

October 1995

FERTILE



REMINDER

WELCOME

COMING EVENTS



Halloween

- Oct 2 Firemens Meeting 7:00
- Oct 3 Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00
- Oct 3 Council Meeting 7:00
- Oct 4 Recycle Day
- Oct 9 Columbus Day (in Canada)
- Oct 12 Columbus Day (Honor Veterans)
(Fly the Flag)
- Oct 12 Garden Club 1:00
- Oct 14 Senior Citizens Fall Fair 7:00--11:00 AM
- Oct 14 Father & Son Banquet 6:30 Fertile Luth. Church
- Oct 17 Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00
- Oct 17 Library Meeting 7:00
- Oct 21 Girls & Boys 4-H 1:00
- Oct 21 Craft Fair
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 4 Thanksgiving Supper 4:30--7:00 P.M.



The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tue., Sept. 5, 1995. Mayor Elthon presided and all council members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with one correction.

All activities of Fertile Days made \$2400 for the footbridge replacement fund.

Discussion on cement work to be done between the fireplace and shelter house in the park. Motion to put in 18" stepping stones. Carried.

Plans were made for the volunteer picnic to be held Sept. 17 in the park.

Council discussed dogs running loose. Tom Fox will be contacted about dog pick up for the city. Spare well pump will be repaired and also one sewer pump.

No estimates on removal of the old building at the Community Center have been received.

Winn-Worth Betco contacted the city about possible tax incentive options if a new business came to town. Council will consider possible incentive options.

Letter of support will be sent to Waste Systems Corp for their report.

Motion to allow Vision Electronics to increase the size of their fenced area by 5 feet. Carried.

Council will check with Sheriff on Civil Defense siren.

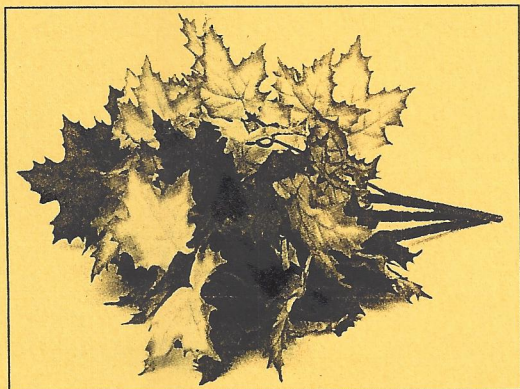
Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Nomination papers for mayor or city council are available from the City Clerk. Papers must be returned by 5 PM, Sept. 21.

Report of city's debt was approved and will be filed with the state.

Meeting adjourned.

Jan Hare
City Clerk



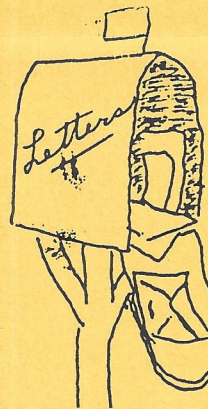
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| Les Zearing | \$ 763.88 |
| David Low | 301.41 |
| Janice Hare | 264.80 |
| Interstate Power Co. | 685.74 |
| Treas. - State of IA | 148.30 |
| IPERS | 142.86 |
| Liberty Bank & Trust | 280.29 |
| Waste Systems Corp. | 1458.68 |
| WCTA | 45.19 |
| Peoples Natural Gas | 23.31 |
| Worsley Electric | 60.00 |
| LGI | 64.25 |
| Feed - Rite Controls | 10.00 |
| Fertile Lumber & Hdwe | 13.57 |
| IA. Rural Water Assn. | 100.00 |
| Dave Low | 33.53 |
| Henry Thompson | 203.17 |

Total 4598.98

Aug. Receipts

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| General | 1340.95 |
| Road Use | 2096.82 |
| Water | 3050.79 |
| Sewer | 2271.42 |

8759.98



Congratulations to all of you! I look forward every month to hearing from you. A good job!

Elsie Hickok
Mason City, Ia.

We thank you for the Reminder. Keep up the good work. It's a joy to read it.

Mike & Ruth Wolfe
Fertile, Ia.

