FEBRUARY 2005

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Feb. 01	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
Feb. 7	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	REMINDER DEADLINE VALENTINE'S DAY	Ar io 9 Yan Bas Gr
Feb. 15	Senior Dinner	Noon
Feb. 19	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Feb. 21	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	Recycle Day.	

The Fertile City Council met 7PM, January 4, 2005, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Paul Youngers, Gail Shropshire. Absent Melanne Bang, Tad Miller. Berg moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve the December minutes. The water/sewer budget for 2005-06 was discussed. The sewer lines in Fertile must be camera inspected this year to investigate the inflow and infiltration problem Fertile is having. This is mandated by the DNR. The water pump has been repaired. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete and in place for the City of Fertile. The City of Fertile will sand church parking lots if ice becomes a problem. Someone from the church must contact Bruns if an activity is planned. Shropshire moved, Berg 2nd to approve expenditures. Passed. Residences and businesses with water/sewer available at the curb will be charged the monthly minimum fee. A special meeting of the City Council will be Wednesday, January 19, at 6:30 PM in the Fertile City Hall. Budget requests will be considered at this time. Monthly reports were given. Youngers moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

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Property Tax	2,792.89
Water/Sewer/Garbage	11,616.57
Street Revenue	1,267.37
Street Const. 28E	1,056.67
IMWCA Ins Rebate	132.00
Local Option Tax	1,131.30
Hazard Mitigation Grant	1,333.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$19,329.80

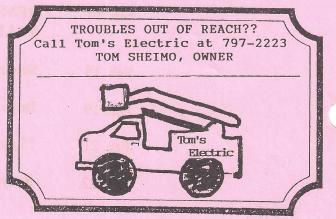
BUDGET MEETING of the Fertile City council will be January 19, 2005 at 6:30PM at Fertile City Hall.

Fertile Downtown Café
Every TUESDAY 5-8 p.m.
All you can eat SOUP or TACOS
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December Expenses	
Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,022.18
Gloria Kirschbaum	295.28
Dennis Ganz	48.77
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	336.36
IPERS	191.07
NIACOGHazard Mitigation plan	1,525.00
Fertile Reminder	186.00
LGI	9.80
WCTA	58.97
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	761.66
Braian Nettleton	500.00
Menards	33.01
Thompson Garage	6.00
Aquila	384.71
Post Office	83.00
Mosquito Control of Ia	1,400.00
Northwood Anchor	92.00
Pronto	6.26
Food & Fuel	27.25
Staples	42.78
World Class Flags	386.35
Hawkins	5.00
Wright Materials	945.00
IMFOA Dues	30.00
Mayor & Council	1,535.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,016.19

Please keep alleys and streets free of obstructions to facilitate snow removal.

Garbage: Option one: Use the container furnished by Waste management. Cost \$11.00 per month Option two: Purchase yellow bags and place at curbside. Cost \$2.50 per bag. Call city hall or the mayor if you wish to change option you now have. A recycling charge of \$1.75 is charged every resident.



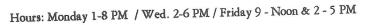




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Saturday 9 - Noon

LIBRARY NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR and THANKS for all your support during the past year. Budget cuts & rising costs have made it difficult to provide the same level of service as in past years. Your help by donating books, videos, food, money, time & attending fund-raisers has helped beyond measure. Our book/video/audio book budget has been cut by more than 50%. We work very hard to replace this money through book/video sales, fund-raisers, gifts & grants. So YES, we still gladly accept donations of all kinds. Have a great 2005!

Our annual Christmas raffle raised over \$800. Mark Suby won the \$100 Wal-Mart gift card. The following people & businesses made this possible by donating a total of 70 prizes. Thanks to all of you. Wal-Mart, Pronto, Goldie Felland, Humble Beginnings, Roxanne Jackson, Amanda Waddington, Tammy Waddington, Ruth Ouverson, Community National Bank, Ardis Sheimo, Manufacturers Bank & Trust, Shukei Chevrolet, Shryock Racing, Butcher's Steakhouse, Downtown Café, Subway, Pizza Hut, Premium Beverage, Carolyn Nedved, Southtown Building Supply, Titonka Savings Bank, Betty Suby, The Beehive Quilt Shoppe. And of course, thanks to all who bought & sold tickets. A list of prizes & winners is available on the reading table.

