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GOMING EVENTS

March March	1 1	Recycle Day Ash Wednesday	10
March	6	Firemens Meeting 7:00	A STATE
March March	7 7	Senior Citizens Dinner Council Meeting 7:00	12:00
March	17	St Patricks Day	
March	18	Boys & Girls 4-H 1:00	
March	20	Spring Begins	
March March	21 21	Senior Citizen Dinner 1 Library Meeting 7:00	2:00



SPRING

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Feb. 7, 1995 with Mayor Elthon presiding and council members Brcka, Smith, Thompson and Felland present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on a tractor and mower. A different location will be tried for an ice skating rink.

Fire dept. was present to discuss a contract with the city. Meeting will be held on Mon. Feb. 21, at 7 PM. at the Library.

Park committee requested the city to include the cost of cement for the small shelter house in the budget.

Council discussed finding a new location for the sign on Highway 9. Goldie reported on the meeting

with Natural Resources on the dike.

Dean Haugen requested abatement of sewer, water and garbage on his rear apartment on State St. Motion to abate. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

> Janice Hare City Clerk

LETTERS

I failed to notice the "X" in the mailbox last month.....Happy to have the second reminder. We only lived in Fertile ten years (51-61) but had many good friends during our tenure, many of whom are gone now.

Our family had lots of fun growing up there. They fondly remember "Hungry Hollow"; the foot bridge; Sunday breakfasts in the park after early mass; Jim Kirk's visits & his peppermint candies; the burning of the greens above the dam; and many more they could name. Some of the 1st year teachers our kids had are now teaching our grandchildren in Lake Mills.

We enjoy your efforts to keep us informed of the happenings in "PUTSY".

Stan (Pete) & Phyllis Pederson Lake Mills, Ia.

We surely enjoy the "News" shared in the Fertile Reminder. Sorry it took us so long to send our renewal.

Rich & Sharon Purcell St. Paul, Mn.

JANUARY BALANCE SHEET Expenditures

Worsley Electric	45.14
Les Zearing	597.5
David Low	301.4
Janice Hare	289.80
Interstate Power Co.	549.98
TreasState of IA	59.55
TreasState of IA	105.85
IPERS	128.96
Liberty Bank & Trust	465.94
Waste Systems Corp.	1458.71
WCTA	32.35
Peoples Natural Gas	80.69
Feed - Rite Controls	15.00
Bergan Excavating Co.	75.00
Marv's Service	45.25
Schulze Welding & Repair	15.90
Watertower Paint & Repair	19748.00
Miller Diesel & Automotive	73.50
Brown Supply Co., Inc.	891.55
Liberty Bank & Trust	50.00
Food-n-Fuel	
Kenneth Olson	56.00
Fertile Library	80.00
Postmaster	2105.00
Fertile Fire Dept.	12.00
- of office true Dept.	275.00
Total	27558.10
Matal David	100.0

Total Receipts

6375.8



Mail

TEDDY BEAR LEARNING CENTER CHRISTIAN DAY CARE Betty Waddington & Penny Miller Infants to school age.....pre-school Phone 896-2445 or 797-2704



DICK SHEIMO 1924-1995

The Fertile community is saddened by the death of a longtime resident of the community, Dick Sheimo, 7C, who passed away at the North Iowa Mercy Health Center East on February 3, 1995. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Ardis and son Tom and his wife Nance and granddaughter Trisca Dee. Also surviving are two brothers, Frank of Fertile and Harold of Clear Lake.

Dick was born on a farm west of Fertile on December 27, 1924, the son of Henry and Ellen "ovland) Sheimo. He attended the Fertile

hool and graduated from Fertile High School in 1943.

He was married to Ardis Suby at the Fertile Lutheran Church on June 30, 1949. They lived in Fertile all their married lives. Dick farmed with his dad and brother for four years after returning from the service. He then went into the livestock business in Hanlontown, Ia. He continued there for 23 years from 1959 through 1982, first as a partner of "Field and Kaasa" and then he purchased the business in 1966. He was later employed by the town of Fertile in maintenance and also sold seed corn before retiring due to ill health.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Keith in 1994.

<u>WORDS</u> of thanks can't express what we feel in our hearts.