To the Reminder Staff: Thanks so much for doing a great job. I drop everything when I receive the paper. It brightens my day. It's so nice to go home for a little while each month. Keep the good work up. Thanks again.

Mary (Ouverson) Homerding
El Reno, Ok.



1930-1995

With Sympathy



GERTRUDE LINDQUIST

1906-1995

Phyllis Knudtson was born on Oct. 23, 1930 in Fertile, the daughter of Edwin and Helen (Humphrey) Ouverson. She attended and received her education in the Fertile High School in 1949. She was united in marriage to Truman Knudtson on June 6, 1949 at the Church of Christ in Fertile. After their marriage they lived in the Fertile area until 1956, when they moved to Northwood. Phyllis worked in the Worth County Courthouse, Fallgatter's Grocery Store and Worth County Home Health Office all in Northwood, and also helped her husband as bookkeeper in the Northwood Lumber Company.

She was member of the Church of Christ in Fertile.

She is survived by her husband, Truman of Northwood; two daughters, Tammy Overgaard and her husband Jeff of Nicollet, Mn., and LuAnn Alexander and her husband, Bill of Lafayette, MN; two sons, Mark and his wife Connie of Osage, and Dan and his wife Lois of Underwood, Ia; 11 grandchildren; one sister, Nelda Frahm and her husband of Charles City; three brothers, Curtis and his wife Gwen of Fertile, Dale and his wife Kay of Portland, Ore., and Dean and his wife Nancy of Fertile.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one infant brother.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Truman and his family.

Gertrude Lindquist was born in Beloit, Wis., on May 7, 1906, the daughter of Walter and Nellie (Kirby) Varner.

She received her education in the school system at Clemons, Iowa and graduated from high school there.

She married Leslie Lindquist at St Anthony, Ia. The couple farmed in the St Anthony area during the early years of their marriage.

In 1932 they moved to Fertile. She worked for several years as a cook for the Fertile School and later worked at Stitchcraft at Winnebago Industries in Forest City.

She was a member of the Church of Christ of Fertile for over 60 years and was very active in the church.

Leslie died in 1980. She moved to the Willows in Mason City in 1989. Last year, she moved to Cedar Rapids to be nearer to her daughter. She passed away on September 1, 1995 at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

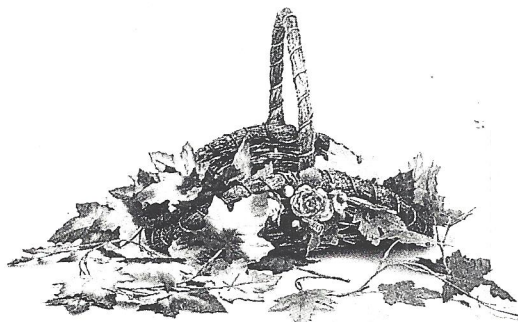
She is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Purcell of Cedar Rapids; two sons, Lyle of San Francisco, Ca. and Dale of St Louis Park, Mn.; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Lane and a brother Earnest Varner.

Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Stanley and Kit Zirbel on the death of Kit's brother, Rev. David Merwin of Aloha, Ore., who passed away on August 29, 1995 at St. Vincents Hospital in Portland, Ore.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jim and Alvera Lovick on the death of Jim's brother-in-law, Don Brakke of Lake Mills, who passed away on August 15, 1995 at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Mn.



Rolling, Rolling, Rolling

Neil L. Kuns

June 1, 1994

Roller-blading has so captured the imagination of today's youth and young at heart that old-fashioned roller skates are almost a forgotten relic of the past. Colored plastic wheels and shoes helps make them attractive to kids and those who are kids at heart. As for me, I still remember the old all metal clamp-ons we wore to wheel around town on the cement. Since the sidewalks had cracks and holes we had to stay alert to keep from falling. Sometimes not even that could keep us on our feet.