Santa (Al Ramon) visited the library during our annual Christmas Open House. Thirty-eight kids received gifts & candy. Thank you Santa for stopping by to see us. Santa would like to thank all his helpers for making this possible: Burtness Plumbing & Heating, Crescent Moon, Hare Electric, Larsen Plumbing & Heating, Plastic Injection Molders, Thompson's Garage.



Twisted – Jonathan Kellerman
A Christmas Promise – Thomas Kinkade
Palo Duro Trail – Jory Sherman
Bad Night at Dry Creek – Cameron Judd
Falling Awake – Jayne Anne Krentz
Every Storm – Lori Wick
Toward the Sunrise – Judith Pella
Homeward My Heart – Judith Pella
Secondhand Bride – Linda Lael Miller
The Cat Who Went Bananas – Lilian Jackson Braun
Love Woven True – Tracie Peterson
Unexpected Blessings – Barbara Taylor Bradford
Beyond Tuesday Morning – Karen Kingsbury

NEW DVD'S

The Day After Tomorrow – Dennis Quaid
The Punisher – John Travolta
Mean Girls – Lindsay Lohan
Around the World in 80 Days – Jackie Chan
The Chronicles of Riddick – Vin Diesel
The Stepford Wives – Nicole Kidman
Van Helsing – Hugh Jackman
The Terminal – Tom Hanks
Shrek II

NEW AUDIO BOOKS

Twisted – Jonathan Kellerman
There's Always a Trail/Home in the Valley – Louis L'Amour
Monument Rock/West of Dodge – Louis L'Amour

The Fertile Library Friends are honoring Fertile's 150th anniversary by publishing a cookbook. We encourage you to submit your favorite recipes on enclosed form. Only one recipe per form. Please print legible or type. The are due at the library by March 16, 2005.













Fertile Library Friends

Cookbook

One Recipe Per Page

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Dear Fertile Friend

ity cookbook to honor Fertile's 150th Anniversary. We want it to your favorite recipes! The best news of all? All of the profits e sale of the cookbooks will go toward Library Projects. These I to the brim with the best recipes from the best cooks. - and ks will most definitely become a cherished keepsake on your Won't you help us, please? We have decided to publish a

We would like to have your favorite recipes as soon as possible. ne will even be printed in the cookbook with each of your own You might even want to submit a recipe in memory of a loved Please print carefully or type your recipe to the left side of this submit only one recipe per form. We need you to return your to us by March 16, 2005. Our goal is to have the completed ks available for sale by August of 2005.

We are anticipating a great demand for these cookbooks, so we be certain we are ordering enough cookbooks. It would help us ely if you would indicate below how many cookbooks you want us ve in your name... remember, if you don't reserve your copies may not have a cookbook for you!

ank you so much for participating in our fundraising efforts.

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Fertile Library Friends

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WITH SYMPATHY

DAVID HENRY LOVICK 1944 - 2004

David Henry Lovick, 60, of Mankato, died December 16, 2004 at his home due to complications from pancreatic cancer.



Memorial service was held December 19, 2004 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN. Burial will be at Brush Point Cemetery, Fertile, IA at a later date.

David was born Jan. 18, 1944 in Forest City to James and Alvera (Hanna) Lovick. He was raised in the Fertile area and in 1961 graduated from Fertile Consolidated High School.

David enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 and completed his duties as a helicopter mechanic-crew chief in 1968. David had one tour of duty in Vietnam.

He was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Purcell on June 8, 1968 in Fertile. He attended Waldorf College and graduated from Mankato State University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts.

In July 1968, David joined the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Union No. 464, beginning what would be a 37-plus years in local construction. He worked for many years for R. W. Carlstrom Co.

He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, and served on several boards. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors. He also cherishd his time at the lake.

David is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann (Purcell) Lovick; one daughter, Sarah (Dan) Boswell of North Mankato; one son, Michael (Kathy) Lovick of Boulder, Colo; five grandchildren; parents, James and Alvera Lovick of Fertile; five sisters, Gloria Kirschbaum of Fertile, Mary (Ralph) Rye of Minneapolis, MN, Janice Folkers of Minneapolis, MN, Clara (Kurt) West of Rochester, MN, and Martha (William) Cavanaugh of Charles City; two sisters-inlaw, Colleen (David) Lura of Oak Harbor, WA, and Barbara (Bob) Klapperich of Waverly; aunts, uncles, nephew, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife's parents, Mike and Virginia Purcell; his grandparents; one sister, Betty, in infancy, two brothers-in-law, Ed Kirschbaum and Doug Folkers.

