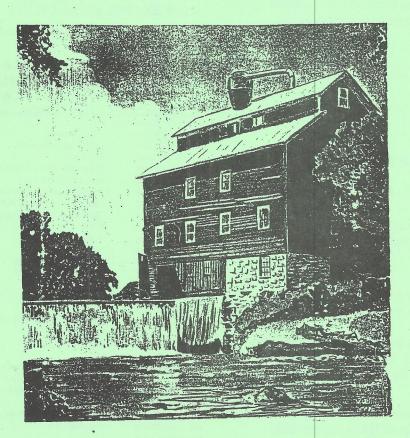
## **MARCH 2007**

# FERTILE REMINDER



## GOMING EVENTS

| March 1  | Re-cycle Day                                    |                            |
|----------|---|----------------------------|
| March 5  | Fire Department Meeting                         | 7 p.m.                     |
| March 6  | Senior Dinner                                   | Noon                       |
| March 13 | Garden Club FB & I Meeting City Budget Meeting  | 7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m. |
| March 15 | Re-cycle Day                                    | •                          |
| March 17 | Boys & Girls 4-H<br>Library Soup/Sandwich lunch | 11 - 1                     |
| March 19 | Library Board Meeting                           | 7 p.m.                     |
| March 20 | City Council Meeting                            | 7 p.m.                     |
| March 29 | Re-cycle Day                                    |                            |

#### City of Fertile

#### City Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

#### 1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, January 16, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

#### 2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were: Council Member Patrick Renchin and City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns.

#### 3.) Minutes Approval

- Mayor Russell requested that the Minutes be typed in a larger font for higher visibility.
- Berg moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the January minutes. Motion Carried.

#### 4.) Budget Hearing

- The Council went line by line through the proposed budget and made adjustments as needed.
- The budget will be published in the Forest City Summit, as well as the Fertile Reminder.
- The Council will hold a public hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, to approve the budget. The budget must be certified by the County Auditor by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5.) Mayor's Report

- The City purchased a V-plow for the pick-up. Warren will be able to handle smaller snow falls with much more accuracy and speed.
- Three property's shut-off valves, which were repaired this fall by Nettleton, have not yet been paid. The City will pay Nettleton for this service and will then bill the property owners.

#### 6.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the January financials.
- A request was made to include the utilization cost rate on the water bills. This adjustment will be made for March.
- The City submitted a grant request to the WCDA for \$34,124.00. If received, the City will be able to install new playground equipment, picnic-tables, and benches at the ball fields. The City will also be able to expand the concession stand for increased concessions area and storage space.

#### 7.) City Maintenance Report

• Bruns was in Ames for continuing education.

#### 8.) Approve General Expenditures

• Shropshire moved, Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures. Motion Carried.

#### 9.) Committee Reports

- Several street signs have been knocked down due to snow removal efforts. They will be replaced soon. Even though the signs have been knocked down, the laws are still in effect. (I.e.speed limits will still be enforced).
- The Community Center committee met for the first time. There
  were 14 in attendance. It is time to dream. All ideas are
  welcomed and encouraged. Let us know what you think the
  Community Center should include. The committee will meet the
  first Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 at City Hall.

#### 10.) Other Business

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• No other business was presented.

#### 11.) Next Meeting's Business Topics

- Discussion on Casino Monies.
- Swearing in of Loren Hoffman to the vacant Council Seat.