Forest City and Clear Lake had permanent skating rinks, but those were ten miles away, and not at all convenient. Herb and Don Garloch brought a temporary rink to Fertile for the summers of 1947 and '48, and set it up north of the alley at the end of State Street. There was no road through that open area in those days. The floor of the rink was smooth, the tent cover was open and airy on all sides, the activity was wholesome exercise, and the place became quite popular. Very few people had their own shoe skates at first, so the rink rented out the clamp-on variety of skates with smooth, wide composition wheels to would-be roller skaters. The price of rolling was reasonable, and there wasn't much other recreational activity in town other than the river. Not many of us went fishing or swimming after dark.

The Garloch brothers played recorded popular music over the sound system, and this helped remove the boredom which could set in if people tried to skate endless laps like caged animals in a zoo. My favorite song was *Rose of San Antonio*, and even today whenever I hear the tune I think of the rink. Traffic flowed counter-clockwise except for the final "all skate" of the night which was also a "reverse skate." I never understood why that was necessary. Variety was introduced by having waltzes, couples only skates, ladies' choice couple skates and the like. Each evening there would be at least one "moonlight waltz" during which the bright lights would be turned off, and couples would glide over the floor. It was a good time for single skaters to rest.

The rink was open nearly every night and afternoons on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This gave time for younger and learning skaters to get in on the fun without getting into the way of the more able adults who preferred the evening time for their recreation. Not all of the adults were that "able" or agile. Some of them also enjoyed the afternoon skating.

Our church had held a picnic lunch one day, and several of us went skating after that was over. One lad a year or two older than I am had come into town for the picnic bare footed. That was not at all unusual in itself in those days, but it became a problem for him later that afternoon. He too decided to go skating, came up to Don Garloch at the counter with his coins and asked for some skates. Only clamp-on skates were available, and the wishful would-be skater hadn't anticipated that detail. Don eye-balled his bare feet and asked, "How are you planning to wear them? You've got to have shoes, kid!" He was embarrassed, turned beet red and giggled with his tongue between his teeth. Garloch looked at him like something other than shoes was missing.

After the second season when school started the tent was taken down and the poles and floor sections were placed in storage. The next summer rolled around, but the rink masters didn't return. Another chapter in my small town's history had been written, but not forgotten.

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NORMAN AND MAXINE RYE

CONGRATULATIONS to Norman and Maxine Rye on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Norman and Maxine were married on October 25, 1945 at the Fertile Lutheran Parsonage by the Rev. Coltvedt. They have lived their entire married life in Fertile. After four years in the service during World War II Norman returned to Fertile where he drove a mail truck for 12 years. He then spent a number of years at the Nursing Home in Clear Lake and then to the Clear Lake Golf Course where he is still employed. Maxine has worked with Hospice and also conducted many Bible Studies in the Fertile and Forest City area.

They are the parents of 3 children; Jim and his wife Susan of Des Moines, Julie Abendschein and her husband Bob of Hampton, and Dave and his wife Val of Golden, Co., and four grandchildren.

 * OPEN HOUSE *
 * for *
 * NORMAN & MAXINE RYE *
 * 50th Wedding Anniversary *
 * Sunday, October 22, 1995 *
 * from 2 pm-4:30 pm *
 * AT THE FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH *
 * Sponsored by their children *
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 * Dave & Val Rye *
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Ethel Mae Tuttle
will be celebrating her 90th birthday
Open House 1:30 - 4:00
October 1, 1995
Church of Christ, Fertile
Program: 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by her family
Your presence is present enough



Ethel Tuttle was born on October 5, 1905 near Belmond, Iowa. She moved to the Fertile area in 1947 where she still lives.

In 1953 she went to college to renew her teachers certificate. Her first school in the later years was a country school North of Forest City. From there she went to a country school near Pilot Knob, then to one near Bethel Church. In 1962 she entered the Fertile Consolidated School system teaching first grade. There she remained until 1972 when she retired.

Any of her former students who would care to write a favorite "memory" for Mrs. Tuttle, please send it to Betty at 554 Hwy 9, Hanlontown.

Ethel and Morgan Tuttle had six children. Leo Dean (deceased) Larry Lee (deceased in June) Billy Robert (deceased), Robert Carl, rural Mason City; Betty Mae Waddington, rural Hanlontown and Merle Luick, Clear Lake. She has 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Briana Jo was born on September 12, 1995 to Darcy Haugen of Fertile. Grandparents are Mike and Debbie Haugen and great grandmother is Pat Zobel all of Fertile.

