

July 89

The Fertile News

Sixty-six years ago next Sunday evening, August 6, 1856, a Winnebago Indian peering out from behind a large tree growing where our park is now located, behind the figure of a strange man--a heavy pack upon his back, a long rifle in his hand and face toward the setting sun, toiling wearily along the natural opening where our main street now runs.

Pressing onward 'till he arrived at a point just east of where the mill now stands, he paused to survey the beautiful upper part of the river. Then easing his pack to the ground and stretching himself to his full height to rest his weary muscles, he took up his ax and cutting away the underbrush and skillfully interlacing them with the low hanging branches of a nearby tree, he quickly constructed a rude lodge to shelter him from the night, and soon the smell of bacon and coffee floated out across the waters filling the eager nostrils of the red skin as he sped away to his chief to announce the arrival of the white man.

Early the next morning the wolf and the catamount were awakened by strange sounds--the echo of the woodman's ax as William Rhodes hewed, notched and saddled the logs that entered into the construction of the first log cabin in Fertile township.

The virgin soil responded generously to the industry of the young pale face and soon a larger and more substantial cabin took the place of the first one. And then one day a beautiful young woman from a neighboring settlement came to share the joys and the hardships of the pioneer home. And to this union was born the first white child in Fertile township.

A few more years of toil and economy and then a rude log dam was thrown across the river and the impounded waters set to the task of turning the wheels of one of the first saw mills in northern Iowa.

The saw mill venture proved not only a financial success, but a veritable boom to the struggling settlers scattered about upon the prairies of Worth and adjoining counties and then gave way to the flouring mill that still stands, a monument to the fathers.

Then others came, and as Fertile grew from hamlet to village, Mr. Rhodes became the leader of the religious and the political life of the community, and with the exception of three years freely given to the preservation of the union all of his active life was spent in Fertile.

A better insight into the true character of the founder of our village perhaps could not be had than from the fact that always upon leaving his cabin, whether for a journey to Charles City after a handsled of provisions, or merely for a visit to the neighboring settlement, he always left an abundance of firewood upon his hearth, provisions upon his table and a card nailed to his door welcoming to the cabin any traveler who might chance to pass that way. And those who knew him best agree that no worthy demand upon the charity of William Rhodes was ever made in vain.

BOOKS IN LIBRARY:

ADULT BOOKS - 3,936

JUVENILE BOOKS - 2,605

PAPERBACKS - 2,051

TOTAL CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES _ 9,834

NUMBER OF PATRONS - 394

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES:

SALARY, IPERS & SOCIAL SECURITY - \$2,935.75

BOOKS - \$2,442.96

UTILITIES - \$1,549.59

INSURANCE - \$216.19

MAGAZINES - \$325.39

COPIER PURCHASE - \$542.39

ROOF REPAIR - \$88.57

MISCELLANEOUS - \$667.00

TOTAL \$8,808.96

INCOME:

COUNTY _ - \$4,500

Municipal - \$4,272.96

RENT - \$36

TOTAL \$8,808.96

NEW BOOKS:

FICTION:

WITH THIS RING - MARIAN WELLS

SILVER WINGS, SANTIAGO BLUE - JANET DAILEY

FIRST AMONG EQUALS = JEFFREY ARCHER

NON-FICTION:

NO MOUNTAIN TOO HIGH -- STAN COTTRELL

THIS IS HOME - FLOYD ROBINSON

HOW TO HAVE MORE IN A HAVE-NOT WORLD -- TERRY WHITTAKER

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

BERT AND THE MISSING MOP MIXUP -- SARAH ROBERTS

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF OSCAR THE GROUCH -- LINDA HAYWARD

CASE OF THE MISSING DUCKIE - LINDA HAYWARD

THIS MONTH'S REMINDER SALUTES THE RHODES
FAMILY WHO WERE FERTILE'S FIRST SETTLERS.

MEMORIES OF GRANDPA RHODES

By Tim Jacobson

My Grandpa and I used to have a lot of good times together. Afternoons, when I stayed with him, he and I would go to town to the restaurant. I would have "black" pop and a doughnut. Grandpa always gave me a quarter or more, and I would go next door to the grocery store for candy. We didn't tell Mom about the candy because she never liked to have me eat too many sweets. Even before I was three, I would say "Tandy, tandy," as soon as I saw Grandpa.

Between the time I was three and seven, I used to stay over at Grandpa's. I would either kick him or pinch him to tease him. Toward morning I would get out of bed, crawl under it, and push up on the mattress. On Saturdays I would get up early in the morning and watch cartoons.