He will always be loved and remembered for his sense of humor and light-hearted jokes.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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PATRICIA K. WEAVER 1941 - 2005

Patricia K. Weaver, 63, of Mason City and formerly of Fertile, died Jan. 1, 2005 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa.

Funeral services for Patricia were held January 5, 2005 at Major Erickson Funeral Home in Mason City with Rev. Dennis Ganz officiating. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Patricia was born Jan. 16, 1941, the daughter of Clifford and Violet (Kennedy) McCloud in Mason City. She attended school in Mason City and graduated from Mason City High School in the Class of 1959.

On Nov. 6, 1960, Patricia was united in marriage to Darrell F. Weaver. They raised their family in the Fertile area, and Patricia and Darrell were later divorced.

Patricia worked at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake and then worked for Opportunity Village for 15 years before retiring. She was a lifelong caregiver.

She is survived by her son, James Darrell Weaver and wife Nicole of Waukee, IA; two daughters, Lisa Kay Weaver of Forest City and Lori Ann Slater of Clear Lake. She is also survived by three grandsons, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter; her sister, Shirley Otten of Mason City; her brother, Clifford McCloud, Jr. and wife Peggy of Cape Coral, FL; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Violet, and one son, Jeffrey Darrell Weaver in 1967.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

ROGER RHODES HILL 1917 - 2004

Roger Rhodes Hill, age 87, died on November 25, 2004.



Roger was born in Iowa on Nov. 6, 1917. He attended Fertile Schools, graduating from high school in 1938. He also attended Waldorf College.

Roger was the grandson of William Rhodes, an early pioneer in the Fertile area.

He served overseas in Africa and Europe in the US Air Corp from 1941 - 1945.

He and his wife, Ginny, moved to Tucson, AZ in 1951. After graduating from the University of Arizona, Roger was employed by Hackett Pontiac and later was a real estate broker until he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Ginny", a son Greg, of Portland, OR and a daughter Nancy, Phoenix, AZ. A daughter, Linda, preceded him in death.

Roger was a life member of the Sertoma Club. He loved Dixieland music and attended Dixieland Festivals. He enjoyed many sports and traveling. He was devoted to his family and many friends. No service was held, as were his wishes. Donations for Alzheimer's research would be appreciated.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



We truly appreciate your time spent as volunteers to make the Fertile Reminder possible. Thanks to all.

Jim & Judy Gilbertson

Thank you gals for the Reminder. I look forward to getting it. I know it's a lot of work,

but am sure you enjoy it.

Mae Oswald

Dear Ladies,

Please renew our Fertile Reminder. You girls do a great job. Keep it up.

Leo & Jenette Zobel

Dear Ladies,

We always enjoy reading the Reminder. It brings back a lot of good times we had growing up at Fertile. Thanks for all the time and effort you put into making it an interesting paper.

Bill & Jarlyn Upchurch

Dear Friends of the Fertile Reminder,

Enclosed is my check to continue the subscription. The holidays are coming up so fast, or can it be I'm getting so slow. UFFDA.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas with much joy. May the year 2005 bring us love and peace.

Doris Oswald

Dear Fertile Reminder girls,

Thanks so much for keeping me up to date on the Fertile news. Feb. 16-17 Mona Humphrey Kumm

Dear Ladies.

Thanks so much. It is good to hear the news from Fertile while we are wintering in Texas. Keep up the good work.

Earl & Donna Miller

Dear Ladies,

A big thak you to all of you ladies who are dedicated in getting out the Fertile Reminder. It is so interesting and I enjoy it so much.

Keep up the good work. Merry Christmas to all of you.

Dell (Oakland) Wright

Thank you ladies!

Doris Novak

Dear Gals,

Thanks for keeping me updated with news of the Fertile paper.

Norma (Bergan) Helin

Dear Fertile Reminder,

Enclosed please find my check for a 2-year subscription to the Fertile Reminder.

I look forward to attending the 150th anniversary, especially because I missed the school reunion this past spring.

My cousin, Marjorie Sanderson Baker Mason celebrated her 101st birthday this month. She is well and is the greatly loved and respected matriarch of the Sanderson family.

Anna Mary Sanderson Spengler

Her address is: Marjorie Mason 1093 S. Hilton - #249 Boise, ID 83705

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the people of Fertile and the area. Your cards, thoughts & prayers were deeply appreciated.

A special Thank You to Janie and all her great patrons. It all really helped.