Our deep appreciation and thanks to all who showed expression of sympathy and support in your way in Dick's death.

To you who gave memorial gifts, rather than send individual "thank yous" and what postage would be, the family desires to send a gift

b the "Am-Lung Association".

Please accept this as our heartfelt thanks. Ardis, Tom, Nance & Trisca Dee Sheimo Word has been received of the death of John E. Zobel, 82, of Clear Lake, Ia., who passed away on February 3, 1995 at his home. He was the son of the late John and Janette (Halvorson) Zobel. He attented the Fertile schools. He is survived by a son and daughter; a brother, Harold of Fertile; two sisters, Doris Burtness of Fertile and Corrine Miller of Clear Lake, Ia. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Word has been received of the death of Darrell "Butch" Weaver, 53, of Pontoon Beach, Ill. formerly of Fertile, who passed away on January 25, 1995. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Gayle Morse Everett

Word has been received of the sudden illness and death of Gayle Morse Everett on December 14, 1994. Gayle taught 3rd and 4th grades at Fertile Consolidated School in 1940-1941. She and her husband, Ayelett, made their home in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, a daughter, several grandchildren and her mother, Genevieve Morse who lives in Humboldt, Ia.

A tribute to Gayle written by her son, Bill. "It is possible to do what many others believe to be impossible. It benefits not only those she directly touched with her work and life, but also those who are touched by the people who learned from her example how to do more than possible."

Ruth V. Clapper

Ruth V Clapper, 83, of rural Clear Lake, died Friday, January 6, 1995, at the Muse-Norris Hospice In-Patient Unit, in Mason City, Ia.

Funeral services were held January 9, 1995, at Ward-VanSlyke Colonial Chapel, Clear Lake, with the Rev. Dennis Ganz officiating. Burial was in the Elim Cemetary, Fertile, Ia.

Ethel Ruth Viola (Prestholt) Clapper was born September 5, 1911, in Grant Center Township. On July 6, 1934, she married Dallas L Clapper in Mason City, Ia. They farmed north of Clear Lake, and also operated Clapper Truck Line.

Survivors include a daughter, Blanche Schulze, of Clear Lake; a son, Dale Clapper, and his wife Janice, of rural Clear Lake; 6 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Gene and Rosemary Tannahill on the death of Gene's brother, Clyde, of Forest City who passed away on February 14, 1995 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center East in Mason City.



Fertile Public Library

Wednesday 1-8 pm Monday 1-8 pm Saturday 9-Noon Friday 2-5 pm Phone #: 797-2787 Fax #: 797-2787 man a station sector with a sector all a sector as a sector as



NEW BOOKS---FICTION Until You by Judith McNaught -----The Silk Train by Francis Statham By Dim and Flaring Lamps by Alan Lemay Serendipity by Fern Michaels Home Song by Laverle Spencer Flashback by Michael Palmer Grub & Stakers House A Haunt by Alisa Craig Pussyfoot by Carole Nelson Douglas Caliban's Hour by Tad Williams The Cat Who Blew the Whistle by Lilian Jackson Braun Murder at Monticello by Rita Mae Brown Season of Yellow Leaf by Douglas C. Jones Catnap by Carole Nelson Douglas Border Music by Robert James Waller

VIDEOS

Cool Runnings Miracle at Moreaux A Girl of the Limberlost The Man From Snowy River

NONFICTION

Gardening to Attract Birds & Butterflies by Peggy Henry Standing Firm by Dan Quayle Husband, Lover, Spy by Janice Pennington Growing Bulbs by Peggy Henry Growing Wildflowers by Peggy Henry The Divorced Parent by Stephanie Marston The Tribe of Tiger by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas The Other Mrs. Kennedy by Jerry Oppenheimer Step-By-Landscaping by Better Homes & Gardens Princess by Jean P. Sasson





"Congratulations!"

A daughter, Hunter Anastatia, was born on January 16, 1995 to Dorrie Olson and Corey Koch of Mason City, Ia. Grandparents are Red and Kay Olson of Fertile and Jim and Mary Koch of Mason City, Ia. Great-great-grandmother is Anastatia Kane of Newfoundland.

