

MAY 2007

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| May 1 | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| May 5 | Garden Club Plant Sale
Library Book, Rummage &
Pie Sale | 9 a.m to 1 p.m. |
| May 10 | Recycle Day | |
| May 13 | Mother's Day | |
| May 15 | Senior Dinner
City Council Meeting | Noon
7 p.m |
| May 19 | Boys & Girls 4-H | |
| May 21 | Library Board Meeting | |
| May 24 | Re-cycle Day | |

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

- 1.) **Call to Order**
The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, April 17, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.
- 2.) **Roll Call**
Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Loren Hoffman, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns and City Clerk Eddie May.
- 3.) **Minutes Approval.**
 - *Berg motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the February minutes.* Motion Carried.
- 4.) **Mayor's Report**
 - Joyce was officially cleared to be a board member for the Worth County Development Authority. CONGRATULATIONS!
 - The Governor's office has been notified of Larry and Todd's heroic actions to save the kids who fell through the ice this winter.
 - Mike Steffas is placing a bid with the City for street repairs to be done this spring.
 - Brian Nettleton will resume work on the sewers within the next few weeks. They have been waiting for the water tables to lower. The streets and yards will not be re-surfaced until the project is complete. They may still need to re-dig in certain areas. The project is slated for completion by the end of July.
 - The Insurance Inspector toured the City properties this last week. The City needs to place lighted exit signs in City Hall and the Fire Department needs a few bungee chords, but otherwise, everything passed with flying colors.
 - Alliant Energy will be trimming trees near the power lines over the next several weeks.
 - All street lights have been repaired.
 - The DNR has officially closed the burn site near the lagoon. Continual illegal dumping has forced them to close the site. Another local site may be opening soon.
- 5.) **City Clerk's Report**
 - May presented the March financials.
 - The city has received \$34,124.00 from the WCDA for playground equipment, park benches and picnic tables to be placed at the ball fields. The money will also be used to upgrade the current concession stand. The project should be completed within 4-8 weeks.
 - *Hoffman moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.
- 6.) **City Maintenance Report**
 - Several water lines froze over the winter. Three leaks have been found and repaired this spring.
- 7.) **Committee Reports**
 - The Insurance Inspector suggested that each committee have a monthly checklist for their specific areas. Each checklist will verify that inspections have taken place and that all repairs are completed. The council agreed that this would help.

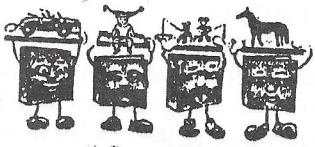
8.) Next Meeting

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, May 15, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

9.) Adjourn - *Miller moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of March 31, 2007

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-35.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-9.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-304.44
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-116.33
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-93.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Bruns, Warren V	-210.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-73.63
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-597.24
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	-342.57
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-50.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-883.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Municipal Management Corp.	-400.00
Check	Berg, Jeffrey V	-230.00
Check	Downtown Cafe'	-28.00
Deposit		6,219.11
Deposit		2,908.00
Deposit		13,134.10
Deposit		2,442.17
Deposit		5,647.06
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	1,583.80
Deposit		43.88
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	17,344.89
Liability Check	IPERS	-270.29
Liability Check	IRS	-1,684.92
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-149.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,506.32
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-299.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-642.37
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-643.00
Total General Fund Checking		38,898.34
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		65.29
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		65.29
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.68
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.68
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.96
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.96
TOTAL		38,970.27



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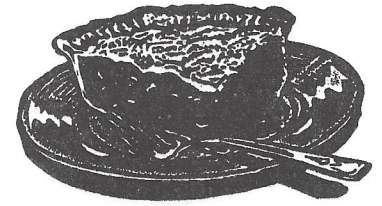
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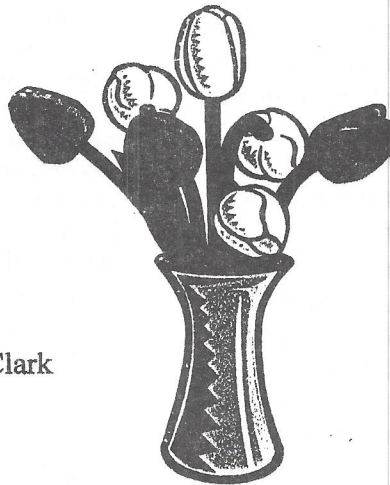
Friday - 9:00 A.M. - Noon & 2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon



NEW BOOKS

- The Target – Dee Sullivan
- The Last Warrior – Kylie Brant
- Trail to Cottonwood Falls – Dusty Richards
- Hard Country – William W. Johnstone
- Bleeding Hearts – Susan Wittig Albert
- Exile – Aaron Allston
- Petticoat Ranch – Mary Conneally
- Morning Comes – Debbie Macomber
- Absolute Fear Lisa Jackson
- Shiver – Lisa Jackson
- Survivors – Dinah McCall
- Alibi Man – Tami Hoag
- The Dead Room – Heather Graham
- In the company of Secrets – Judith Miller
- Tooth of Time – Sue Henry
- Serpents Trail – Sue Henry
- Hot Stuff – Janet Evanovich
- Kingdom Come – Tim LaHaye
- Skin – Ted Dekker
- I Hear That Song Before – Mary Higgins Clark
- Bygones – Kim Vogel Sawyer
- Obsession – Karen Robards
- The Secret – Rhonda Byrne
- The Measure of a Man – Sydney Poitier
- The Fiber 35 Diet – Brenda Watson C.N.C.
- eBay for Dummies – Marsha Collier
- Large Print-**
- Maggie – Charles Martin
- The Sisterhood of the Queen Mamas – Annie Jones
- Bittersweet – Cathy Marie Hake



BOOK SALE RUMMAGE/ PIES & MORE!



FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday

MAY 5, 2007

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Books

Videos

Rummage

Baked Goods

Proceeds go to Library projects.

DVD's

- The Departed – Leonardo DiCaprio
- The Guardian – Kevin Costner
- Flags of Our Fathers – Ryan Phillippe
- Open Season (animated)

Library News

Brrrrrr! It was a cold morning for the Easter Bunny but he hopped on down to the Fertile Park anyway on April 7. Over 2 dozen brave kids came with empty baskets to gather eggs. Brook & Chloe Anderson found golden eggs filled with a five dollar bill. Because it was so cold, pictures with E.B. were taken at the library. If you had a picture taken, stop by the library & pick it up.

Saturday, May 5, the library will be having its Annual Book/Rummage/Pies & More Sale! If you have anything you would like to donate (get rid of) just drop it off at the library. If you would like to bake something for the sale, that would be wonderful.

We have been working very hard to finish our automation project. To do this we have had to weed out the books that are no longer being checked out. We also need to do this for reasons of space & keeping our collection vital & current to your needs. So we have had to make some difficult decisions on what to keep & what to let go. So... these collections will be on the book sale – Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Zane Grey in hardcover & paperback. Also FYI, donated for the rummage, a brand new pair of men's size 8 1/2 Haband black thermal king boots & 6 pairs of tan Ice House socks. I didn't want the right size feet to miss out.

Coming soon: Get a Clue @ Your Library!

LEO J. ZOBEL
1918 - 2007

CORA ELIZABETH JENKINS

1910 - 2007

Cora Elizabeth Jenkins, 96, died March 26, 2007 at the Good Shepherd Health Center, Mason City.

Funeral service was held March 30, 2007 at Fertile Lutheran Church with Lay Minister David Halverson officiating. Interment was at Brush Point Cemetery, Fertile.

Cora Elizabeth Suby was born Sept. 29, 1910 in Hanlontown, the daughter of Andrew and Celia (Halverson) Suby. She attended Fertile Schools.

Cora was united in marriage to Lawrence Jenkins on October 27, 1928 at the Fertile Lutheran parsonage; to this union six children were born. Cora was a homemaker and later worked at Winnebago in the Stitchcraft department. She lived in Fertile all her life until moving to Clear Lake in 1986.