#### 12.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at Fertile City Hall to approve the budget.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, March 20th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

## 13.) Adjourn - Miller moved, Berg 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

## City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of January 31, 2007

|                        | is of January 31, 2007   | Dald Amount         |  |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Туре                   | Name   | Paid Amount         |  |
| General Fund Checking  |  |                     |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Alliant Energy   | -205.17             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | BMC Aggregates L.C.  | -42.64              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | CarQuest   | -6.02               |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Farmers Lumber Company   | -34.20              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Iowa One Call  | -0.90               |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Larsen Plumbing & Heating  | -111.94             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | North Central Sales & Service  | -76.87              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | North Iowa Media Group   | -84.01              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Pronto   | -213.41             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Russell, Joyce V   | -86.62              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Sign Pro   | -199.00             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Thompson's Garage  | -379.57             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Waste Management   | -1,905.96           |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | WCTA   | -123.83             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Winntech Central   | -50.00              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Aquila   | -307.27             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.   | -450.00             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Hare Electric  | -105.00             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Menards  | -270.17             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | UPS  | -19.65              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.   | -150,831.73         |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Dorsey & Whitney LLP   | -3,895.25           |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Yaggy Colby Associates   | -1,928.73           |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Alliant Energy   | -928.68             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | 23 20 1 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 5 <del>3 5 3</del> 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | -48.49              |  |
|                        | Farmer's Co-op Elevator - CL   | -5.00               |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Hawkins, Inc.  | -24.30              |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        |  | -727.73             |  |
| Bill Pmt -Check        | Staples  |                     |  |
| Check                  | Fertile Fire Department V  | -1,625.00           |  |
| Check                  | Fertile Public Library V   | -3,375.00<br>-32.08 |  |
| Check                  | Petty Cash   | 2,875.55            |  |
| Deposit                |  | 2,535.29            |  |
| Deposit                |  | 3,935.25            |  |
| Deposit                |  |                     |  |
| Deposit                | IEA OLAIGRE  | 98,228.44           |  |
| Deposit                | IFACWSRF   | 4,733.82            |  |
| Deposit                |  | 2,353.87            |  |
| Deposit                | Diamond Joe Casino   | 1,566.01            |  |
| Deposit                |  | 66.91               |  |
| Paycheck               | Bruns, Warren  | -1,105.09           |  |
| Paycheck               | Ganz, Dennis   | -53.07              |  |
| Paycheck               | Low, David   | -299.73             |  |
| Paycheck               | May III, Edgar F   | -643.37             |  |
| Paycheck               | Russell, Grant   | -238.81             |  |
| Sales Tax Payment      | Iowa Department of Revenue an  | -595.00             |  |
| Total General Fund Che | cking  | -54,734.15          |  |
| Roads Revenue Fund S   | Savings  |                     |  |
| Deposit                |  | 64.64               |  |
| Total Roads Revenue Fu | and Savings  | 64.64               |  |
| Water Revenue Fund C   |  |                     |  |
| Deposit                |  | 2.68                |  |
| Total Water Revenue Fu | nd Checking  | 2.68                |  |
| Sewage Revenue Fund    |  |                     |  |
| Deposit 3.95           |  |                     |  |
| Total Sewage Revenue   | Fund Checking  | 3.95                |  |
| TOTAL.                 | N.   | -54,662.88          |  |
|                        |  |                     |  |

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE

FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

| City of  | Fertile                       |  | , Iowa                                     |                    |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| The City Council will conduct a  | public hearing on the propose | ed Budget at   | City Hall                                  |                    |
| on The Budget Estimate Summ Copies of the the detailed pr City Clerk, and at the Library | oposed Budget may be ob-      | 7:00 p.m. (hour) nd expenditures is tained or viewed a | -<br>s shown below.<br>at the offices of t | he Mayor,          |
| The estimated Total tax levy   | rate per \$1000 valuation of  | on regular propert                                     | y\$  | 10.96260           |
| The estimated tax levy rate p  | oer \$1000 valuation on Agr   | icultural land is                                      | \$   | 3.00375            |
| At the public hearing, any resofthe proposed budget.                                     | sident or taxpayer may pre    | sent objections to                                     | o, or arguments in                         | favor of, any part |
| 641-797-2097<br>phone number   |                               | City   | Eddie May<br>y Clerk/Finance Officer's     | s NAME             |