A son, Cole Thomas, was born on February 18, 1995 to John and Tracie Seglem of Ventura, Ia. Grandparents are Jim and Barb Seglem of Fertile, Ia.

COMING EVENT --- The 3rd Annual Auction will be held Saturday April 8, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to ? at the Fertile Community Center Gym. Rex and Norman Taylor from the Forest City Sale Barn have volunteered their services. This fund raiser is to help keep our community cent going. Donations are welcome early so a sale bill can be made. Call any board member about details: Carolyn, Kay, Lee, Cliff, Arnie, Goldie, Viola and Ruth. See you at the sale! Thanks to everyone for your support. COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD

An "Evening with Jenny Abrams Copeland" of Bradford, Vermont was held on Friday, January 20, 1995 at the Butchers Steak House. We were the first class not to graduate from Fertile High School. Other classmates attending w' : Roger Torkelson, Deb Koester, Mr. & Mrs. Lary Vaage all of Forest City, Ia., Jim Almelien of Washington, Ia., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Norem of Lake Mills, Ia., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Veselis of Thornton, Ia., Mike Haugen, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Ouverson and Mr. & Mrs. Red Olson all of Ferti Ia.

We Lost

Neil L. Kuns February 28, 1994

High School basketball teams around the country are hoping to time their peaks in proficiency with tournaments to determine a State Champion. Local enthusiasm for round ball teams in middle America is almost boundless. When we lived in Indiana sports writers referred to this frenzy as "Hoosier Hysteria." It always seemed to me that the Hawkeye strain of this was a wild as that found east of the Wabash River.

The Fertile "Indians" began our season earlier than some of the other towns in the area because we had no football program. I always hated "getting into condition," as coach Wistey called it. This consisted of wind sprints across the gym from end to end, times on end, it seemed. There were also the "fifteen times around the floor" before we could hit the showers. Our team practiced the basics a lot, and to this day I can spot poor player habits, whether college or professional players are practicing them.

Our *second* game of 1948-49 was with Ventura, Iowa. That school did have football and this was their *first* game of the basketball year. Early during the first quarter I tried to cut between two defenders on a drive to the basket. One of them, perhaps thinking this was an end run, stuck out a leg, tripped me, and took me out of competition for the next six weeks. Today a torn cartilage would be repaired with arthroscopic surgery followed by a quick recovery, but back then it was lots of tape and time, and "stay off the leg." Usually we played two thirty-two minute games a week, so I was out for ten or twelve games, including one cliff hanger with Grafton. During that game I could hardly stay on the bench. Even though the knee was still tender I returned to the team the next week. Henry Pederson, "Teed" Elthon, Kenny Midtgaard, Dale Lindquist Bill Upchurch, Duane Carr, Larry Purcell, Arlyn Brosdahl, Jim Pierce, my brother, Dale, and Dick Varberg had gotten along well without me, but I was delighted to be back in the competition.

The Iowa state champion was determined by a series of elimination tournaments. Winners advanced from the Sectionals to the District, the Semi-finals and at last to the State Tournament in Iowa City. The second time we faced the Ventura "Vikings" was during the final game of our Sectional tourney, held in Ventura that year. From the final score one might conclude that the game was a defensive masterpiece, but, in fact, neither team had much effective scoring power. During the second half I decided to begin driving to the basket in an effort to score, and was successful several times. The game was being covered by local radio, and out on the farm twenty miles away, Grandpa Kuns was listening. The sportscaster must have made my efforts sound better than they really were because several weeks later Grandpa told Dad how proud he was to hear, "Kuns drives to the basket again ...and scores!"

It was a pretty good way to end my High School basketball career, but there wasn't really a lot to be proud about. We lost by a score of 38 to 39.



Harold (Moke) and Ruth B. Ouverson, of Fertile will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7th. A card shower is planned for them by their children. A dinner for family and friends will be held at a later date. Their children are Mike and Nancy Ouverson of Worthington, IA; Terry Ouverson of Fairfax, VA; and Kris Ouverson of Rochester, MN. Their address is Box 171, Fertile, IA, 59434.



We have learned that Marjory Baker Mason enjoyed her 90th birthday party in 1993 and she got her wish - The affair was a big event and had a "thrill of her lifetime" riding in a hot air balloon over the Boise Idaho area where she resides.

