

FERTILE REMINDER

SEPTEMBER 2014

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 4 Recycle
- 8 Firemen
- 9 Fertile Girls
- 9 Garden Club
- 12 Reminder Deadline
- 15 Library Board Meets
- 16 City Council
- 18 Recycle
- 23 Reminder Mailed



Front row: Jean Marie Anderson, Deena Biretz, Cindy Peters, Penny Miller, Ginny Lovik, Naomi Pederson Back row: Ruth Topp, Betty Waddington, Twylah Kragel, Sue Lee

You Know You're From A Small Town If...

1. You can name everyone you graduated with
2. You refer to each property in town as someone else's old house
3. You married your best friend's ex-girlfriend
4. You think kids that ride skateboards are weird
5. The town next to you is considered "trashy" or "snooty", but is actually just like your town
6. You refer to anyone with a house newer than 1980 as the "rich people"
7. Directions are given using "the" stop light as a reference
8. Weekend excitement involves a trip to Wal-Mart
9. The closest McDonald's is 10 miles away
10. It is normal to see someone riding through town on a tractor, riding lawn mower, or golf cart

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met at the Central Gardens, Clear Lake on August 12 with 9 members present. Roll call was "What surprised you in your garden this year?"

We voted to donate the flags we no longer use downtown to be given to the cottages at Opportunity Village.

Ginny Lovik gave the thought for the day. Penny Miller and Jean Marie Anderson were hostesses and served a sack lunch.

If anyone would like to be a member of our Garden Club, please let someone know as next month we submit new names, MEN ARE WELCOME!

Look at the beautiful flower pots on Main Street and the Community Center, they are alive with color!!

Betty Waddington, Reporter

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2014 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Nick Bailey and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.

Holly motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the minutes of July 15th meeting with the correction to the effective date of rates for water, sewer, garbage and recycling are in effect as of July 1, 2014. Unanimous
Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to approve minutes of July 24th special meeting. Unanimous.

• *Tad motioned, Jeff 2nd to accept agenda. Unanimous.*

Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

City Maintenance Report

- Thank you to Ken & June Strohman, Buck Russell, Randy Bredeson and Gene Low for helping with the tree trimming and tree removal at the park. Your help was greatly appreciated.
- Steve worked the north side of the library and planted grass seed.
- Steve helped with the set up and clean up for Fertile Days.
- Steve is working with Joe Finch, IA Rural Water, in the process of detecting water leaks in town.
- Steve replaced a broken coupler at the water plant.
- Steve proposed the purchase of a new mower. Council decided to budget for the following year.
- *Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to repair W Main streets. Unanimous*
- *Julie motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the maintenance report. Unanimous.*

Fire Department Report

- Chris Hanna was available to invite the city council for a training opportunity that will be available on September 20th at 10am by Mercy Air Medical. It is recommended that council attend based on the Emergency Management Plan that is in place.

Mayor's Report

- Joyce contacted Alliant Energy to repair several of the street lights in town.

- We are working with USDA and Iowa Rural Water Association to help with detecting leaks and utilized other services that are available.
- Emergency Management is planning to set up a website with pictometry to located water / sewer lines, shut offs etc.
- The upgrades requested by IMWCA have been completed.
- Thank you Cindy Peters, Fertile Days Committee, Basic Materials, Iowa Geological Society, Black Hawk Gem and Mineral Society and Sherman Lundy, geologist, for making Fertile Days a great success.
- The City of Fertile ordinances prohibit an owner or person having custody of an animal to permit such animal to run at large.
- Joyce received the final updated copy of the ordinances. *Tad made a resolution to accept the ordinances as written, Holly 2nd. Roll count vote: Tad Miller – Yes, Jeff Berg – Yes, Nick Bailey – Yes, Julie Jessen – Yes, Holly Lovik-Hanna - Yes*
- *Jeff motioned, and Julie 2nd to approve the mayor's report. Unanimous.*

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented the Street Financial Report. *Julie made a resolution to accept the report as presented, Holly 2nd. Roll count vote: Tad Miller – Yes, Jeff Berg – Yes, Nick Bailey – Yes, Julie Jessen – Yes, Holly Lovik-Hanna - Yes*
- The Outstanding Debt report was submitted to council for review.
- Wendy presented the July Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request. The following is a summary of the year-to-date income, expenses & fund balances.