Ralph Jennings

Thank you for prayers, food, cards and memorials we received at the death of David.

David's family and parents, James & Alvera Lovick

WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Jan. 25, 2005 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church Northwood from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appt necessary. Children under 6 years of age may receive a free lead test at this time.

Feb. 2 & 3 Senior Health Clinic at Maple Court, Northwood Call 324-1721 to schedule appointment.

Senior Health Clinic at Maple Court, Northwood. Call in advance to schedule appt.

Feb. 17 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office, Northwood from 1 p.m to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Children under 6 may receive a free lead test at this time.

Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church in Northwood from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. Appt. not

necessary.

Feb. 22

Feb. 23 Nail Care Clinic at Grafton and Manly. Call 1-800-7650-1388 for appointment. This may be

for hands or feet.

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SILENCE L. JOHNSON 1922 - 2004

Silence L. Johnson, age 82, of Fertile died Nov. 12, 2004 at Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake, IA. Her funeral was held November 16, 2004 at Fertile Church of Christ. Burial was in Grant Cemetery in rural Clear Lake.



Silence LeWanna Johnson was born on a farm near Fertile on March 18, 1922, the daughter of Leo and Hazel (Haugen) Stokke. She received her education in rural schools and graduated from Fertile High School. On April 6, 1940, she married Adolph Johnson. Silence made her home in Fertile her whole life.

She worked for a brief time at Nye's Grocery in Fertile, at EF Johnson in Clear Lake and DeLuxe Filter in Lake Mills. She was a long-time member of the Church of Christ in Fertile and active in Christian Workers.

She died at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake on November 12, 2004, at the age of 82 years.

Silence is survived by her children, Gwendolyn Scott of Mason City, Jerry Johnson and special friend, Jana, of Floyd, and Joel Johnson and wife, Jane, of Fertile; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Harriet—Vinden and husband, Richard, of Hanlontown; brother-in-aw, Raymond McArthur of Pierre, S. D; and two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Johnson of Mason City and Elvera Olson and husband, Russell, of Fairfax, IA.

Silence was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Adolph; two brothers, Francis (Jack) Stokke and Wendell Stokke; and a sister, Geraldine McArthur.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.





JEAN VANDENBOSCH 1925 - 2004

Jean VanDenBosch, 79, died December 7, 2004 at the Hospice of North Iowa inpatient unit in Mason City.



According to here plans, a remembrance and celebration of her life was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2005 at the Fertile Church of Christ with Pastor Curt Gallmeyer presiding. A private inurnment will be held at a later date.

Jean Ouverson was born Jan. 30, 1925, to Harley and Edith (Humphrey) Ouverson of Fertile. After graduation from Fertile High School, Jean pursued her interest in aviation, obtaining her commercial pilot's license. She continued training for a period of time at the Aviation Academy in Kansas City, MO before returning to Fertile.

Those living in North Iowa in those days still speak of the times Jean was heard and seen soaring above their communities in her Piper Cub.

She married Wayne "Butch" VanDenBosch on April 19, 1947, at the Church of Christ in Fertile. To this union four sons were born. After many years, the marriage ended in divorce.

To further her education in later years, Jean completed requirements for her associate's degree in liberal arts.

She worked as the bookkeeper for the family-owned Fertile Valley Hatchery for more than 30 years. In more recent years, she was the bookkeeper for The Petal Shoppe in Clear Lake, until her retirement in the late 90's.

During Jean's declining health in recent years, she has enjoyed the fellowship and assistance of many of the community members of Fertile who have so willingly helped meet her needs. Of special pleasure to her was the morning coffee group at the the Downtown Cafe.

During more active years, she enjoyed gardening, music, reading and cooking; however she will be foremostremembered for her devout Christian faith.

She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ in Fertile where she served for many years in various capacities, including Sunday School teacher, Superintendent of Christian Education, Christian Women's organization, and choir member.

She is survived by her four sons, Bob (Toby) of Mason City, Mike (Karen) of Iowa City, Tom and Scott (Kelly) both of Strawberry, AZ; seven granddaughters; two grandsons; and one brother, Bob (Betty) of Fertile.

Family members in Heaven welcoming her home are her parents and a grandson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Memories of Fertile

The FB&I will be constructing a memory book for the 150th. We are looking for pictures and short stories.

