled with people, as were the regular seats on the south side. The score board was hung high on the west wall of the gym and was controlled from the scorer's table, on the stage at the center line. When my dad built the score board he added a loud horn to signal the end of regulation time. There was only one time I recall being unable to hear it when it sounded -- the final game of the Worth County Tournament, 1944.

School superintendent Art Grooters, the most honest, stable, and unflappable person in the school, was controlling the score-board that night. From the beginning it was apparent that this was going to be a **championship game**. Both teams were playing up to their potential, and the lead changed hands repeatedly during the first two eight minute quarters. Band music, refreshments and relief filled the half time, and as the third quarter neared the teams returned to the floor and shot their warm-up baskets. The competing cheer leaders exhorted their respective fans to greater enthusiasm.

I should tell you that the competition for the home team that night was Northwood, the county seat, the largest and the only "class A" school in the county. Because of their smaller enrollments all the other county schools were "class B". Every other team in Worth County wanted to beat Northwood, but it was never an easy task.

The second half seemed even closer than the first, with neither team able to break out to any comfortable lead. Time ticked away to less than a minute, and with less than five seconds remaining Fertile had the lead, but Northwood had the ball, in their court, the east end of the gym, far from the score board. When they missed their shot and the time ran out the noise was so loud that *no one* -- not the players, not the referees, and not the crowd could hear the horn signaling the end of the game. There was one person who was watching the clock very carefully, Art Grooters. When time ran out so did he. He jumped down onto the playing floor. Waving his arms frantically over his head, he ran out to the officials to tell them the game was over. He wanted to make sure that in the excitement no more shots were taken.

I have watched hundreds of college and professional games on the tube since then, and some of them have been very exciting, but for sheer drama and excitement none could compare to the intensity of that night in 1944 when we won the county championship by defeating Northwood.

These were the boys who played on the ball team Neil is writing about. 1st team: Norman Brue, Loren (Bill) Nissen, Stanley Pederson, Earl Humphrey and Frank Sheimo. Subs: Ardie Lovick, Glenn Hanson, Arvid Holtan, Kenneth Lemke and Pat Nissen.

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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Geneva Haugen of Fertile who passed away on February 28, 1994 at the Americana Health Care Center in Mason City, Ia. Geneva and her late husband farmed south of Fertile. After her husband's death she moved to Fertile. She entered the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake last fall. She is survived by two sons, Mike of Fertile and Steve of Forest City, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. A sister, Lovilla Felland, of Fertile also survives. She was preceded in death by her husband Willie in 1975.

Word has been received of the death of Myron Zobel of Hemet, Ca. on February 21, 1994. He has been a resident of Hemet for eight years. Prior to that he lived in Mason City for 28 years. He was the son of the late Gus and Maude Zobel. He grew up in the Fertile area and graduated from Fertile High School in 1936.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Frances Hayes of Manly. She was a former teacher in the Fertile School during the mid forties.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Helen (Steuerwald) Smith of Crystal Lake, Ia. She attended school in Fertile and was confirmed in the Fertile Lutheran Church.

Clarice W. Leadley, daughter of Viola Zobel Evans, passed away Thursday, March 10 at Hospice Unit at Waterloo, Iowa. Clarice was a niece of Corrine Miller, Doris Burtness and Maynard Zobel.

Yes, here I sit with precious memories! When I was first married, I could look out my kitchen window and see main street. There was a precious, little old lady "tripping" along, in a long black dress, black shoes, holding her little grocery sack. This was Mrs. Bach (Grandma Bach to all). She lived in the east end of town. Near her was Mrs. Miller, Iva Schuler and Verle Miller's mom. One morning, while walking, she stopped me "come, have coffee with me". I completely forgot she was an amputee. She was so efficient! Also, on east end lived Ethel Deuel. She and my mother-in-law were near the same age. I had a "coffee" for them once. Then, I turn the corner by the lumber yard and go south over the bridge, past the park to Martin & Christina Ouverson. Harold, you are the "splitting image" of your dad. Oh, what a pleasure to visit them! Jimmy, when four, just loved to visit there in the country! So much fun to throw stones down the hill. Coming back, past the park, over the bridge, and near the corner lived Serena Giddings (Peggy Ouverson's mom). Then, there was a little building, the Cozy Nook Cafe. It had just two booths and three stools. Carl Fredrickson "ran" it. Across the street, in a little brick house lived Junie Seglem. She and I wore the grass down in the back yards visiting. My mother-in-law lived near the river. She taught me to take off my hose, lift up my skirt, and wade the river and hunt for hazel nuts. Across the road was Mrs. Nissen. She loved to read western stories. On the corner, across the road, (no house there now) was Grandma Carr. She loved to pick up her fishing pole and go to the Creek! Then, there was Al & Estaline Sanderson. When I met Norman, he was working for Al a carpenter. Then in the back on the other street was Sophie Deuel. What a precious soul! Now, I'm to the "School Cafe" so - coffee time.