Cora was a lifetime member of Fertile Lutheran Church, where she was baptized, confirmed and married. She was very active in church, Senior Citizens and the Rebecca Lodge. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, wallpapering, camping and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye Fan. Her greatest love was spending time with her family and friends.

Cora is survived by her children, Frances (Robert) Cates, of Mason City, Lanny (Sandy) Jenkins, of Forest City, Connie (Wayne) Dirks, of Clear Lake and Bonnie (Mike) Secory, of Clear Lake; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Ann Jenkins, of Colorado, along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cora is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lawrence "Bud" Jenkins; two daughters, Norma Jean Tarr and Cheri Hascup; one grandson, Jason Jenkins; four sisters and seven brothers.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Leo J. Zobel was born on June 1, 1918 in Ventura, IA, the son of William and Ella (Halverson) Zobel. He graduated from Fertile High School. He was united in marriage to Jeanette Tufte on May 17, 1942 in Albert Lea.

Leo served our country in the U. S. Army Air Corp from 1940 to 5, 1941 until his honorable discharge in 1945. He had worked at LeSota Tool Company in Albert Lea, Halverson Welding, Clear Lake, owned and operated Leo's Four Corners in Detroit Lakes, and had worked on road maintenance for the State of Minnesota until retiring.

Leo was a member of First Lutheran Church, the American Legion, the Moose Club, and the Eagles.


He enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, playing cards and spending time with his family.

Leo died on Wednesday morning, April 4, 2007 at Thorncrest Retirement Center. He was 88.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette "Jan" of Albert Lea, daughter Jul Ann and her husband Don Skue of St. Cloud, MN, son Steve Zobel and his wife Kendra of Louisburg, NC grandchildren, and several great grandchildren; brother Floyd Zobel and his wife Lois of Lincoln, NE, twin sister Leone "Dolly" and her husband George Frahm of Mason City, IA; sister Mildred Matson of Mason City, IA, brother-in-law Ben Tufte and his wife Betty of Albert Lea and several nieces and nephews.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Bill, Butch, Buck, Bing and sister Elsie Hickok.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



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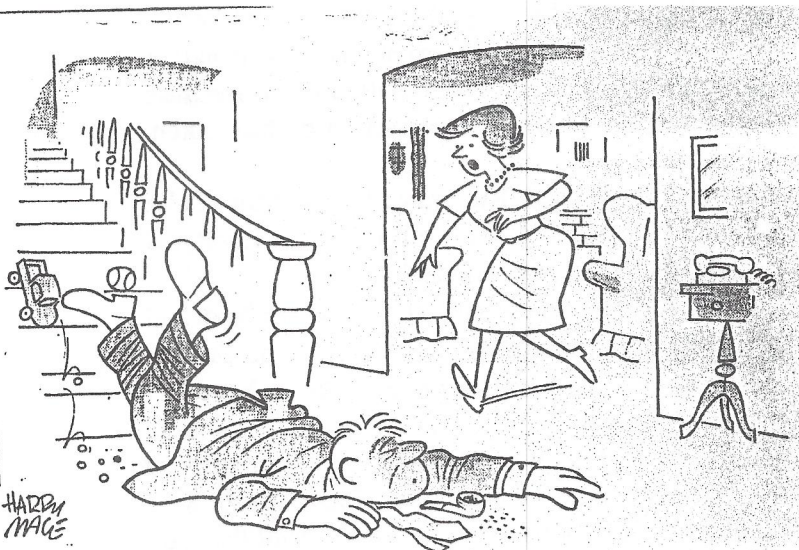
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"That's right! Wake up the children!"

THANK YOU!

The family of Cora Jenkins would like to thank all of our friends and family for the cards, kind words and memorials given in her memory.

Fertile was always her home and all of you made her funeral so special

Cora Jenkins Family

Dear Ladies,

Thanks for keeping us updated on our hometown news. Keep up the good work
Lanny & Sandy Jenkins

Dear Ladies,

Thanks for a good paper. It helps to know what is happening in "Putsy". I really enjoy the paper.