7/1 - 7/31	General	WCDA	Roads	Utilities	Total
Income	10,113.37	204,000.00	3,118.52	9,306.26	226,538.15
Expense	24,170.43	204,000.00	2,226.94	7,242.67	237,640.04
Total	-14,057.06	0	891.58	2063.59	-11,101.89
Fund Balance	240,637.47	-204,000.00	40,169.98	97,481.35	174,288.80

- *Nick motioned, Tad 2nd to approve Financial Report. Unanimous*
- *Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to approve July Bills. Unanimous*

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 16th, 2014, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Jeff moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous*



Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary

Fall Fair

Saturday, Sept. 27

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Lutheran Retirement Home Chapel

701 9th St. North, Northwood

Produce, Baked Goods, Crafts

Drawing for quilt and other prizes

THOMAS KIRSCHBAUM: Thomas Joseph Kirschbaum, 64, of Clear Lake, formerly of Fertile, died Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at home. A memorial service was held 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, at the Fertile Community Center, Fertile, Iowa. Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. Fourth St., Clear Lake, IA 641-357-2193, ColonialChapels.com. No obituary was published.

Our sympathy to the family.

**City of
Fertile**

Deposits

As of July 31, 2014

			Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	07/02/2014	WCDA Deposit	204,000.00
Deposit	07/03/2014	Property Taxes	1,679.62
Deposit	07/03/2014	Special Assesment	930.55
Deposit	07/03/2014	Casino Funds Deposit	2,670.72
Deposit	07/07/2014	Utility Deposit	2,521.94
Deposit	07/07/2014	Rental Deposit	200.00
Deposit	07/07/2014	Rebate Deposit	221.00
Deposit	07/07/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	175.00
Deposit	07/07/2014	Utility Deposit	341.73
Deposit	07/07/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	2,258.21
Deposit	07/10/2014	Utility Deposit	2,953.40
Deposit	07/14/2014	Road Use Tax	1,512.17
Deposit	07/15/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	200.00
Deposit	07/15/2014	Utility Deposit	1,780.36
Deposit	07/15/2014	Utility Deposit	143.11
Deposit	07/22/2014	Utility Deposit	1,797.01
Deposit	07/23/2014	Utility Deposit	534.51
Deposit	07/23/2014	Incubator Deposit	304.18
Deposit	07/23/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	75.00
Deposit	07/30/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	125.00
Deposit	07/30/2014	County RUT Deposit	1,601.45
Deposit	07/30/2014	Utility Deposit	2,582.39
Deposit	07/31/2014	Interest	<u>2.37</u>
Total Checking			228,609.72
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			
Total Operating Accounts			<u>228,609.72</u>
Roads Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	07/31/2014	Interest	<u>4.90</u>
Total Savings			<u>4.90</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts			4.90
Water Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	07/31/2014	Interest	<u>2.86</u>
Total Savings			<u>2.86</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.86
Sewer Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	07/31/2014	Interest	<u>2.50</u>
Total Savings			2.50
CD			
Total CD			
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			<u>2.50</u>
TOTAL			<u><u>228,619.98</u></u>