Hi Rich!

Maxine Rye

I would like to thank my friends and relatives for cards and flowers while I was in the hospital for surgery. It was greatly appreciated and a special thanks to Kathy and Peggy.

Ruth Rhodes

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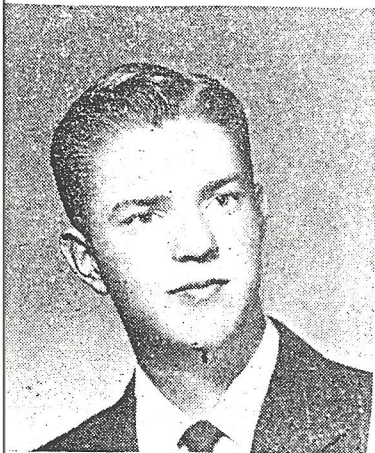
EARTHQUAKE CAKE

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- Pillsbury Plus German Chocolate Cake Mix
- 1/2 cup melted margarine
- 3 oz. soft cream cheese
- 3 1/2 cup powdered sugar

Recipe

Sprinkle pecans and coconut on bottom of 9 x 13 pan. Mix cake according to directions on box. Pour over pecand and coconut. Combine margarine and cream cheese, add powdered sugar. Drop by dollops over top of cake. Bake 45-55 minutes at 350°. Top crust will crack like earthquake. Do not frost. Can serve with dollop of cool whip on top.

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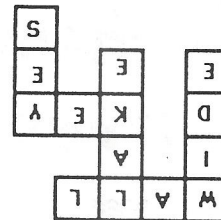
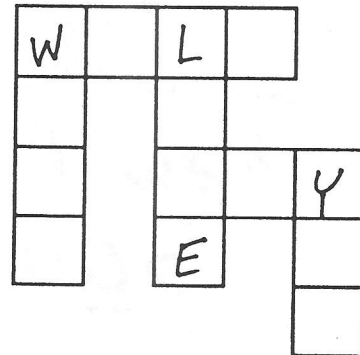
To make ice balls for party punch - fill round balloons with water. When water has frozen break the balloons.

A stalk of rhubarb will remove fruit stains from your hands.

Use a tooth brush to clean gear type gadgets such as can openers, graters, food choppers, egg beaters, etc.

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FILL IN THE BOXES WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDS: WALL, LAKE WIDE, KEY, YES.



ANSWER:

An inexperienced traveler telephoned an airline office in Chicago and asked: "How long does it take to fly to New York?"
 "Just a minute" said the agent.
 "Thank you", said the caller as he hung up.



It don't matter how big her family is - a housewife can always have sometime to be alone by doing the dishes.

Always forgive your enimies, that sure can aggervate them.

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The Reminder would like to acknowledge all graduates in our June issue. We need the help of all our readers. If you have a son, daughter or grandchild graduating from high school or college and would like this in The Reminder, please have this info to us by the 15th of May. Pictures are welcome too.

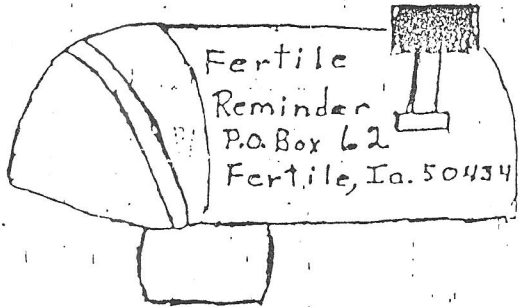


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COMING EVENT: There will be a auction on April 30th at Fertile Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to ---? Bring your donated items to the Center as soon as possible. Don Waddington is the auctioneer. Call Carolyn Nedved to come and get your donated items. Let's make this a 2nd success in our heated gym. There will be more about the auction in the next issue of the Reminder.

Thank you.
 Community Center Board

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