Dale Lindquist.

Dear Gals,

Thanks for the good work on the Fertile Reminder. We really like the stories by George Kisner and Dick Varberg. The good old days!

Carl & Janet Thompson

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder for another year. Always fun to read news from the home town. Thanks!

Jan (Ritter) Kitchen

Dear Ladies,

Keep up the good work. We enjoy your paper!
Clet & Carolyn

Ladies,

You are doing a great job with the "home town news." Please keep it coming.

Arlyn Abrams

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for doing a wonderful job on the Reminder. Enclosed please find payment for another year.

Ken & Mary Midtgaard

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription. You gals do a nice job.
Noreen Groe

Dear Ladies,

We do enjoy your newsletter. Enclosed is our subscription.
Ed Stalker

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LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Taken from George Kisner's Book "Childhood on the Farm"

A very life-changing event took place in the fall of 1943. The REA came through and hooked every farm in the township to electricity. As far as I know, no one had it before this time in the country. We used gas motors to pump water for the livestock and my mother had a Maytag washing machine with a small gas motor to power it, but most other work was still done with horses or an old tractor.

My mother promptly bought a refrigerator. Before that, all we had was a cooling tank that my father had rigged with cold water running through it diverted from the well. We always kept the cream there to be hauled to the creamery in Fertile.

Every farm had a yard light mounted on the utility pole. It was controlled by a toggle switch at the back door of the farmhouse. When the farmer went out to do chores in the morning, he would switch on the light to see by. We always watched to see who would be the earliest riser among our neighbors. No one knew anything about electricity and it was a wonder we were not all electrocuted. I remember plugging in our old 6-volt radio to see what would happen. There was a huge flash and tubes were blown all over the floor!

WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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May 22 Child Immunization at Methodist church, Northwood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 10, 2007

7:00 P.M.

The Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Kristin Mikes. Amanda Waddington was co-host with Kristin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was "Favorite House Plant" and was answered by 17 members. Betty Theilen had the lesson for the day and she gave it on Cone Flowers and Humming birds. Pat Oswald had the Thought of the Day.

President Ginny Lovik conducted the business meeting. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given. Penny Miller reported on her meeting with the City Council. Ronda Prescott reported on the 'stained glass' door project and at this time nothing is happening, so it will be put on hold. Pat Lohman announced she had some posters ready and will make a few changes and they will be mailed & handed out. Penny, Kristin & Amanda reported on the **breakfast** for the Plant Sale Day. We will be serving **pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice/coffee, and fresh fruit.** Discussion on having bars or muffins was held. Nothing done on this. Pat & Evelyn reported on their trip to the Stillwater Nursery and handed out a sheet with the prices on them. More discussion on checking with Forest City & Lake Mills. This will be done. The Door Prize for the Plant Sale was discussed and we decided to have only a guest prize this year. 2008 dues were discussed and tabled until later. May Basket for members will be \$5.00.

Sign-up sheets were sent around for the breakfast and the "Weed & Water" for the plants around town. Evelyn and Penny reported on the Community Center Project.

PLANT SALE SET-UP - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday May 4. ALL MEMBERS! Plants are to be marked when brought in. Bring food for the breakfast, cooked and ready by **8 a.m. on SATURDAY, MAY 5.**

Meeting was closed and we sang the Table Prayer and were served a delicious lunch.

Pat Oswald, Reporter

SUNDAY CLOTHES

Author Unknown

A little boy was walking down a dirt road after church one Sunday afternoon when he came to a crossroads where he met a little girl coming from the other direction.

"Hello" said the little boy. "Hi" replied the little girl."

"Where are you going?" asked the little boy.

"I've been to church this morning and I'm on my way home" answered the little girl.

"Me too" replied the little boy. "I'm also on my way home from church. Which church do you go to?"

"I go to the Baptist church back down the road" replied the little girl. "What about you?"

"I go to the Methodist church back at the top of the hill" replied the little boy.

They discover that they are both going the same way so they decided that they'd walk together. They came to a low spot in the road where spring rains had partially flooded the road so there was no way that they could get across to the other side without getting wet.