Marjory (Sanderson) Mason graduated in 1922 from the Fertile High School. She taught 3rd & 4th grades in Fertile in the early 1930's. She enjoyed 30 years of teaching and retired from Mason City John Adams School A Child's View of Retirement in a Mobile Home Park:

- After Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their holiday. One little boy's reply went like this:
- "We always spend Christmas with Granma and Granpa.
- "They used to live up here in a big brick house, but Granpa got retarded and they moved to Florida.
- "They live in a park with a lot of other retarded people.
- "They all live in tin huts. They ride tricycles that are too big for me.
- "They all go to a building they call the wrecked hall, but it is fixed now. Thay all do exercises but not very well. They play a game with big checkers and push them around on the floor with sticks.
- "There is a swimming pool but I guess nobody teaches them. They just stand there in the water with their hats on.
- "My Granma used to bake cookies for me, but nobody cooks there. They all go to restaurants that are fast and have discounts.
- "When you come into the park, there is a doll house with a man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without him seeing them. I guess everybody forgets who they are because thay all wear badges with their names on them.
- "Granma says that Granpa worked hard all his life to earn his retardment. I wish they would move back home, but I guess the man in the doll house won't let them out."



After all the verbal compliments received about our town "Fertile" following this past holiday season and the beautiful Christmas lighting, an overall compliment was received which we'd like to share with our readers.

"We both fell in love with Fertile. Nice to know there are places like that left in the world"

This comment was received in a letter from Bill and Eleanor Andrews from San Jose, Ca. They spent the past holidays with Norm and Sharon Froiland. Eleanor is the sister of Norm Froiland.

FERTILE FIRE DEPT. NEWS

The Fertile Fire Department is proud to announce that we have 17 volunteer firepersons.

Members of the Fire Department have been working hard taking classes to meet state requirements. We are certified in CPR, Bloodborne Patogens, and Hazardous materials. We have been trained in these areas and know that everyones personal safety comes first.

We have inspected our trucks and have made necessary repairs to make them safe and in working condition. We have purchased a new communications radio for our main truck. We would eventually like to purchase a better radio for our tanker and have a base radio at the fire station. Communication is very important when fighting a fire or during a medical emergency.

We have one person, Brenda Ray, that is certified as a 1st Responder and two other people that need to test for their certification.

Equipment at the Fire Station has been inspected and some necessary updates have been made but we are in need of a lot of new equipment. We have purchased 2 new fire hats, 3 pair of boots and enough gloves for each member. We have updated 2 of our air tanks and masks so they are useable, but we need funds to update our other 2 air tanks and masks. If we had a fire and needed to go inside to rescue someone, we need to send two firemen in at a time. And we need to have two more back-up tanks and persons in case something happens to the 1st two firemen. We only have 4 fire uniforms that could be safe fighting a fire closeup. We are in desperate need of new uniforms that would ensure the safety of our volunteer firefighters.

Donations received:

Dr & Mrs Richard Hynes, Fo	orest City	sink and various cupboards	
Library	Ū	toilet and chairs	
Winnebago Industries		used over-head flourescent lights	
Lois Anderson, Fertile		\$100	
Sara Lou Innes, Council B	luffs	\$25	
Gene Tannahil, Fertile		\$25	
Henry Novak, Fertile		\$25	
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Than you to everyone who has donated to the Fire Department.

Volunteers from the department will be doing the work on the room. We plan to have a kitchen area, a restroom, and a meeting area in this room. We are still in need of a refrigerator, dehumidifier, and bulletin board.

We will be having a open house when we finish the meeting room. We plan to have some fund raisers in the near future.

Volunteer members of the Fertile Fire Department are:

Mike Dahn, Fire Chief Linda Levang Tim Ranes, Asst. Fire Chief Dennis Faber Lew Bruns, Sec. & Treas. Jeff Berg Brenda Ray, 1st Responder Larry Shropshire Guy Ray Cliff Peterson Darvin Stecker Eugene Hall Pam Stecker Ann Fairchild Dwight Bruns James Fairchild Warren Bruns

The Fertile Fire Department has alot of dedicated volunteers that are willing to put in the extra hours to ensure that everyone has fire protection for your homes and businesses. Please show your support to these people verbally and financially. It takes the whole community to make a successful volunteer fire department. If you have any questions or concerns please contact any of the volunteer members.