|  |         | Budget FY<br>2008                      | Re-estimated FY 2007 | Actual FY<br>2006  |
|--|---------|--|----------------------|--|
|  |         | (a)                                    | (b)                  | (c)  |
| Revenues & Other Financing Sources         |         |  |                      |  |
| Taxes Levied on Property                   | 1       | 48,103                                 | 47,324               |  |
| Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year | 2       | 0                                      | 0                    |  |
| Net Current Property Taxes                 | 3       | 48,103                                 | 47,324               | 41,476   |
| Delinquent Property Taxes                  | 4       | 0                                      | 0                    |  |
| TIF Revenues                               | 5       | 0                                      | 0                    | - Company of the Comp |
| Other City Taxes                           | 6       | 23,940                                 | 17,229               |  |
| Licenses & Permits                         | 7       | 140                                    | 500                  | The state of the s |
| Use of Money and Property                  | 8       | 2.315                                  | 2,500                |  |
| Intergovernmental                          | 9       | 29,000                                 | 55,000               |  |
| Charges for Fees & Service                 | 10      | 160,634                                | 129,000              | -  |
| Special Assessments                        | 11      | 0                                      | 120,000              |  |
| Miscellaneous                              | 12      | . 0                                    | 0                    |  |
| Other Financing Sources                    | 13      | 0                                      | 0                    | -  |
| Total Revenues and Other Sources           | 14      | 264,132                                | 251,553              |  |
| Expenditures & Other Financing Uses        |         |  | 201,000              | 220,920  |
| Public Safety                              | 15      | 19.814                                 | 0.150                | 40.700   |
| Public Works                               | 16      | 34,163                                 | 8,150<br>32,700      | Contract Company of the Contract Contra |
| Health and Social Services                 | 17      | 1,000                                  | 1,000                |  |
| Culture and Recreation                     | 18      | 30,432                                 | 27,500               | CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE  |
| Community and Economic Development         | 19      | 850                                    | 1,000                |  |
| General Government                         | 20      | 34,707                                 | 30,915               | 118  |
| Debt Service                               | 21      | 04,707                                 | 30,913               | 22,305   |
| Capital Projects                           | 22      | . 0                                    | 30,000               | 0  |
| Total Government Activities Expenditures   | 23      | 120,966                                | 131,265              | 91,205   |
| Business Type / Enterprises                | 24      | 143,166                                | 120,288              | 109,721  |
| Total ALL Expenditures                     | 25      | 264,132                                | 251,553              | 200,926  |
| Transfers Out                              | 26      | 0                                      | 251,555              | 200,920  |
| Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out       | 27      | 264,132                                |                      | 000,000  |
| Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over       | 8500000 | 50000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 251,553              | 200,926  |
| (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out         | 28      |  |                      |  |
| Continuing Appropriation                   |         | 0                                      | 0                    | 24,999   |
| Beginning Fund Balance July 1              | 29      | 0                                      |                      |  |
| Ending Fund Balance June 30                | 30      | 140,300                                | 140,300              | 115,301  |
| Ending Fund balance June 30                | 31      | 140,300                                | 140,300              | 140,300  |



#### FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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(641)-797-2787 Phone/Fax

Monday & Wednesday - 1:00 - 6:00 P.M. Thursday - 3 - 6 P.M.

Friday - 9:00 A.M. - Noon & 2:00 - 6:00 P.M. Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon



#### NEW BOOKS

Holmes on the Range - Steve Hockensmith

The White Knight - Gilbert Morris

McKettrick's Luck - Linda Lael Miller

Hope Chest – Wanda E. Brunstetter

Freedom of the Soul – Tracy Bateman

A Wolf in the Fold - David Robbins

Step on a Crack - James Patterson

Hide-Lisa Gardner

Reliance - M.L. Tyndall

Winter Lodge – Susan Wiggs

Lost City - Clive Cussler

My Sister's Keeper - Jodi Picoult

White Lies - Jayne Ann Krentz

Plum Lovin – Janet Evanovich

Savage Gun – Jory Sherman

Sisters - Danielle Steel

#### Large Print-

Sparkle – Jennifer Greene

Leaving North Haven - Michael L Lindvall

Natural Born Charmer – Susan Elizabeth Phillips

#### DVD's

Flyboys – James Franco

Invincible - Mark Wahlberg

The Black Dahlia - Josh Hartnett

Little Miss Sunshine - Greg Kinnear

The Covenant - Taylor Kitsch

#### **Audio Books**

Step on a Crack - James Patterson

Hide - Lisa Gardner



### Childhood On The Farm



· by George Kisner

George Kisner's new book available now! All proceeds go to the Fertile Library. The cost is \$15.00. Add \$3.00 if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Fertile Public Library's Annual Soup & Sandwich Luncheon March 17, 2007 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. @ Butcher's Steakhouse

Chili, Chicken Noodle & Cheesy Baked Potato Bacon Soup Roast Beef Sandwiches Dessert & Drink

Free Will donation Proceeds go to Library Projects

เหลาไม่ใช้ ไม่ใช้การกรุง ไร้<u>กร้องที่!</u>

Purchase fickers for a chance to win one of two Hand Crafted Afghans by Ruth Rhodes or a Fertile Library Cookbook Gift Basket.

Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

#### MY LOYAL FRIEND

By George Kisner

I don't remember much about my life when I was 4 years old, but one incident is still vivid in my memory. One afternoon my mother id, "Our neighbor, Willy Haugen, has a surprise for you if you walk over to his farm" What could it be?

Everyone liked Willy Haugen. He was the greatest hunter and trapper in the country. He had no children but every child was his friend.

Quickly I ran down the road to where Willy lived. He met me and took me to the barn. There was a mother dog with 5 black puppies. "You can have your pick, George," he said, as I looked with wonder. They all came to me as if to say, "Take me, take me, George." I looked and looked, trying to decide. Finally I saw the one I wanted. He hung a little back, but looked at me with his big eyes.

"I will take him, Willy, and his name is Skippy." I picked him up and he settled right in my arms. It was a long walk home for a 4-year-old carrying a puppy, but I would not put him down for a minute.

My whole family met us as we came up the hill. We put him down and played with him. That night we made a bed for him in the barn, but he whined, so I had to stay out there with him until my mother came and made me go to bed.

After that we were constant companions, going after the cows, carrying in firewood, carrying feed to the chickens and all my chores. While Skippy would always stay with me, it soon become apparent that he liked to chase rabbits and pheasants best. When my uncle from the city came to hunt in the fall, Skippy was in his glory, stirring up pheasants and finding them after they were shot. He was a natural hunter and never failed to help them get their limit. Ye were in the midst of some of the best pheasant country, and my dog, Skippy, was one of the best hunting dogs.

In the year 1940 a tragedy occurred to Skippy. My brother Charles was mowing hay with a sickle mower when Skippy chased a rabbit and got caught in the sickle. When we came to the hayfield to see how the mowing was going, there was Skippy lying in the shade with my brother's lunch in front of him. We carried Skippy home where he promptly crawled under the porch and stayed for several days. When he finally came out, he could barely walk! Our beloved friend had but 3 legs.

Skippy quickly overcame his handicap. And, although not as fast, he became a better hunting dog than ever. He would not chase pheasants out of range, but would stay close to us and run back and forth. When I was 10, my father let me carry a gun and from that time on we hunted constantly through the cold winter months.

One nice thing about a dog is that while he may give you a dirty look when you miss an easy shot, he never actually says anything. Skippy was always a true friend through the difficult years when my 2 brothers were called to war and there was no help for the farm work. My mother had life-threatening surgery in 1942, and we always had one true friend. Skippy lived to be 13 years old and is buried in our old back yard under the lilc bushes.