City of Fertile
 Bills Paid
 As of July 31, 2014

			Accrual Basis	
Operating Accounts	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
Checking				
	07/01/2014	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-3,500.00
	07/01/2014	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-4,993.50
	07/01/2014	First Security Bank & Trust	Debt Interest payment	-1,109.32
	07/02/2014	First Security Bank & Trust	Debt Principal payment	-204,000.00
	07/02/2014	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
	07/02/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-108.80
	07/02/2014	Russell, Grant		-357.43
	07/02/2014	Russell, Joyce		-1,438.19
	07/02/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-899.35
	07/02/2014	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-30.00
	07/05/2014	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-56.00
	07/05/2014	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,430.40
	07/05/2014	CRW Architecture + Design Group	Preliminary Design, Construction Documents and Bidding Phase	-591.20
	07/05/2014	Fertile Pronto	Gas for truck, mower, golf cart and weed trimmer	-261.93
	07/05/2014	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
	07/05/2014	Holly Lovikv	Fertile Days Stamps and Memory Card	-19.68
	07/05/2014	IDNR	Annual Fee for Fertile Municipal Water	-43.26
	07/05/2014	Iowa League of Citites Iowa Workforce Development	Annual Dues	-321.00
	07/05/2014	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Water Meters	-35.00
	07/05/2014	Midwest Pipe Supply	Repair Culvert	-74.00
	07/05/2014	NIACOG	Association Dues	-93.14
	07/05/2014	Superior Lumber, Inc	Bean Bag Toss	-270.10
	07/05/2014	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-91.40
	07/05/2014	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-2,035.68
	07/10/2014	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		206.17
	07/10/2014	IPERS		-485.00
	07/10/2014	United States Treasury		-761.37
	07/10/2014	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,114.84
	07/15/2014	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray - July 3rd	-1,045.00
	07/15/2014	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-350.00
	07/15/2014	GE Capital Retail Bank	Paint and Batteries	-163.89
	07/15/2014	Green Canopy, Inc.	June 2014 - Ball Diamond	-132.68
	07/15/2014	Holly Lovikv	Fertile Days - Postage	-150.00
	07/15/2014	Iowa One Call	Utility location	-19.60
	07/15/2014	Joyce Russell -P	Library Signs	-11.70
	07/15/2014	Menards	Tools & Library Signs	-55.90
	07/15/2014	North Central Sales & Service	replace tire on mower	-54.32
	07/15/2014	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-49.28
	07/15/2014	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray - July 10th	-38.42
	07/15/2014	Amish Pantry - V	Fertile Days - Community Dinner	-450.00
	07/16/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-2,800.00
	07/16/2014	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Envelopes	-964.39
	07/23/2014	Amish Pantry - V	Tree Removal Volunteer Lunch	-95.95
	07/23/2014	Brian Nettleton -b	Borderline Band for Fertile Days	-33.17
	07/23/2014	Randy Brattrud	Fertile Days Rental Golf Carts	-800.00
	07/30/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-150.00
	07/31/2014	US Post Office	Stamps	-964.39
	07/31/2014	Hare Electric	Labor - Pull Pump	-107.68
				-398.00
Total Checking				-233,472.61



FERTILE DAYS - THANK YOU!

The Fertile Days Committee would like to send a BIG thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make

"Fertile Days" be the family event we strive to have every year!

We would like to take this time to express our thanks to the following:

Our Grand Marshalls, Arnold and Helen Hauge for being in our parade!

The Zirbel sisters for setting up their FREE sno-cone and popcorn concession. They felt it was a complete success and plan on doing it again NEXT year. They donated all of the supplies, and rented the equipment at their OWN expense. It was a wonderful thing for their family to do, and it just exemplifies one more example of how great it is to live in Fertile, Iowa.

Kim Bloom for the wonderful classical guitar concert we all enjoyed during the Community meal. He provided this at no charge to the town.

BMC Aggregates for the fun and very informative tour of their facility and great fossil and treasure activities for both kids and adults!

Amish Café for the great meal and WCDA for donating the funds to make this a FREE community meal!

Fertile Fire Department for the awesome breakfast on Sunday morning! We know the hours you put in to make this for us!

The Fertile Lutheran Church and Fertile Church of Christ for our community church service in the park! There is something special about having church in the park!

To all our volunteers! Your smiles and enthusiasm made for a great time for everyone! Too many of you to name and don't want to leave anyone out. And THANK YOU, for attending our festivities!

Most of all, thanks to all of the many businesses who donated money, gift cards, or supplies! We absolutely could NOT have this event without their help!

We are already planning new activities for "Fertile Days 2015" and hope to see you all again next summer!