"If I get my new Sunday dress wet, my Moth's going to skin me alive" said the little girl.

"My Mom'll tan my hide too if I get my new Sunday suit wet" replied the little boy.

"I tell you what I think I'll do" said the little girl. "I'm gonna pull off all my clothes and hold them over my head and wade across."

"That's a good idea" replied the little boy. "I'm going to do the same thing with my suit."

So they both undressed and waded across to the other side without getting their clothes wet. They were standing there in the sun waiting to drip dry before putting their clothes back on when the little boy finally remarked: "You know, I never did realize before just how much difference there really is between a Baptist and a Methodist."

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE DOORS OPEN AT 9 A.M. FERTILE CITY HALL

(NEW) BREAKFAST—9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
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HARVESTING

From Dick Varberg's book "From the Iowa Farm
to the Phillipine Field"

Picking the corn came later in the fall. My father never owned a corn-picking machine, though most of our neighbors did. I am not sure if he felt that he could not afford one or if he just liked to pick corn by hand. As a younger man he had hired out as a corn picker and had developed quite a reputation as a fast picker. The method in those days was to have a team of horses trained to pull a grain wagon down a row of corn and stop and start upon command. One side of the wagon would have an extra board installed on one side called a bang-board. The picker would pick from one side and throw the corn against this board from which it would rebound into the wagon box. My father taught me the art. One secret was having a picking hook strapped onto one's left arm near the hand with which to strip off the husk of the corn before snapping it off and throwing it into the wagon. I have happy memories of picking corn with my father.

I always enjoyed the fall of the year. It was rewarding to see all of the corn and grain bins filled and overflowing. It gave us a sense of security as we faced long winter months ahead. Preparation for winter was not complete when provisions had been made merely for the livestock. We also had to prepare for our own survival. Mother would can hundreds of quarts of various fruits and vegetables. She also canned meat, as we had no refrigeration during my early childhood. To get meat we would butcher a steer and a pig along with many chickens. After canning, these were stored in "Ball Jars" in the cellar of our house. In this cellar were several bins in which we stored potatoes, carrots, onions, hazelnuts and walnuts.

The generator was also in the cellar. During my early years there was no rural electrification in our area. We were one of the few farms that had electricity. We had a small Delco Remy generator that produced 32 volts DC current. Every week, or as needed, we would start the generator to charge the glass cased storage batteries that we stacked in three tiers of about eight in each row. We had no appliances except a wringer washing machine and an electric iron. The iron was used only on the hot summer days when there was no fire in the kitchen stove with which to heat the cast iron inserts for the iron described previously. The electric iron took a lot of electricity and when it was turned on, the generator often started automatically. It had a special mechanism that started the engine when there was too much drain on the batteries. At the time, if you lived on a farm it was considered a luxury to have just a few electric lights.

Winters were sometimes long and very cold in northern Iowa. During my early childhood, the roads were not properly graded as they are today. Sometimes the drifts of snow would become very deep. The county did not have sufficient equipment to keep the roads open. I remember one winter when we were "snowed in" for six weeks. This was no great problem to us as we had plenty of food. I do remember, however, that my uncle Thelan, who worked in my grandfather's general store, did make one delivery on skis bringing certain items that he thought we needed. Loneliness was a bigger problem than food. One solution to this was to "rubber" on the telephone. We were on a "party line". This meant that many of our neighbors' phones were hooked to the same wire as ours. Whenever the phone rang, we were tempted to run to the phone and listen in on our neighbor's conversations. All parties on any particular line had their own special ring. We knew every neighbor's ring. Ours was a short followed by a long and then another short.

About three miles east of our farm, the Winnebago River had cut a channel through lime rock resulting in 20-foot cliffs on either side of the river. It was at this point that early settlers had built a dam with a water wheel to power a flour mill. During later years the mill was used to grind feed for farm animals. The town that developed around this mill was named Fertile. Many of my ancestors had settled in the area and Grandpa and Grandma Elthon operated a general store in this picturesque town of about 250 people. It was in Fertile that I went to both elementary and high school. It was there we went to church and it was there that most of my "town friends" lived.

