

APRIL 2002

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| April 1 | Fire Dept. Meeting | 7 PM |
| April 2 | Senior Dinner | 12 Noon |
| | City Council Meeting | 7 PM |
| April 4 | F B & I Meeting | 7 PM |
| April 9 | Garden Club | |
| April 13 | Shower for Alissa Brunsvold | 9:30 - 11:00 |
| | Jennings Bros. Consign. Auction | |
| April 15 | Library Board Meeting | 7 PM |
| April 16 | Senior Dinner | 12 Noon |
| April 20 | Boys & Girls 4-H | |
| April 23 | Re-cycle Day | |

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met March 5, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Tad Miller, Tammy Hall, Tanya Olson, Richard Bruns, Jeff Berg and Tom Kirschbaum. The February minutes were approved. 1st Bruns 2nd Miller. Neil Sletten of Winnebago Cooperative Telephone presented WCTA's plans to update the underground telecommunications cable, conduit and handhole facilities in the town of Fertile. The work will begin in April, 2002 and will be done by Moorehead Electric of Moorehead, Minnesota. A resolution granting WCTA use of public right of way and existing easements was passed. 1st Berg, 2nd Hall. A lengthy discussion about the community center took place. The roof and several walls are in need of repair. Olson and Miller will get estimates to repair building.. Chris Diggins of NIACOG explained the Flood Plan to the council. A public hearing will be held in May on the new ordinances. A bid was reviewed to trim trees in the park. It was decided to obtain more bids. The Emergency Plan Resolution was discussed, no action was taken, it will be placed on the April Agenda. It was moved by Hall, 2nd by Berg to hire Yaggy-Colby to help implement the DNR Sewer Plan. Passed. Dave Low attended the meeting to meet the new council. A scale is needed at the water plant, moved by Miller, 2nd by Hall. Passed. The expenditures were approved. Berg 1st, Bruns, 2nd. Passed. The buidget hearing will be Thursday, March 7, 2002 from 6:30 to 7:30. Miller moved, Hall 2nd to Adjourn.

FEBRUARY 2002 REVENUE	
Water/Sewer/Garbage	8213.
Property Tax	20.
Local Option Tax	1106.
Road Use Tax	2027.
School Demo Fund	1600.
TOTAL	\$12,966.

FEBRUARY 2002 EXPENSES	
LGI	8.15
Thompson's Garage	36.15
Hare Electric	84.33
WCTA	53.28
Russell, keys to city hall	8.21
Alliant Energy	538.45
Tom Kirschbaum	1425.89
Dave Low	301.49
Gloria Kirschbaum	256.85
FICA	559.43
Sewer Acct	1483.00
Water Acct	1474.00
Garbage	1666.50
IPERS	226.
Sales Tax	161.08
Peoples Nat Gas	145.91
TOTAL	\$8,429.04



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A Ten Dollar Bill

Neil L. Kuns

April 6, 1994

Sometime between yesterday afternoon when I received it and this morning when I was filling out a bank deposit slip I lost a ten dollar bill. Where or how it happened I really can't tell. Of course, that's the way it is with *anything* we lose, isn't it? If we *knew* we were going to lose it we would be more careful. There *is* one location at which I can look, but it will be some time before I can return to that place.

One afternoon fifty-two years ago I was walking home from uptown. When we lived *east* of the business block we went *up* town. After we moved to the west side we always went *down* town. Don't ask me for an explanation. I don't have one. But, as I was saying, I was on the way home on the south side of Main Street, looking at the street as I walked. Between the Post Office and the Cozy Nook Cafe I spotted a ten dollar bill lying next to the curb. No one was around so I picked it up, put it in my pocket and wondered whether I should keep this amazingly good news to myself. After discussing this with my parents we decided that since these were very difficult times the money *should* be returned to whoever lost it *if* we could determine who that might be.

The ladies at the central telephone office not only made connections between callers and "callees," they were also a central clearing house for all sorts of vital and sometimes privileged information. We decided to tell them that I had found some money on the street, in case anyone should inquire of them.

The next day or so Norman Jorgensen visited our home, and said he understood I had found some money. After I told him I had he asked if it were a ten dollar bill, and I admitted it was. By that time I knew it was his, and that I would return it to him.

"You really should have it all, since you found it," he said.

While I silently agreed, I knew that a ten percent reward would be more reasonable.

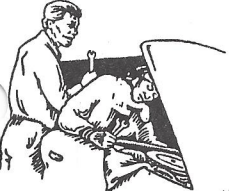
"I'm going to give you two and a half dollars for finding it. Would that be alright with you?", he asked.

I told him that would be fine and when I tried to thank him he refused, saying, "No. Thank *you!*" It was more money than I had ever received in one lump up to that time, and I guess both of us were happy with the way the lost and found turned out.

These days professionals may make not ten, but one hundred dollars *an hour*, not a day. In those days anyone who earned ten dollars a day was extremely grateful, remembering well the time, not *too* many years past, when a job that paid ten dollars a week was good if you could get and keep it.