Grandpa was able to get around well then and drove a blue pick-up truck that I called "the pick." I loved to ride in it. His tractor was another favorite of mine. I rode in the fields with him many times and really enjoyed it, even though the seat was very small and very uncomfortable.

One day I wanted to go to the Hanlontown park and play with the shovel toy they had in the circular sand pile. (It was like a miniature steam shovel; you had to pull some levers to get the sand in the shovel.) Grandpa didn't want to take me to Hanlontown which is about two miles from Fertile. I told Grandpa and Ruth that I was going to walk to Hanlontown. They said, "OK," not believing me and thinking I meant I was going to the William Rhode Park in Fertile, which was right across the road. This park was named after my great-great grandfather.

I walked out the door and started walking toward Hanlontown. I walked up to the highway. I was hot and sweaty; it was a very hot summer day. Quite a few cars passed by me and honked.

I was almost halfway to Hanlontown when two older boys with their dogs came up to me and said, "Are you lost?"

I said, "No, I'm going to Hanlontown to play."

They went back to their house to tell their mom. She came out and said, "I'll walk with you."

Before we continued on, she gave me a drink K & R Service

out of their garden hose and then asked me who I was. I told her Jim Rhodes was my grandpa. She said she and her husband knew him, so, we crawled into their air-conditioned car, which really felt good, and her husband took me back to Grandpa's house in Fertile.

Grandpa was really surprised. He couldn't believe that I had really tried to walk to Hanlontown. He knew the man who had brought me home, and the man, whose name is Mr. Kaasa, told Grandpa the whole story. Grandpa didn't scold me. I guess he was just glad that I was OK.

Staying with Grandpa was always fun. We both liked to tease each other. Grandpa always liked to give me a lot of sweet things to eat. I liked this when I was little, but Mom and Dad sure didn't. I really like and admire my grandpa, and I'm glad we had all of these good times to share.

I WANT TO THANK ALL WHO REMEMBERED ME while I was in the hospital and nursing home. I really appreciated all your concern and prayers, cards, visits and calls.

Jeanette VanDenBosch

PERSONAL TOUCH PEAUTY SALON WILL BE CLOSED for vacation August 26 through Sept. 3. Make your school haircut appointments now. Call 797-2422.

THE FERTILE GARDEN CLUB HELD THEIR JULY meeting at the Community Center. Marian Pitkin and Virginia Purcell were hostesses. Sixteen members and one guest, Virginia's daughter, Coleen, were present.

Roll call was "What Freedom Means To Me." Edna Pederson had the "Thought For The Day." Lessons were, "Poisonous Plants" by Harriet Ouverson and "Planting Second Crop Vegetables" by Ethel Tuttle.

The flowers at Chapel Hill Cemetery west and north of Fertile were planted by Garden Club members and are being cared for by them.

August 14 will be our day out luncheon and then a tour of Ruth Benjegerdes' garden.

AUGUST DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS CHEESE and flour will be held Aug. 16 at the Fertile Community Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. New guidelines as announced last month must be followed.

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES are offered to the people of North Central Iowa who are victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse or rape. Do you need HELP? Call 424-9133 -- 24 hour service.

ARE YOU REMEMBERING TO WALK, RUN, JOG on the LEFT side of the highway or street? Always face the oncoming traffic. Bicyclists, ride on the right.

NOTICE

Will babysit 6 children on the Waddington farm. We plan to be a learning center soon. Call Betty Waddington at 896-2445 after 4 or Penny Miller at 797-2704.

THE GRANT LIVEWIRE LASSIES RECEIVED THE following awards at the North Iowa Fair held July 10 through the 15th.

Sandra Bruns - 3 blue, 2 red; Lori Buchanan - 2 blue, 2 red; Rene Duregger - 7 blue, 9 red, Creative Arts Purple, she also received a trophy for high score in dog obedience, she was awarded Reserve Champion with her doe rabbit; Danielle Jordan - 3 blue, 2 red; Michelle Lee - 8 blue, 6 red, Reserve Champion for her Supreme Ewe; Kris Kirschbaum - 12 blue, 3 red, Oak Rocker was selected for State Fair; Julie Ouverson - 3 blue, 1 red; Sandy Seglem - 3 blue, 1 red; Lisa Suby - 3 blue, 3 red, Purple for her doll in Creative Arts; Kirstin Sunde - 1 blue, 1 red; Marilyn Lee - 4 blue, 1 red; Alisa Pederson - 1 blue, 2 red; Sara Seglem - 1 blue; Domenie Zirbel - 2 blue; Denise Hagen - 1 blue, 1 red; Emily Kragel - 1 blue, 2 red; Kelli Lovick - 2 blue, 3 red; Carrie Seglem - 5 blue, 1 red.

