

The Fertile Reminder comes to your homes once each month. This small communication and information paper was started by the Fertile Betterment Committee in May, 1977. Most of the support for this paper is received from local business places in Fertile. News items may be left at Jordan's Midland Service, or call 797-2686. Advertisements and PRIVATE notices are \$1.00 for the first 15 words and 5¢ for each additional word.

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A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who helped make our Open House a success. Special thank you for the plants to: Old Mill Antiques, Fertile Lumber and Hardware, Burtness Plumbing and Heating, Ouverson Oil Co., Fertile Meats and Groceries, Mrs. Olson's Cafe, and to all the people of Fertile for making us feel welcome.

Merle and Micky
 Tuttle's Farm Store

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Would like to express my deep gratitude and thanks to friends and relatives for their prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Special thank you to Pastor Laaveg, Pastor Hedin, the Glen Purcells and Mr. Feuling and students at school.

A. A. Luther

Wanted: Used sewing machine by Senior Citizens. Treadle or portable electric in useable condition. Cheap or by donation. Call 797-2648 or 797-2669.

Council minutes and balance sheet were not available.

FERTILE AREA CHURCHES

FERTILE LUTHERAN:

- Dec. 18 - JLC after school
 Ruth Circle - Mrs. Opal Almelien at 7:30 PM
 Sarah Circle - Mrs. Larry Nelson at 7:30 P.M.
- Dec. 20 - Rebekah Circle - Mrs. LeNora Ouverson at 2:00 P.M.
- Dec. 22 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at 7:30 PM
- Dec. 24 - Worship 9:30 A.M. - No Sunday School
- Dec. 29 - 31 - Sr. Leaguers planning to attend LYE Youth Conference in Minneapolis.
- Dec. 31 - Worship 9:30 A.M. - No Sunday School

PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN:

- Dec. 21 - Choir Practice 7:30 P.M.
- Dec. 24 - No Sunday School
 4:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS SERVICE
- Dec. 31 - Worship 11 AM - No Sunday School

CHURCH OF CHRIST:

- Dec. 17 - SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at 6:30 P.M.
 Following the program, there will be caroling with chili and oyster stew later.
- Dec. 18 - Area Men's Meeting at Hampton. Sharon Ganz will speak simultaneous at the ladies meeting in Hampton
- Dec. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at 6:30 PM. We will receive an offering to be given to Jean Gudmonson to help with transportation and housing expenses when she goes to see Don in Mpls. If anyone in the community would like to share in the offering for Jean, you may send your check to Jean VanDenBosch or Mr. Ganz.

4--H CLUB NEWS

The Grant Livewire Lassies met at the Fertile Library, Monday, November 20 with 21 members and 2 visitors present.

A decision was made to have a Christmas Party at our next meeting, December 18. Each member to bring a small gift to exchange.

A skating party was planned for December 5, open to members and friends in Fertile.

A motion was made and passed to send \$25. to the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

A presentation on Pine Cone Animals was given by Marilyn Lee. Special guest Mrs. Jerry (Nina) Hepperly showed us how to make simple Christmas ornaments.

Hostess for the evening was Tammy Waddington.

- Joy Kleveland, Reporter

FERTILE BUSINESS

Fertile Lumber and Hardware	797-2437
Hewett Construction	797-2714
Gail's Beauty Shop	797-2475
Ouverson Oil Company	797-2267
Burtness Plumbing and Heating	797-2680
Jordan's Midland Service	797-2677
Chet's Radio and TV	797-2256
Robert Suby Trucking	797-2726
Fertile Block and Tile Co.	797-2291
Interstate Equipment Company	896-2111
Olson Construction Company	797-2653
Ray Sandifer - Tom's Sales	797-2681
Larsen Plumbing and Heating	797-2219
Fertile Meats and Groceries	797-2647
Martin Marietta Aggregates	797-2211
Tuttle's Farm Store	797-2792
Worsley Electric	797-2494

FERTILE SENIOR CITIZENS

Melvin A. Anderson, Forest City, had the winning number of the drawing for a quarter of beef at the "Christmas Fair", held at the Center on December 8. Five numbers (names) were drawn and from these five, A. A. Luther drew the Anderson number. 500 tickets were sold, with Lawrence (Bud) Jenkins, selling about 200 and Mrs. Geneva Zobel (Senior Citizen's Cook), selling about 100.

Later in the afternoon Mrs. Timothy (Janet) Volk won the door prize with No. 73. Congratulations to both winners.

The Senior Citizens chose the "Christmas Fair" as a way to earn money for rent and other expenses coming up in the 1979 year. Thank you to everyone who helped with the successful day.

A leadership award was received by the Senior Citizens of Fertile in the Iowa Community Betterment Program for 1978.

December 19 at noon will be a POTLUCK DINNER at the Center. Coffee and table service will be provided. Bring one dish, a salad, dessert OR a hot dish. Sandwiches if you wish.

A Well Elderly Clinic will be held at the Church of Christ on December 18. Clinics are free of charge, but donations are accepted. Appointments must be made in advance. Call Northwood 324-1741.

Fertile Senior Citizens were represented at the County meeting at the newly opened Manly Center on November 29 by Mrs. Selmer (Edna) Pederson, Mrs. Harvey (Evelyn) Knudson, Mrs. Vesta Kuns and Mrs. Forrest (Viola) Roberts.

At this meeting, Lawrence Gesme, Hanlontown, the Worth and Winnebago County representative to the newly formed "Older Iowan Legislature" reported that he attended the November 14 - 17 meeting at the State House in Des Moines.

The elderly represent 17% of the total population of the state and need to be heard when the state legislature is in session. Twelve bills were passed by the Older Iowans in their mock session and they would like the legislature to act on these.

The Older Iowans would like to maintain a working relationship with the legislators.

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Fertile TOPS # Iowa 995 met November 28 and had a NO GAIN MEETING. 12 members weighed in with a total loss of 22 pounds. They were especially pleased as it was their after-Thanksgiving weigh in.

Ruth Ouverson reached her goal on December 5. She has lost 62 pounds. Ruth joined TOPS in September, 1977.

All members are proud of a COPS member, Paul Paglusch who is 14 years old.

LIBRARY NOTES

Several new EASY READERS are at the library.

EASY: "A Charlie Brown Christmas"
"It's Your First Kiss Charlie Brown"
"What A Nightmare Charlie Brown"
"I Can Read With My Eyes Shut" by
Dr. Seuss

JUNIOR:
"The Detective Book"
"The Lord of the Rings" - Science
Fiction

ADULT FICTION:
"The Mirror"
Marlis Millhiser, Ventura, Iowa
"Bright Flows the River", Caldwell
"The Storrington Papers", Eden

ADULT NON-FICTION:
"Lulu" - Roman
"What's My Line?" - Fates
"Growing Up In Iowa" - Reminiscences
of 14 Iowa Authors

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"Peoples Almanac # 2, 1978

If the local library does not have a book you want to borrow, the chances are a library somewhere in Iowa does and through the North Central Regional Library System, you can get it - free of charge. The Regional System headquartered in at Building C., NIACC, Mason City serves 81 public libraries in 13 North Central Iowa counties.

Finding books and gathering information for member libraries is what the Regional Library System does. Last year some 5,600 books were exchanged on inter-library loans between the 81 libraries - all of this coordinated through the regional library system.

When you have need of this book loan service, just call Librarian Mrs. Knudson, 797-2787 or 797-2743 at home whenever the local library is not open.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS and THANK YOU

to EVERYONE for all the help

that has been given to put the

REMINDER together each month in

1978 !!!

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