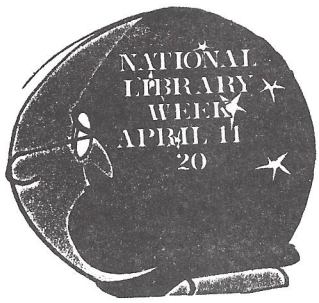
The most notable aspect of this narrative is the quality and decency of life in small town America of the early War years. We've all heard defining stories of small town life, but for a man to lose a ten dollar bill and to recover it several days later from the one who found it would never happen in an American city today.

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- The Two Towers - " "
- The Return of the King - " "
- Isle of Dogs - Patricia Cornwell
- Naked in Death - J. D. Robb
- Smoke in Mirrors - Jayne Ann Krentz
- Running from the Law - Lisa Scottoline
- Time Piece - Richard Paul Evans
- The Carousel " "
- The Letter " "
- The Locket " "
- The End of Summer - Rosamunde Pilcher

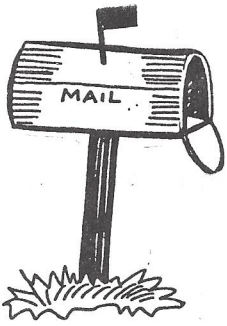
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 14 - 20!

Help us celebrate with "Night of a Thousand Stars" Karaoke Night!
Watch for signs with dates & times.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 24 - 27!

This is a great time to thank those who continuously volunteer *their time* to their library. Lois Anderson, Marilyn Bang, Evelyn Elthon, Bobbi Elbert, Goldie Felland, Adoline Halsne, Brenda Jones, Loni Knudson, Lisa May, Dawn Millard, Elin Miner, Pat Oswald, Ruth Ouverson, Ruth Rhodes, Maxine Rye, Dolores & Ray Sandifer, Ardis Sheimo, Betty Suby, Sheila Enderson
We salute you!





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Dear Reminder Crew:

You six volunteers do a great service for us "ex"
Fertilites and we would not want to miss any issues.

Please renew us for another year. Thank you for the
monthly update on the news.

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Dear Editor:

Here is my check for my renewal. Thanks for the
second chance.

I want to thank my brother Leighton for starting my
subscription, and also thanks to Neil Kuns for sharing
his remembrances of growing up in the "Best Little
Town by a Dam Site." To you editors: "Keep up the
good work!"

If ever anyone who grew up in Fertile passes through
Fertile on vacation, be sure to call us --we're in the
phone book.

Sincerely,
Wayne Humphrey

Open House

There will be an open house bridal shower in honor of
Alissa Brunsvold, bride-elect of Eric Kruger. It will be
held Saturday, April 13th from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the
Fertile Church of Christ. Alissa is the daughter of
Harold (Sonny) Brunsvold and granddaughter of Curt
and Gwen Ouverson. Everyone is invited.

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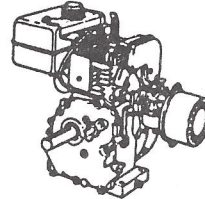
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JOSEPH H. LEVANG 1912 - 2002

Joseph H. Levang was born February 6, 1912, in rural Fertile Township, the son of George & Carrie Levang. He



lived in that area for his early years, attended grade school and high school and graduated from Fertile High School in 1930. He attended Waldorf College in Forest City, graduating in 1936. He then entered the seminary at the Lutheran Bible School in Fergus Falls, MN, graduating in 1938. He received his B.A. Degree from Upper Iowa University, Fayette, IA in 1955 and a Master of

Science in Education from North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND in 1968. He also took seminary work at Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA and Luther/Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

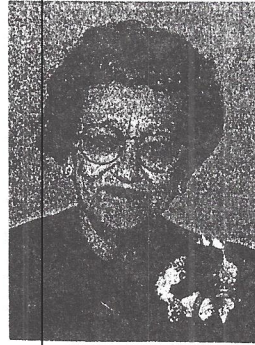
Joseph and Silence Seglem were married June 9, 1940 in the Seglem home, Joice, IA. They started their married life and ministry together serving churches in Aitkin and Big Fork, MN. They also served churches in Brooklyn, NY, Huxley, IA, Chicago, IL, West Union, IA and Pasadena, CA. In 1957 they moved to Fergus Falls where he served as President of the Lutheran Brethren School until 1972. He continued to serve on the LBS Faculty until 1987. They have made their home at 529 W. Alcott since 1958.

On February 20, 2002 Joseph Passed away at Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls, MN at the age of 90 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Silence, on January 13, 1997 and by his brother, Arthur. He is survived by two children, Mark A. (Marie) Levang and Linda S. (James) Bjork, both of Fergus Falls; 11 grandchildren and a sister, Irene Johnson of Fergus Falls.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

FLORENCE M. SANDERSON 1919 - 2002



Florence Mae Johnson, wife of Dan Sanderson, formerly of Fertile, passed away February 20, 2002 at the Good Samaritan Center in Estherville, IA.