This story has been copied from George's new book "Childhood on the Farm"., which can be purchased from the Fertile Library. The book includes many pictures from that era, which bring life to the story.



#### FERTILE SCHOOL BOOK

Thanks to all the people that have been gathering information for the book, over 500 histories have been are ready to be written for the book. There are many more out there so if you have not sent yours, send it as soon as possible. Remember you do not have to graduate but just have attended Fertile school.

The grades attending Fertile after 1962 are very difficult to find names and addresses of students. Is there anyone who will volunteer to send questionnaires to their class in the following years: 1967, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, and 1988? If you were in any of the other classes and did not receive a questionnaire, please write, call or email and ask for one. If no one volunteers for these classes we will have to go with what we have. We don't want anyone left our so it is important to get a volunteer.

If you have any **good** pictures of the school that could be used send them. Depending on how much room there is, teachers may be included, also. Permission has been granted to use articles of the Globe Gazette and Northwood Anchor.

Send to Betty Waddington, 554 Hwy 9, Hanlontown, IA 50444 or call 641-896-2445. e-mail fhsbook@wctatel.net

DEADLINE FOR ALL INFORMATION WILL BE JUNE 1, 2007.

### FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

GLORIFYING GOD BY MAKING DISCIPLES

- MORE AND BETTER DISCIPLES.

9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES.
10:00 - FELLOWSHIP TIME.
10:15 - WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME AND BE OUR GUEST.

3493 EAGLE AVENUE - FERTILE, IOWA



#### WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 95 9th St. North, Northwood, IA 50459 641-324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388

March 15

Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office in Northwood from 1:00 to 5:00. No appointment necessary. Children under 6 years of age may receive a free lead test at this time. Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to ensure your child's home is not poisoning your family.

In office screenings at Worth County Public Health Office: Cholesterol panels with a blood sugar test are available to \$20 for any age with an advance appointment. Free blood pressure checks are done Mondauy-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full senior health assessments by appointment. Call 800-765-1388 or 324-1741 for informtion and to schedule an appt. Wanted: Women who need a free mammogram. WCPH can assist women 40-64 to receive FREE cancer check-ups, including a mammogram and Pap test. Enrollment is extremely beneficial to women without insurance but also covers deductibles and co-payment for eligible women with insurance. Income guidelines are generous. See below for example:

Size of Household: Monthly income:

| 1                         | \$2,127 |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 2                         | \$2,852 |
| 3                         | \$3,577 |
| 4                         | \$4,302 |
| For each add'l person add | \$ 725  |

Call WCPH for additional information.

Prairie Ridge is collaborating with WCPH and will have gambling addiction staff present for scheduled appointments and/or clinic hours for families concerned about gambling. This is a trial period to see what the need is for a Northwood location. To arrange an appointment in Northwood, call Prairie Ridge at 866-429-2391.

FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

602 West Washington
David Halverson, Lay Minister
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:35 a.m.
Wednesday Sunday School 6 to 7 p.m.
Only Jesus, the Living Water,
can satisfy the thirsty soul.



Dear Reminder Ladies,

Please renew. Thanks for your work on the newsletter.

Deb & Tim

Dear Ladies,

Keep up the good work.

Phyllis Pederson

Reminder Staff,

Enclosed is check for my subscription You do such a great job printing up the paper and we appreciate it!

Best regards, Elsie M. Chisholm

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my Reminder for another year. I really enjoy reading it. Keep up the good work.

Judith Larson

Dear Fertile Reminder Staff,

Enclosed please find my check for \$6 to renew for another year. You have done an excellent service in keeping everyone informed. Keep up the good work.

> Sincerely, Lyle E. Knudson

Hi!

I'm sure our subscription for the Fertile Reminder has expired. Thanks, Reminder Staff for a fun and informative paper.

Bud & JoAnn

#### THANK YOU!

Your kindness is so appreciated! Thanks to all for your visits, cards, flowers, food, gifts and prayers before and after surgery. For any acts of kindness, I am grateful! Love you all.