Besides being bath time, Saturday night was the time we did our "trading". "Trading" was the term used for taking our eggs to market and exchanging them for groceries, clothes, or other items that were sold in Grandpa's "Pioneer Store". We packed our eggs in wooden cases that held 36 dozen eggs. To the left of the front door of the store was a metal ramp where the egg cases were slid into the basement for grading. In the grading process each egg was passed over an electric light bulb to make sure that it was neither rotten nor containing an embryo. Usually my parents tried to keep expenditures within the approximate range of the value of the eggs that we brought to market.

Saturday nights were also a great social time. Almost everyone "went to town" and this was the time we chatted with our friends and neighbors. Younger children had a great time running around playing games such as hide and seek or anit-over. It was also a time when various religious groups conducted "street meetings". These meetings consisted of musical numbers, making use of accordions, guitars, autoharp, etc. There were also personal testimonies and usually an evangelistic message challenging sinners to turn from their wicked ways and surrender to Jesus Christ. I remember observing these meetings and when I grew older I even became a participant a few times by singing and playing my guitar. One night in the nearby town of Lake Mills, there was such a large crowd in attendance at our meeting that the town officials had to reroute the traffic from the main highway to an alternate route.

By George Kisner

Chicken Feed

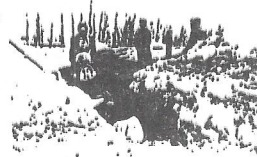
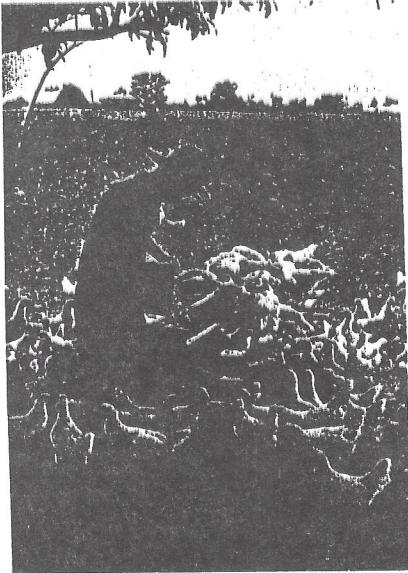
As the chickens were an important part of our economy, getting feed for them was an important job. They required much finer feed than the horses, cows and pigs even though they all ate corn basically. Therefore the corn had to be hauled to the Fertile Mill to be refined and supplemented.

We had no shelled corn to use so my father would put ear corn in gunnysacks, load them into the back of the car and haul them into Fertile to be shelled and cracked.

If chickens ever went without feed, even for a day they would quit laying and that would be financial disaster for our family.

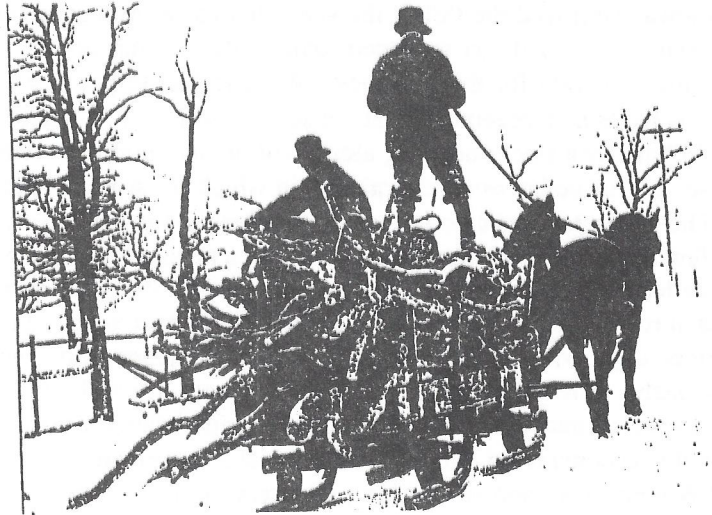
In March of 1939, we had snowstorms, one after another for several weeks, and even the big snowploughs could not open the drifts. We were running very low on chicken feed.