On October 30, 1943 she was united in marriage to Daniel D. Sanderson in Santa Anna, CA. When Dan returned from military service after World War II, the couple lived in Iowa City for several years while Dan attended law school. In 1949 they joined the Estherville community where Dan practiced law.

Florence is survived by one daughter, Bonnie Albertson, of Estherville; three sons, William Sanderson of Estherville; Jack Sanderson of Estherville; Paul Sanderson of Cedar Rapids; twelve grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Olga Ouverson of Hanlontown; Evelyn Johnson of Mason City and Elvira Olson of Fairfax, IA.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband; one great-grandson, her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING

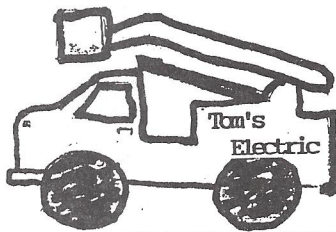
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FIVE GREAT LESSONS

The important Things Life Teaches You...

Author Unknown

Number One:

The Most Important Question came during my second month of nursing school when our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'." I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned that her name was Dorothy.

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Number Two:

Pickup in the Rain.

One night, at 11:30 PM, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960's. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance, and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry! She wrote down his address, thanked him, and drove away. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain had drenched not only my clothes, but my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's beside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nat King Cole.

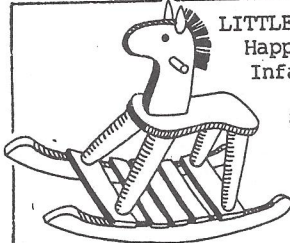
Number Three:

Always Remember Those Who Serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it. "How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she said brusquely. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table, and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier, and departed. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies - her tip.

(To be continued)



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Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters".

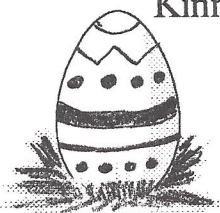
Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will do. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "SWEET TATERS".

WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

April 15th & 16th Senior Health Clinic at
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April 16th Blood Pressure over noon hour.
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Kinney Memorial Library Omelet Breakfast

Saturday, March 30

7:30 am - 10:30 a.m.

Hanlontown Community Center

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LIBRARY FRIENDS NEWS

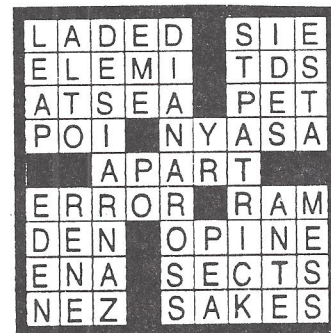
By Pat Oswald, Chm.

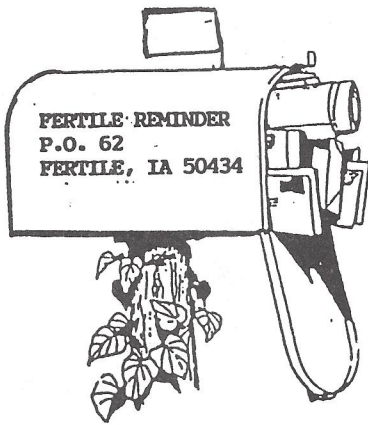
On March 2nd we held our annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at the Community Center. The weather didn't cancel us this year, so we had a good turnout. With cut-outs, over 100 people were served. We thank all those who came and supported the Library and to those who donated money and food. Also to the Lutheran Brotherhood North Iowa Branch #8023 for the \$200.00 in matching funds. The Wild Rice soup came from Lake Mills at the Lund Food Holding Inc. and the chicken noodle soup was donated by Dean & Betty Theilen

The money from this fund raiser will be used to help support the Library and to also upgrade the computers we have. We will be having to replace some computers as they are way outdated and well worn! The computers are 'well used' in the Library.

Thank you to the following people for all the work they did to have this luncheon:

Lois Anderson, Marilyn Bang, Evelyn Elthon, Sheila Enderson, Bobbi Elbert, Goldie Felland, Brenda Jones, Loni Knudson, Lisa May, Dawn Millard, Elin Miner, Don Nelson, Ruth Oover-son, Betty Suby, Dean & Betty Theilen. Goldie made the vegetable soup with helpers and Betty made the ground roast beef for the sandwiches. Don came along at just the right time to help clean the sidewalk and the help carry the heavy pots and pans for us. Thank You to each and every one of you.





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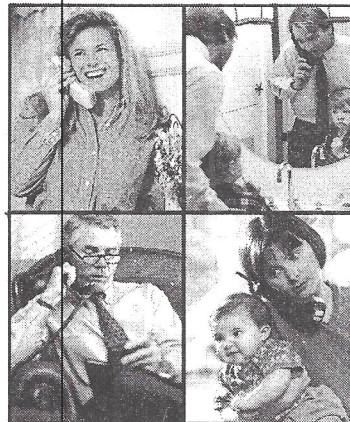
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