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On Tues., Aug. 8th, 8 members and 2 guests of the Fertile Garden Club met at the Community Center at 9 AM to begin a tour of gardens. The 1st stop was at Dean Haugen's to see the new wild flower patch, which was very interesting. We then drove to St. Ansgar and had lunch at the Country Sampler, a place in a beautiful setting.

The next stop was at the Sorenson home east of Hanlontown, where Cindy showed us her work of art in her flower and vegetable gardens. On the way home we drove by another wild flower garden in Hanlontown.

We certainly got a lot of new ideas after seeing all these beautiful garden spots.

The next meeting is a garden party Sept. 12, at Joni Waage's home.

Reporter
Ethel Tuttle

The Fertile Garden Club was to meet Tuesday, September 10th for a Garden Party at the home of Joni Waage, but because of the rain Joni graciously invited us into her home. Twenty ladies were in attendance. Roll call was answered by school memories - what a lot of laughs we had. After the business meeting Donna Ouverson gave a very interesting lesson on English gardens. Lesson two was given by Pat Oswald on Oriental gardens - how different from ours. Thought for day was given by Alice O Kingland. A delicious lunch was served by hostesses, Edna Pederson and Mary Anderson. Our next meeting will be an Old Fashioned Harvest Party on Tuesday October 10th at the Gloria Kirschbaum home.

Ethel Tuttle, Reporter

The Senior Citizens met in the Senior Room of the Community Center on August 15th with 18 present and 2 guests. Dinner was catered by Super Fair was swiss steak, baked potato, orange jello salad, sherbet and wafer.

At the business meeting Elsie Juhl's daughters presented the seniors with a check. It will be used to purchase a ceiling fan and a cupboard in Elsie's memory. We also talked about our fund raiser breakfast to be held on October 15th. A hand crocheted 60" round tablecloth, beige color, will be raffled off at 10:30. Tickets are \$1.00 each in blocks of ten. Contact any senior citizen.

The Senior Citizens met in the Senior Room of the Community Center Tuesday September 5th. Super Fair catered a dinner of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, cabbage salad, and lemon bars.

The new fan was installed in the dining room and we talked about the fund raiser breakfast October 15th. We have the tickets for the tablecloth. Peggy Ouverson talked about getting help for medication if needed. Call Elderbridge for more information.

Ruth Rhodes, Reporter



YEARS AGO!! This is a picture of the Suncet Club

Back Row: Mabel Elthon, Violet Hall, Janet Zobel, Emma Halvorson, Christine Rye, Mrs. Vaa, Mrs. Beckman, Sophie Deuel
Front Row: Nora White, Ella Zobel, Mrs. A L Hall, Celia Calhoun, Mayme Purcell, Dora Carr, Jane Hill, Celia Suby

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Young Adult

Magic Eye Gallery - N.E. Thing Enterprises
The Indian in the Cupboard- Lynn Reid Hanks
The Very Lonely Firefly - Eric Carle
Disney's Pocahontis
The Evil Moon - R. L. Stine
A Shocker on Shock Street - R.L. Stine

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Library Friends will be holding a raffle in October. Anyone wanting to donate new items contact Nancy at the library. The money raised will be used for childrens programing & expanding the video area.

FOUND: Bifocal tinted glasses at the Fertile Ball Diamond on Fertile Days. They can be picked up at the Fertile Community Center.

Ray Sandifer would like the town to know he has taken nomination papers out to be the mayor of Fertile.



KIDS!! Pogo, the Umbrella Cockatoo, will be here Saturday morning, Sept. 30, at 10:30. Come meet Pogo, hear a story and have a treat. See you then. Also, start working on your Halloween costumes. Watch for more information about the Library Halloween party.



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THANK YOU to all who had any part in making the Tractor Pull at Fertile Days a great success. Also a special appreciation and thank you to all who co-sponsored this event.