If you have pictures you would like to share (Special Events / Businesses / Groups / Landmarks / Street Scenes / Fun Pix / etc. - Anytime within the last 150 years.) contact Elin Miner at 797-2122. We will be scanning the pictures and should be able to get them back to you quickly.

Short stories to go with the pictures would be great! Perhaps you don't have a picture but have some old ads or memorabilia that could be copied or have a picture taken of for use in the memory book. Even if you just have some memories you would like to share - please do! We are willing to stop by and visit to get both stories and pictures. We will use as many of them as we can within our space and design limits.

Pictures and stories can also be dropped off or mailed to the Fertile Library - PO Box 198.

- * Place in an envelope some will be available at the Library.
- * Enclose a description of the picture, date it was taken (near guess) and the names of people in the picture.
- * If dropping it off; Label the outside of the envelope with your Name, Address and Phone Number - to ensure prompt return.
- * Make sure the above information is inside your envelope or package if you are mailing it. (Please enclose return postage.)

Are you interested in helping to create the memory book? Contact Elin Miner.



George, age 92, and Edith, age 89, had been seeing each other for 2 years when they decided that life was too short and they might as well be together for the rest of their lives. Excited about their decision to become newlyweds, they went for a stroll to discuss the wedding and what plans needed to be made. Along their way, they found themselves in front of a drugstore.

George said to his bride-to-be, "Let's go in. I have an idea." They walked to the rear of the store and addressed the man behind the counter. "Are you the owner?" asked George. The pharmacist answered, "Yes, sir, I am. How can I help you?"

George: "Do you sell heart medications?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

George: How about support hose for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

George: What about medications for rheumatism, osteoporosis & arthritis?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

George: How about waterproof furniture pads &

Depends?"

Pharmacist: "Yes sir."

George: "Hearing aids, denture supplies & reading glasses?"

Pharmacist: "Yes."

George: What about eye drops, sleeping pills, Geritol,

Preparation-H and ExLax?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

George: "You sell wheelchairs, walkers & canes?"

Pharmacist: All kinds and sizes. Why all these

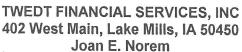
questions?"

George smiled, glanced shyly at Edith and replied to the pharmacist, "We've decided to get married and we'd like to use your store as our Bridal Registry."



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COOK'S KORNER

I am in need of recipes. How about you cooks out there helping me out? Send your recipes to: Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434.

Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

Something's Missing!

But that doesn't mean the recipes are any less tasty!!

MAKES ITS-OWN-CRUST PIE

4 eggs
1 3/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/4 cup butter, melted
2 cups milk

1 1/2 cups coconut (optional)

1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix in the order given. Pour into a greased 10 inch pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until golden brown. The middle of the pie will appear soft. Properly done, it will have appear soft. Properly done, it will have a delicate crust over top, sides and bottom. It will be solid enough to cut after pie has cooled.

>BRAIN CRAMP- "Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances." from the Department of Social Services, Greenville, SC.

>DEFINITIONS— <u>Beauty Parlor</u> - a place where women curl up and dye.

Cannibal - Someone who is fed up with people.

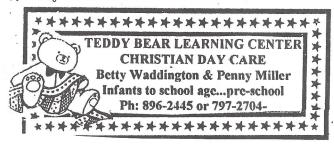
Committee - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

> "If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record." author unknown.

JUN KORNER

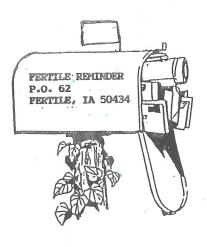
The famous Tom Swifty is a line of dialogue that ends with an appropriate and whimsical adverb. For example - "Sharpen your pencils," Tom demanded *pointedly*. In this puzzle, *pointedly* and all the necessary adverbs have been eliminated. The first letter of the adverb remains to give you a clue.

- 1. "I don't know where my board game is!" Tom said c-----
- 2. "I forgot what I wanted to buy.: Tom said
- 3. "I'll never have a car accident," Tome said
- 4. "This milk is bad," Tom said s - - -.
- 5. "I love this soap dish," Tom said j -----.
- 6. "I just ran five miles," Tom puffed b -----
- 7. "I dislike instrumental music," Tom said
- 8. "I'm waiting for the doctor," Tom said
- 9. "My shoelaces are broken," Tom said
- 10. "I love the ocean wind," Tom said b ------.
- 1. How can your pocket be empty and yet have something in it?
- 2. When are your eyes not eyes?
- 3. What did the balloon say to the pin?
- 4. Why does a clock seem so shy?



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