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JANUARY BALANCE SHEET

Byron Dodd	\$ 167.49
Janice Hare	201.94
Ipers	453.16
Ipers (FOAB)	180.52
State Treasurer	87.50
Internal Revenue	341.90
Byron Dodd	167.49
Chester Amundson	92.03
City of Fertile	26.00
Fertile Lumber and Hardware	121.90
Worsley Electric	130.89
Fertile Meats and Groceries	4.47
Coop Services, Inc.	47.10
Mrs. Edward Holland	1,206.00
Water Prod. Co.	51.20
Burtness Plumbing and Heating	20.00
Interstate Equipment Co.	334.91
Peoples Natural Gas	192.49
Winnebago RTA	20.76
Jordan's Midland Service	108.13
Janice Hare (mileage)	7.20
Hall Insurance Agency	2,452.95
David Low	179.30
Byron Dodd	167.49
Worth County Auditor	788.00
Interstate Power Co.	495.65
Byron Dodd	125.62
Worth County Sheriff	41.87
B. Dalton	12.28
Family Bookshelf	2.67
Avalon Books	21.30
Redbook	12.97
Demco	150.56
Evelyn Knudson	178.85
Byron Dodd	125.62
Worth County Sheriff	41.87
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	1.00
Disbursements	\$8,761.08
Receipts	5,612.93

COUNCIL MEETING

The Fertile Town Council met February 3, with Mayor Pro Tem Van den Bosch presiding and council members Faber, Burtness, Hare and Lundgren present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

All delinquent sewer and garbage bills will be certified to the auditor.

Eugene Hall submitted a price for a drop box to be used for sewer bills. Motion to buy a drop box and have it installed. Carried.

M. R. Fischel of Fischel Construction Company was present to discuss street surfacing. Motion to accept his unit price for the street work. Carried.

Discussion on proposed budget for 1981-1982 fiscal year. Motion that the final budget hearing be held March 3, next regular council meeting. Carried.

Motion to transfer revenue sharing funds to general fund for use in the park. Carried.

Motion to use revenue sharing CD for a maintenance truck. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Motion to notify David Low he will no longer do sewer work for Fertile. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

FOR SALE: BALED STRAW 507-524-3390

FOR SALE: Green king size davenport and 2 gold flowered rocking chairs.  
Ken Strohmman



The first settler in Fertile Township was William Rhodes (grandfather of J. F. Rhodes a resident of Fertile now) who came to Iowa in 1856 at the age of nineteen.

The first year he built a log cabin home and put a dam across the creek to operate a saw mill until the spring of 1858 when high water washed around the south end of the dam. In February 1859 the repairs were made and held until 1929 when high water again washed it out. Supplies were brought from Mason City.

In 1868, he erected a grist mill to replace the saw mill. This building was 34' X 42' and 2½ stories high and had the capacity of turning out some 50 barrels of flour a day.

Mr. Rhodes was married to Hannah Pence July 5, 1859. In 1862, he enlisted in Co. B 32nd Iowa Infantry. Discharged in 1865, he returned to Iowa and his wife and baby John Fenton, first white child born here.

The next settlers were William K. Fankell and his brother-in-law E. S. Winans in 1857. These were all the settlers until 1865 when Henry and Cecil Platts settled here.

The Fertile Boosters are making a cookbook. Please bring all of your favorite recipes to Ruth B. Ouverson or Nancy Sheimo before February 16, 1981.

Peddler's Permit buttons at \$2.00 each and "Bee" a Fertile Booster pins are \$1.00 on sale at all business places.

Monthly meetings of the Fertile Boosters are held the 3rd Monday, February 16, 7:30 PM at Fertile School. Plan to attend and offer your assistance.

Preparation for the Sweetheart Day are fully underway. There will be an open house tea to honor the winning couple at the Fertile Library on February 14, from 3-5 PM. There will be rosettes and cider and lots of fun. Please vote for your favorite sweetheart couple in the area business places.

Money received from the sale of tickets for the Sweetheart Dance, sponsored by the Surf Ballroom, will be returned to the Booster Club.

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COMING SCHEDULED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 18 Fertile Elementary Winter Program
- 21 Solo Ensemble Junior High Band Mason City
- 24 Spelling Bee Contest 7:30 PM
- 25 Mid-Winter High School Concert
- 28 District Individual Speech Contest (High School) Swea City
- Mar. 7 National Speech Contest (High School) Iowa City
- 10 Mid-Winter Concert (Jr. High)

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- Larsen Plumbing and Heating 797-2219
- Fertile Block and Tile Company 797-2291
- Worsley Electric 797-2494
- Millie's Place 797-2660
- Fish and Chicken Fry, Friday 6-9 PM
- Burtness Plumbing and Heating 797-2680

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| Hoffman's Gifts and Crafts                | 896-2667   |
| Gifts and Garden Supplies                 |            |
| Gail's Beauty Salon                       | 797-2475   |
| Full-Service Salon                        |            |
| Tuesday through Saturday noon             |            |
| Fertile Car Wash                          | Open daily |
| Jordan's Midland Service                  | 797-2677   |
| Complete Automotive Service               |            |
| Fertile Lumber and Hardware               | 797-2437   |
| Personal Touch Beauty Salon               | 797-2422   |
| Hair Styling for Men and Women            |            |
| Old Mill Antiques                         | 797-2490   |
| We buy as well as sell most anything old. |            |
| K and R Gas                               | 797-2440   |



## FERTILE AREA CHURCHES

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Feb. 23, 7:30 PM Christian Workers meet at the home of Sharon Ganz, the lesson will be given by Lois Anderson.