Ardis Sheimo

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who remembered Andy & me on our 50th. Wedding Anniversary with cards, calls, and gifts. We are truly blessed to have so many great friends. Thank you to Annette and family and Randy and family for all you did for us. God Bless all of your thoughtfulness. Andy & Pat Oswald.



#### DOWNTOWN CAFE

WINTER HOURS
OPEN FROM 5:30 AM TO 1:30 PM
TUESDAY NITE 4:30 - 7:30
TACO OR ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP
THURSDAY NITE - FISH, BBQ OR
CHICKEN - 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

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#### Garden Club Meets With Mrs. A. Anderson

Fertile Garden Club met at the Lutheran church dining room on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 3.

Roll call was answered with "Remember When." A table was covered with these remembrances such as button hooks, hat pins, curling irons, old fashioned flat irons, mustache cup, old fruit jars dating back to 1851 and many other antiques. Mrs. Mervin Stevens gave the thought for the day.

Mrs. Orin Igou, Northwood, was guest speaker. She gave a display and demonstration on "Artistic use of Dried Materials." She showed plaques and arrangements of dried material put into gold picture frames.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Estaline Sanderson, Mrs. Dorothy Aspland and Mrs. Ben Myhre.

#### Christian Workers Meet

The Christian Workers met at the Fertile Church of Christ Friday afternoon with Mrs. Bernard Bliss, Mrs. Verle Miller and Mrs. Truman Knudtson hostesses. Mrs. Virgil Ouverson gave the meditation, Mrs. Hazar Hall gave the mission study. Mrs. Guy Walker and Mrs. Hall were honored at the birthday table.

#### It's Not Easy

To apologize
To begin over
To be unselfish
To take advice
To be considerate
To endure success
To keep trying
To forgive and forget
To shoulder a deserved blame
To recognize a silver lining
BUT THIS IS FAITH IN ACTION.



Clear Lake 357-8882 or Fertile 641-797-2680

#### DOWN ON THE FARM

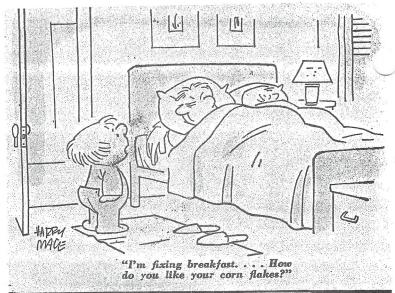
Taken from the introduction of Dick Varberg's book entitled "From the lowa Farm to the Philippine Field"

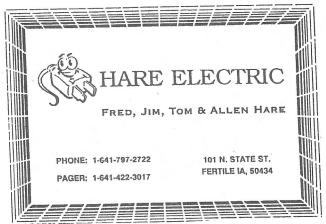
Growing up on a small Iowa farm is a heritage of which I have never been ashamed. My father, Lewis Varberg, was the son of Norwegian immigrants - one of nine siblings. To the best of his recollection, he had finished only third grade in a small one-room country school. He had grown up in a culture where being able to do a good day's work was more important than having a high school diploma. To the typical Iowa farmer at that time, knowing how to repair a piece of farm machinery or nurse a sick cow back to health was more important than knowing how to solve a difficult algebra problem.

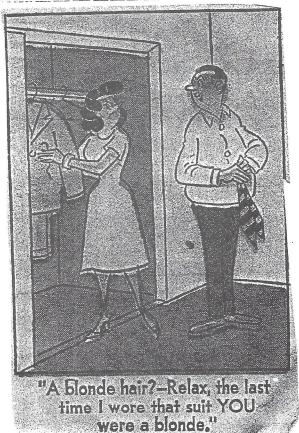
My mother (one of six siblings) graduated as valedictorian of her high school class and then went on to what was called "normal school" in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After qualifying as a country schoolteacher, she taught school for several years and then went back to Fertile to help her parents run their Elthon Pioneer Store established in 1894. She was often at what we now call the "checkout counter" and I can still remember people being amazed at her ability to add two columns of figures rapidly without the use of an adding machine! Mother was a good student and was always studying something. To her dying day, she had her Funk and Wagnall's Dictionary at her bedside. There could be no miss-pronouncing of words or faulty use of grammar in her home. Her mother, Grandma Elthon, had also been a school teacher and often amazed traveling salesmen with her knowledge of a vast array of subjects. I can remember a visiting minister commenting that he had not been able to find a single subject on which she could not converse intelligently.