My father was a very heavy smoker and frequently had attacks of bronchitis when he



could scarcely do anything. My older brothers were away from home at the time, so my mother and I harnessed the farm horses and hitched them to an old bobsled that we had. We loaded the corn on the sled and started out for Fertile.

The horses were reluctant to go, but we urged them on through the deep drifts, slapping the lines and yelling at them. We nearly got stuck in the drifts a few times, but finally we got through. The corn was quickly unloaded, shelled and cracked and we returned safely to the farm. Another debt we owed to our faithful horses!

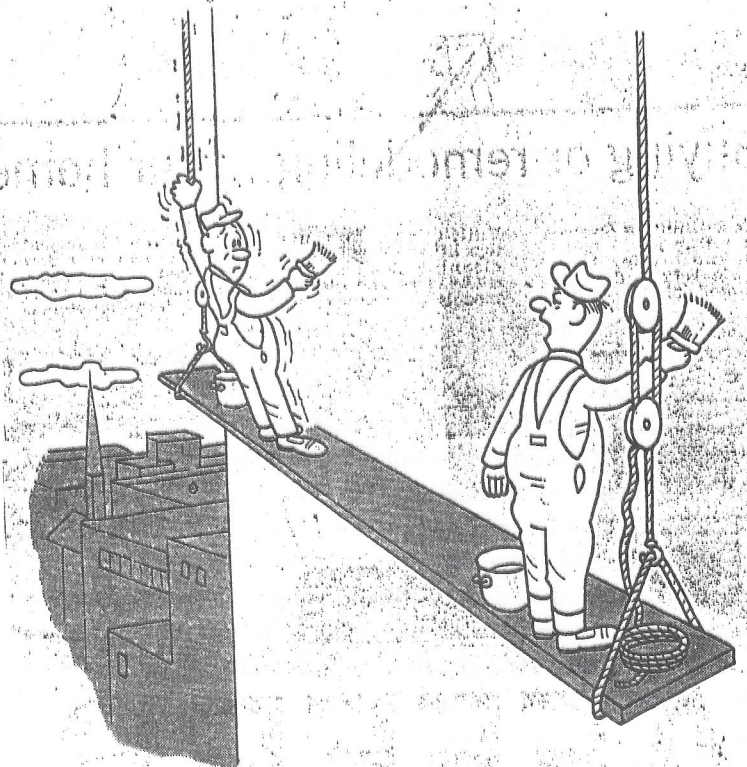


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COOK'S KORNER

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.

SONORA CHICKEN STRUDEL

- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 cups seeded and chopped tomatoes
- 2 garlic cloves, pressed
- 8 ounces chopped green chilies
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onions
- 1/8 tsp. Cumin
- 2 cups cooked, shredded chicken
- 1 1/4 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 pound Phyllo dough (approx.) thawed
- 1/4 pound (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted

In a frying pan, heat the oil over medium-low heat until it shimmers. Reduce heat to low and add tomatoes, garlic, chilies, onions and cumin. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the mixture is thick, about 30 minutes.

Set aside to cool slightly.

Preheat oven to 400° F.

Butter a 9x13 pan glass pan. In a large bowl, combine the chicken, cheese, sour cream and salt. Stir in the tomato mixture. Pour this mixture into the pan. Working quickly with the phyllo, lay one sheet at a time over the chicken-tomato mixture and brush thinly but thoroughly with the melted butter. Continue until you are almost out of butter, then lay on a last piece of phyllo and brush it with the last of the melted butter.

With a sharp knife, cut down through the layers of phyllo in 12 places to make 9 evenly spaced rectangular servings.

Bake 20 to 30 minutes, or until filling is hot and phyllo is puffed and golden brown. Serve immediately.

Makes 9 large servings.



FUN KORNER

A little tidbit for your enjoyment (we hope)!

Retirement

There will be NO nursing home in my future.