The following are the co-sponsors:

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| Butchers Steakhouse | Larson Plumbing & Heating | P.I.M. |
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| Ruth Ouverson | Worsley Electric | Tom Nelson |
| Ventura Locker | Tuttle Asphalt | Forest City Napa |
| V.I.P. | Fertile Lumber | Hardees |
| Marv's | Holnam | Pronto |
| Clear Lake Bakery | Mobility R.V. | Charlson Excavating |
| Mason City Rent All | Manufacturers Bank | Ron Holland |
| Hy-Vee | Rons LP | Winnebago Telephone |
| Byerlys Foods | Joice Elevator | Brecha Construction |
| Pepsi | Hanlontown Elevator | |
| Martin Brothers | Forest City Elevator | |

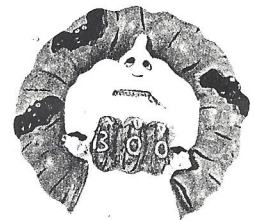
The following are those who helped on the day of the event:

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| Marcus Lovik | Ron Almelien | Dennis Faber |
| Don Waddington | Dave Haugen | Randy Pederson |
| Loris Scobee | Malcolm Colby | Pat Hyde |
| Greg Knopf | Leverne Nelson | Henry Thompson |
| Sherri Adams | Larry Nelson | Russ Ewers |
| Fran Appleby | Junior Low | Mark Rasmussen |

Mark Anderson, Tractor Pull Chairman

THANK YOU to all who helped with Fertile Days. It is impossible to name everyone but special thanks to Kay Olson for all the advertising, Keith Brcha for the dunk tank, Allen Severson for the food stand on Saturday, Arnold Hauge for lining up all the ball games, the Fire Department for kids games, Dennis Faber and Dennis Ganz for frying the fish, Lois Anderson, Alvera Lovick, Viola Roberts and Elaine Hall for making the meat balls. To all the women who furnished salads and to all the one who served, did dishes, cleaned up and any job I neglected to name. A profit of \$1300 was made.

Ruth B Ouverson



Our Memory Tree will be decorated with lights again this year for the 4th year. The tree stands on the Lumber Yard corner and will be glowing during the Christmas season. Anyone may purchase a light or as many lights as you wish in memory of your loved one. Their name and number of lights will be printed on the Memory board which will be placed by our tree. The price is still \$2.00 per light. More about our tree will follow in the coming issues of the Reminder. The deadline for receiving lights is November 15th.

You may send your remittance to Box 62, Fertile, Ia. 50434 or give it to Lois Anderson or Romane Lovik.

1995 MEMORIAL LIGHTS

Memorial Lights

Steve Purcell
Curtis & Viola Humphrey
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Ed & Mary Purcell
Jim & Jackie Logan

Carrie Luther (5 lites)

Robert Luther

Mike, "I always do my hardest work before breakfast"

Sandy, "What's that?"

Mike, "Getting Up".

Dentist, "What kind of filling would you like in your tooth?"

Boy, "Chocolate".



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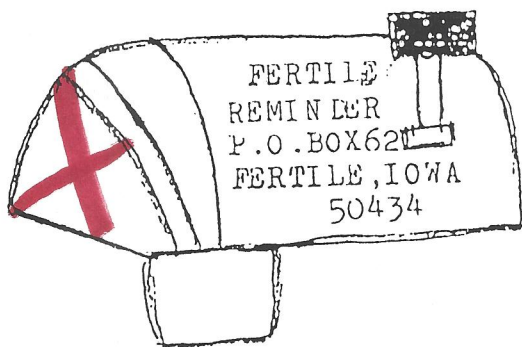
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Fall Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, October 21st
from 9:00 am-1:00 pm
FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER
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THE FERTILE CRAFT FAIR will be held on Saturday October 21st. at the Fertile Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be many tables of craft items. Anyone wishing to rent a table call 797-2424 or 797-2496. Food will be available in the dining room from 8:00 to 1:00. Maidrites, chili, vegetable soup, carmel rolls, pies, coffee and pop. Come do your Christmas shopping early. Some items will be Christmas swags, woven rugs, Indian jewelry, stocking stuffers, crocheted barbie gowns, stuffed toys, candles and much much more. All proceeds from the lunch and table rent will go to support the center.



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