Fertile Day's Committee

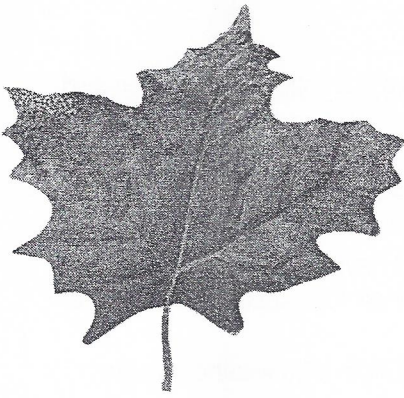
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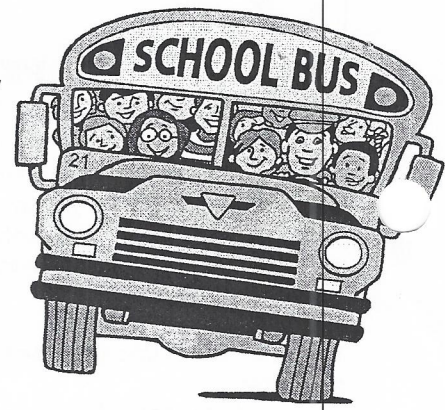
Can you guess which of the following are true and which are false?

Answers are below.

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
 2. Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button..
 3. A pack -a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 years.
 4. People do not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
 5. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart!
 6. Only 7 per cent of the population are lefties.
 7. Forty people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
 8. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
 9. The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years waiting in lines.
 10. The toothbrush was invented in 1498.
 11. The average housefly lives for one month.
 12. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
 13. A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
 14. The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute.
 15. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of day.
 16. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
 17. The REAL reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water.
 18. The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
 19. John Travolta turned down the starring roles in 'An Officer and a Gentleman' and 'Tootsie.'
 20. Michael Jackson owns the rights to the South Carolina State Anthem.
 21. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
 22. Prince Charles and Prince William NEVER travel on the same airplane, just in case there is a crash.
 23. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.
 24. Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical cords cut from women who give birth. They are used in vein transplant surgery.
 25. Humphrey Bogart was related to Princess Diana. They were 7th cousins.
- The above statements are all true.



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New Books

- Sight Unseen—Iris Johanson
- Shots Fired—C.J. Box
- The Book of Life—Deborah Harkness
- Remains of Innocence—J.A. Jance
- A Perfect Life—Danielle Steel
- Bleeding Texas—William Johnstone
- Fast Track—Julie Garwood
- Love Letters—Debbie Macomber
- Comanche Trail—Ralph Compton
- The Lost Island—Preston & Child
- Stand Your Ground—William Johnstone
- Four—Veronica Roth
- Mean Streak—Sandra Brown

DVD'S

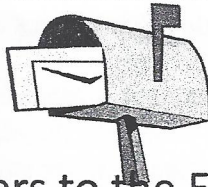
- Longmire—2nd Season
- Divergent—
- Nebraska—Bruce Dern

Audio Books

- Four— (Divergent) Veronica Roth
- The October List—Jeffrey Deaver
- That Night—Chevy Stevens
- The Dead Will Tell—Linda Castillo

Library News

Wow! What a great Fertile Days! We sold a lot of books & every last baked good. Thanks to all the wonderful bakers & the lucky people who purchased them. We have had lots of visitors since we opened. If you haven't been in yet be sure to stop by and see all the changes.