Mar. 2, Roller skating party at Clear Lake, 7-9:30 PM. \$1.75 for all ages.

Mar. 6 & 7, there will be a youth retreat for grades 8-12 here at the church. New Wine of Minnesota Bible College will be in charge of the music, and Steve Grice, minister of the Church of Christ at Concord, MN will be doing the preaching. On Saturday morning from 9-12 and then from 1:30 - 3 PM, Miss Sherry Erickson, admissions counselor from MBC will be leading a seminar for sponsors and adults on the topic, "Why Christians Crack Up!"

Mar. 8, New Wine from MBC and Miss Erickson will be taking charge of the morning worship service, followed by a fellowship dinner at the noon hour. A special freewill offering will be taken for MBC during the morning worship hour.

Mar. 12 & 13, Freshman-Sophomore visitation days on the campus of Minnesota Bible College in Rochester.

Mar. 12 at 6:45 PM will be the bi-monthly supper meeting of all Sunday School teachers and evening youth sponsors in the fellowship hall of the church.

### FERTILE LUTHERAN

NOTICE - Confirmation and Bible Study classes remain at the usual time. Worship service is 9 AM with Sunday School and Bible Class at 10 AM.

Feb. 23 7:30 PM Ruth Circle, Ruth Field  
7:30 PM Sarah Circle, Paula  
Worsley  
26 9:30 AM Mary Circle, Marcheta  
Pederson  
2:00 PM Rebekah Circle, Marian  
Pitkin

### PILOT KNOB

NOTICE - Sunday School at 9:30 AM and Worship Service at 10:30 AM until further notice.

Feb. 15 7:00 PM Evening Service  
18 1:30 PM Esther Circle, Good  
Samaritan Home  
22 7:00 PM Young Couples and Singles

Senior Leaguers have a "Ski Day" planned for Monday, February 16- Cost approximately \$10.00 for group rate. Cost for rides to be shared.

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### 4H CLUB NEWS

The Grant Livewire Lassies 4H Club met Monday, January 19, 7 PM at the Fertile Library. Roll call was "Name a restored piece of furniture in your home". Thirty one members, one visitor and two leaders were present.

Several members attended the county skating party held January 7.

The club voted to give \$20.00 to the 4H United Service Program.

4H educational classes coming up include a gun safety course scheduled to begin January 19 and dog obedience class to begin January 22.

Club members decided to meet February 1, at the Fertile School gym at 3 PM for practice for the 4H volleyball tournament on February 7. The club also agreed to serve lunch at the public Gun Show planned for March at the North Iowa Fair Grounds.

Presentations were given by Michelle Lee and Lisa Suby on making a tack rag. Sara Amundson and Melissa Holcomb gave a presentation on staining wood and Becky Tuttle on sanding wood.

Hostesses were Amy Wilson, Lisa Suby and Maren Boman.

Maren Boman  
Reporter



The Fertile Valley Farmers 4H Club meeting was held on Monday, January 19, at the Fertile Gym.

4H record book material for projects was handed out to all members.

Plans to go skiing were discussed, majority vote was to go on Friday, February 6.

A short basketball practice was held following the meeting.

Jeffrey Berg  
Reporter

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GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club begins the 1981 year with a potluck dinner at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 10, at the Fertile Library. Officers are President, Edna Pederson; Vice President, Harriet Ouseron; Secretary, Evelyn Knudson; Treasurer, Carrie Luther; and Corresponding Secretary, Alice Kingland.

Gardening is a combination of little and big satisfactions, surprises, even triumphs you can't comprehend until you get in there and start digging.

A garden answers your need for tranquilizers, suntan, exercise parlor and gift shops as well as producing good food for your family.

The rewards are countless - during the winter months one reward is seeing a cardinal at your bird feeder.

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SENIOR CITIZENS

The Fertile Senior Citizens selected Mabel Elthon as the outstanding senior citizen at their February 3rd, meeting. She will represent Fertile at the Worth County meeting in March.

The next Fellowship dinner is Tuesday, February 17, at the Center. Call 797-2734 for reservations before noon on Monday.

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Fertile Meats and Groceries 797-2647  
Specializing in fresh meats and freezer orders

Ray Sandifer - Tom's Sales 797-2681

LIBRARY NOTES

Many of the new books are paperbacks, as these are a little less expensive than hard back books. Children can be taught to treasure books, and handle them carefully. Treated well, even the inexpensive paperbacked ones will last a long time.

NEW BOOKS

EASYREADERS

Sesame Street Bedtime Storybook  
Herbert the Timid Dragon - Mayer  
Walt Disney's Donald Duck in Play Time

JUNIOR PAPERBACKS

Sherri - John Benton  
Cindy - John Benton

ADULT PAPERBACKS

Light from Heaven - Christmas Kauffman  
Suicide - David Wilkerson  
Love Has a Price Tag - Elizabeth Elliot

ADULT NONFICTION

The Skys the Limit - Dr. Wayne Dyer  
(This book is on reserve list at present)  
Chiltons Auto Repair Manual - Chilton  
You Can Beat the Odds on a Heart Attack  
Levitas  
Trees Alive - Sarah Riedman

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH-FEBRUARY CHERRY SALAD

2 packages cherry gelatin (3 oz)  
2 c boiling water  
Cool until slightly thickened, then add:  
1 can cherry pie filling  
½ c chopped celery  
1 c chopped apples  
½ c chopped nutmeats  
Chill until firm.

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Anderson Plumbing and Heating 797-2620  
Ouseron Oil Company 797-2440  
797-2267  
Forest City Cow Palace 582-4646  
Auction Every Wednesday 12 noon

Flowers by McCoy McCoy Nursery 582-4517  
Flowers for all Occasions