When I get old and feeble, I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship. The average cost for a nursing home is \$200.00 per day or more. I have checked on reservations at Princess and I can get a long term discount and senior discount price of \$135. Per day. That leaves \$65. A day for

1. Gratuities which will only be \$10. Per day.
2. I will have as many as 10 meals a day if I can waddle to the restaurant, or I can have room service (which means I can have breakfast in bed everyday of the week).
3. Princess has as many as three swimming pools, a workout room, free washers and dryers, and shows every night.
4. They have free toothpaste & razors, and free soap and shampoo.
5. They will even treat you like a customer, not a patient. An extra \$5. Worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.
6. I will get to meet new people every 14 days or so.
7. TV broken? Light bulb needs changing? Need to have the mattress replaced? No problem! They will fix everything and apologize for your inconvenience.
8. Clean sheets and towels every day, and you don't even have to ask for them.
9. If you fall in nursing home and break a hip you are on Medicare. If you fall and break a hip on the Princess ship, they will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

Now hold on for the best! Do you want to see South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or name where you want to go? Princess will have a ship ready to go. So don't look for me in a nursing home, just call shore to ship.

P.S. And don't forget, when you die, they just dump you over the side at no charge!

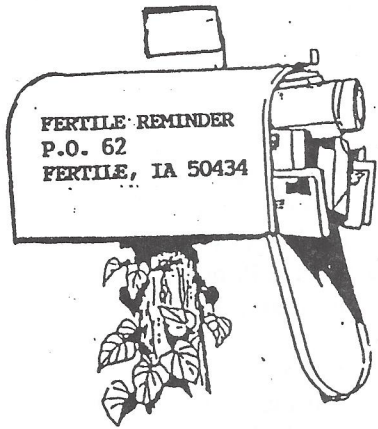


At his checkup, the doctor told Ole that he was ten pounds overweight. Ole replied, "Oh no, I'm just ten inches too short!"

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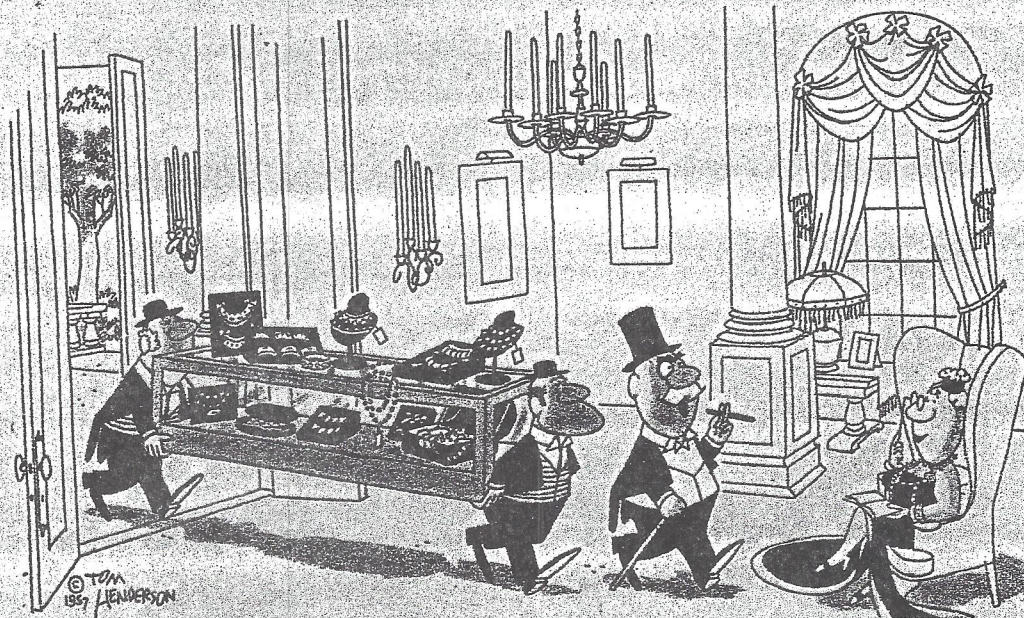


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