FERTILE FIRE DEPARTMENT

BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2680 Larry & Lance Burtness	**************************************
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Worth Country Towns

MANLY



HIS TOWN has superior advantages in many ways. Being a Junction, its shipping facilities are largely enhanced -but these are not the only perequisites-for, very fortunately, back of this stands a long line of progressive merchants, men who have been actively in the harness ever since tugs were hand sewed, and they, today, are as a monument, erected and deeicated to this locality. The town is laid out upon the southeast quarter of the southeast quarted of Section 21, Township 88 north, Range 20 west, and owes its existence to the B., C. R. & N. and Iowa Central railways, which was consummated during the year 1877. The earliest settlers were N. E. Knudson, A. W. Harris, G. L. Bosworth, H. N. Keeler and George Hildreth. H. N. Keeler started the first general merchandise store in 1878. A. H. Harris, how-

ever, conducted a small store in 1877. In 1880 N. E. Knudson opened a general merchandise store. In the same year the Messrs. Warbassee & Lee, of Mason City, opened a branch hardware store, and A. B. Tuttle, of the same town, launched out into the dry goods store. H. H. Harris was the first lumber merchant, commencing in 1877. being succeeded in 1878 by G. L. Bosworth on an enlarged scale. Mitchell & Wadsworth conducted the first creamery, in 1880. The first blacksmith was A. Draper, dating from 1878. In 1882 B. Logeman opened a rival shop. He is still located there, and has added farm implements to his line. Manly has, since its inception, been one of the grain centers of Worth County. The first postoffice was established in 1877, with A. W. Harris as the stamp seller. W. D. McKercher is the present incumbent, and not only enjoys an enviable reputation along the lines of civil service, but his expectation is elongated. Today Manly's star is in the ascendancy-brighter and better than ever-yet she carries her pride with a dignity becoming. Those who know her 'st accept her kindly invitation with seriousness, and are grasping every opportunity to avail themselves of the ple afforded them in reciprocation. With a strong financial institution, good creamery, elevators and lumber yard, furniture, general merchandise stores, hotel and restaurants, its beautiful residence and church buildings, and general air of progressiveness, it possesses an independence which declares itself territorily.

A brief review of this town would be incomplete without mention of Sacred Heart Church and parsonage. The Rev. Father Ehl presides, and enjoys the distinction of appreciation over one of the largest congregations in this section of the country. The fraternal orders are strong, notably the Odd Fellows, who own their own building, a two-story, double-front brick, and one of the most imposing buildings in the town, the second story being used for lodge work exclusively, the lower being occupied by the Messrs. McKercher and Peshak in their representative lines.



SACRED HEART CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, MANLY



RESIDENCE I. LYNCH, MANLY



Pronto - Fertile Open 7 A.M. - 9 P.M. Mon. - Sat. 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. Sun. Pepsi-Mt Dew 12 pk CANS Plus Deposit All Major Brand Cigarettes NOW \$1.86 Plus Tar Si-Mt Dew # 2.14 8 pk Bottles Mus Depust King Size Snickers

Thank You

The family of Ruth Clapper would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for the calls, visits, thoughts and prayers during trtime of our great loss. We greatly apprecia everyone's consideration.

A special thank you to Rev. Dennis Ganz for conducting the service, and the ladies at the Church of Christ for the wonderful lunch.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, food and gifts following my knee replacement. Thanks to Pastor Kampstra for your visits - I've appreciated it very much.

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HELP NEEDED: The Fertile Community Center will be re-opening in March. We will be needing some help. If anyone is able to work, please contact one of the board members. Goldie 797-2672, Carolyn 797-2696, Cliff 797-2294, Viola 797-2640, Arnie 797-2474, Lee 797-2967.





Andy Oswald RR 1 3608 Eagle Cire Hanlontown, IA 50444-976

If an X appears in your mail box your Reminder has expired. If two X's appear your Reminder will be stopped. We would like a suggested donation of \$5.00 for one year. Our address is on the mail box.