Life on the farm was simple but wonderful. We always had plenty to eat, although the depression years into which I was born on July 2, 1932 were difficult years for many. Many farmers lost their farms to foreclosure by the banks. We lived very frugally and money was never wasted on unnecessary items. We had no indoor plumbing. The trip to the "outhouse" in the middle of the winter was truly a chilling experience. The Montogmery Wards catalogue or a corncob eliminated the need of buying toilet tissue. The fact that ours was a "two-holer" had the advantage of having a little fellowship during the ordeal - expecially during the winter months. Some of our neighbors had "three holers" which provided the luxury of having a third party present to correct any mistakes that might be made by the first two.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE OF THE STORY IN THE NEXT MONTHS.







### 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.

#### CRÈME DE MENTHE BARS

1 st Layer

1/3 cup margarine, melted 4 eggs, beaten 1 cup sugar 1 can Hershev's 1 cup all-purpose flour chocolate syrup

Beat all together, spread on greased and flowered jelly roll pan. Bake 20-15 minutes at 350°

COOL.

2<sup>nd</sup> Layer

1 cup margarine, softened

4 cups powdered sugar

2 oz Crème de Menthe

1 tsp. Peppermint extract

2 Tbsp milk ( or more as needed)

Mix and spread over cooled brownies.

3rd. Layer

1 (12 oz. Pkg. Chocolate chips

4 Tbsp. Salad oil

Melt in double boiler, mix and spread over mint mixture and refrigerate. When cool cut into bars.

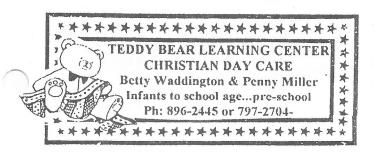
These are yum - yum!!!

Have a laugh ----

A professor was driving near the university campus when he saw one of his students running from six dogs. Fearing for the student's safety, the professor stopped his car and shouted, "Quick! Get in!"

"Thanks," said the student, catching his breath. "Most people won't give me a ride when they see that I have six dogs."



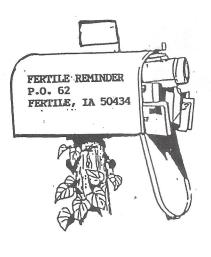


### FUN KORNER

## Riddles

| 1. What do you get when you cross a piece of paper with a pair of scissors?              |
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| 2. How do you make a turkey float?   |
| 3. What did one candle say to another candle?  |
| 4. What is hard to wear?   |
| 5. Which word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?                            |
| 6. How do you make an orange laugh?  |
| 7. How did the lettuce get an A on the salad test?                                       |
| 8. What did the cat say after she made fun of another cat?                               |
| 9. What are two things you can't have for breakfast?                                     |
| 10. How do you get out of a house with a table and a mirror but no windows and no doors? |
| 11. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?   |
| students were so bright.   |
| you climb through the hole, 11. Because her  |

cut the table in half. Two haives make a whole, and mirror. You see what you saw. You take the saw and kitten." 9. Lunch and dinner. 10. You look in the its head. 8. "I'm sorry I hurt your felines. I was just becomes shorter, 6. Tickle its navel. 7. It just used 4. A hardware store. 5. Short-add er and it soda and ice cream. 3. "Are you going cut tonight?" 1. A paper cut. 2. Put a turkey in a glass and add





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