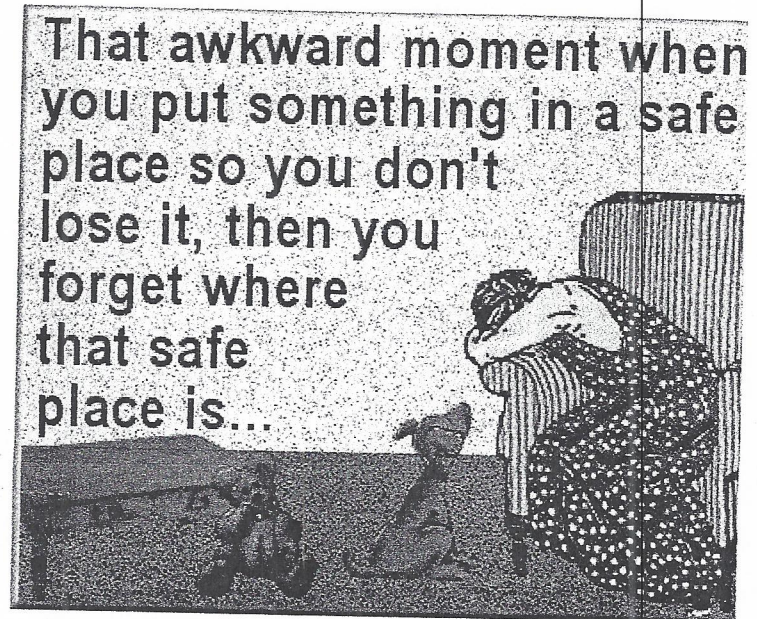
Letters to the Editor

You gals do a great job! Enjoy keeping in touch with the hometown. Sue (Purcell) Miller (Rice Lake), Lake Mills, IA

Keep up the good work! We really enjoy it! Julann Zobel Skue/Jeanette Zobel

To the Fertile Reminder -

Enclosed please find my check for another year's subscription to the Reminder. I've enjoyed this publication for many years - the articles by residents, reminisces, jokes and reports of changes in the village. I was disappointed to read and overtly political article in the July Reminder. I think of the Reminder as a message from the village, not a venue for political/personal opinions. Is another school reunion planned? Anna Mary (Sanderson) Spengler FHS 1946





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We appreciate all you have done to make this project possible. Whether you gave time, money, service or materials your contribution was important.

THANKS YOU!

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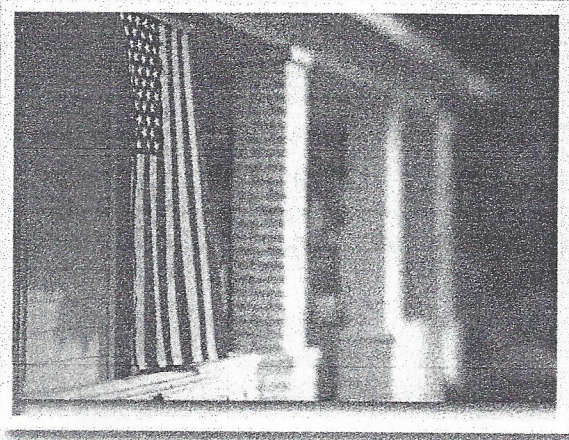
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6 AM --- 1 PM

Saturday 6AM - 11 AM

Tuesday & Friday Night

5 PM – 8PM

Taco –Tuesday night

Steak and Fish – Friday night

Homemade buns top our “fresh” never frozen burgers, tenderloins and chicken

Made from scratch breakfast

Meals on wheels in Fertile & Hanlontown

The Liars Table in dedication to Jim Lovick has returned

JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
CALLING HANLONTOWN HOME

Help us celebrate our 10th Anniversary.
No need to RSVP, just come by and join the fun!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014
4 - 7 P.M.

HANLONTOWN PARK
Corner of 3rd St. & Main St., Hanlontown, Iowa

Drawings and giveaways!
iPad & 40" TV
*Must be present to win – 6 p.m. drawing



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NO RINGING ON LINES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 P. M. AND 5 A. M. EXCEPT WHEN DOCTORS OR OTHER NECESSARY ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED. ANYONE VIOLATING THIS RULE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A FINE OF 25 CENTS FOR THE OFFENSE. For an emergency call the patron must give six short rings.

OLSON FUNERAL HOME

Phone 40 or 93—Ambulance Service—Forest City, Iowa

In the interest of better service we ask you to always call by number. Always ring off when through talking; this advises the operator to clear the circuit for next call and does away with the ringing through. Always give the operator 60 seconds, one full minute, to answer your signal before ringing again. REMEMBER that someone else rang just before you did and the operator is busy taking care of those ahead of you.

When the operator challenges the line by the use of "Are you waiting?" Are you through?" and you make no reply and she disconnects you, who is to blame for getting cut off?

LIMIT YOUR CONVERSATION TO FIVE MINUTES. IF YOU HAVE MORE TO SAY. Call AGAIN LATER. REMEMBER, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE WAITING FOR THE LINE, WHO HAS MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO DISCUSS.

OFFICE HOURS

Beginning April 1st and continuing until November 1st, service shall start at 6 a. m. and continue until 9:30 p. m. seven days of the week; and from November 1st to December 1st beginning at 6 a. m. and continue until 9 p. m. seven days of the week and from December 1st to April 1st beginning at 7 a. m. and continuing until 9 p. m. seven days of the week.

Abrams, Spence, Farm	5304
Almeliën, Edward, Farm	2211
Amundson, Willie, Farm	4413
Anderson, Andrew, Farm	417
Anderson, Grant	416
Anderson, Henry, farm	3714
Anderson, Vernon	2219
Arthur, Oalie, farm	5010
Ashland, A. O., farm	4603
Aspland, Mrs. Donald, res.	2513
Beckman, David, farm	5405
Behl, Foster, farm	534
Bernard, Bell, res.	70
Benson, Christ, farm	229
Benson, Stanton, farm	2204
Benson, Mrs. Mary, res.	3-02
Bergan, Roger, farm	4614
Berkland, Jens, farm	419
Bjelland, Lloyd, farm	4402
Bracky, Harvey	296
Brenden, Art, farm	4703
Brinton, Homer	467
Brosdahl, Tom, farm	689
Brue, Stanley, farm.	297
Bruns, Paul	6714
Bruns, Ted J. farm	5720
Burtness, Lester, res.	5502
Cagaard, Maynard, farm	5020
Galgaard, Roy, farm	271
Carr, Art, Res.	364
Carr, Mrs. Dora, res	1402
Calhoun, Orin, res.	314
Clapper, Dallas, farm	2914
Cockrum, Orin, farm	3716
Coltvet, Rev. Benjamin	26
Cozy Nook	17-9
Cockrum, Richard, Col. Auctioneer	3716
Daniels, Claus, farm	474
Davis, Delton, res.	7804
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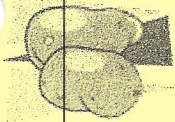
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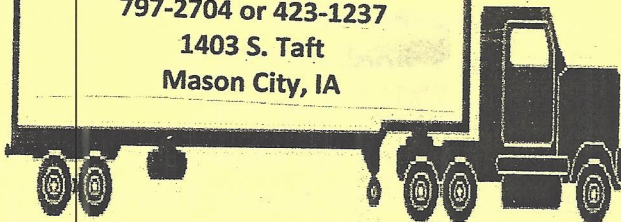


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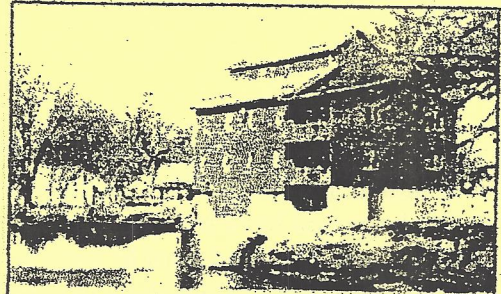
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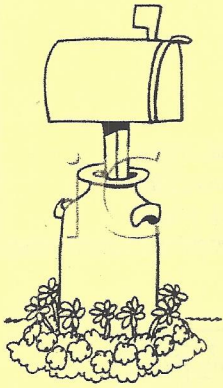
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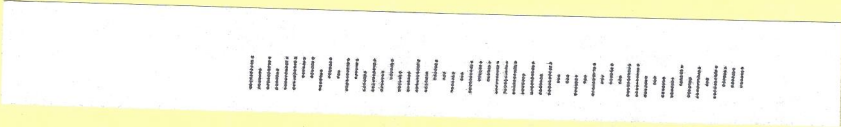
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