Michelle Lee and Sandy Seglem received an award of excellence and the right to compete at the State Fair with their Working Exhibit, "Puttin' on the Ritz". Kriss Kirschbaum and Kirstin Sunde received a Participation Award for their Working Exhibit, "Music from the Kitchen".

July 24-26 the Grant Livewire Lassies spent camping at Methodist Camp at Clear Lake. 13 girls attended. Chaperones were Sue Lee, Diane Lovick, Barb Seglem and Gloria Kirschbaum.

Reporter - Kris Kirschbaum

J & W Upholstery 797-2457
Upholstery--Auto Body
Jean & Wayne Roberts

CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

Family Camp: Aug. 10-12 at Northeast Iowa Christian Camp, Bristown, begins with the first session at 7:30 pm Aug. 10, close with the noon meal on Aug. 12. Dr. James Girdwood of Ozark Bible College will be the speaker, there will be classes for all ages of young people, and "Praise Unlimited" of Stewartville, MN, a group of young people will be in charge of the music. Cost is \$10 for one person, \$15 for couples and \$20 for family. All meals and insurance are included in the price.

Ladies' Retreat: hosted by the ladies of Martelle, IA, Christian Church will be held the evening of Aug. 17 and will dismiss the afternoon of Aug. 18. Various workshops of interest to all ladies. \$5.50 for all sessions, \$4.50 for just Saturday. The retreat will be held on the NEICC grounds at Bristown.

All Church Hamburger Fry: and cook-out will be held Aug. 19 at the church. We will eat at about 5:30 pm and then at about 6:30 the Ganz

family will show slides of their recent trip which involved stops in Amsterdam, Holland; Israel; Egypt and Germany. If your last name begins with A-M bring a dessert, N-Z bring a salad. Every family furnishes their own meat and buns. Beverages will be provided.

The church maintains a good supply of Bibles and related materials in a display furnished by the American Bible Society in the foyer of the church. Everything is very reasonably priced. If you don't see what you want or need, contact Jean VanDenBosch and perhaps it can be ordered with our next supply order. If you want a Bible and can't afford to pay for it, feel free to take one... Maybe some time in the future you can give one to another person.

FERTILE VALLEY PRESCHOOL will be starting September 4th. If you are interested, call 797-2225, P b Seglem.

WORSLEY ELECTRIC 797-2494

LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTE TIME CHANGE!
 AUG. 5th - Pilot Knob Worship - 9 am,
 Fertile Worship - 10:30 am, Hi-League
 at the church - 7:30 pm.

NOTE CHANGE OF SUNDAY FOR THIS SERVICE!
 if rain--service will be held in
 Fertile gym. Parish Outdoor Service -
 Aug. 12th, 10:30 am at Pilot Knob Amphitheater
 with "Hope Anew" Choir. Everyone welcome--
 potluck picnic dinner following worship service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JODY KLEVELAND
 AND TROY HALL and the rest of the Forest
 City Indians on winning the 3A State
 Baseball Championship. Both of our boys
 contributed much to the success of the
 team!

NEW ARRIVALS!!!

JUNE 27th - boy - 8 lbs. 7 oz. - Ryan
 Timothy. Parents: Janet Volk and the
 late Tim Volk.

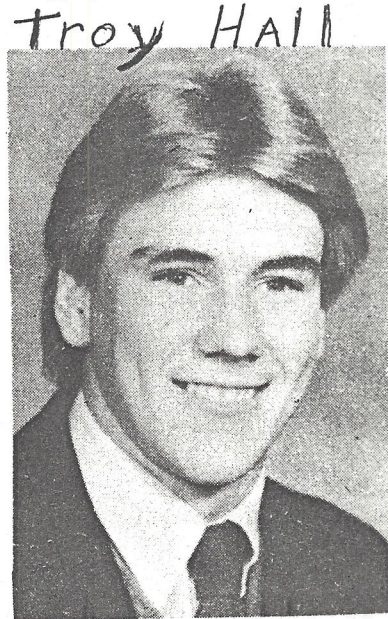
JULY 12th - girl - 8 lbs. 4 oz. - Anna
 Rebecca. Parents: Ron & Molly Almelien.

AUG. 2nd - girl - 7 lbs. 11 oz. - Ivy
 Michelle. Parents: Gary & Laurie Calgaard.

- CREAMERY RESTUARANT & LOUNGE 797-9685
 Specializing in good food
- FERTILE FEED SERVICE 797-2242
 Complete Livestock Needs
 Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food
- RAY JENNINGS 454-2707
 Complete Auction Service
- LARSEN'S PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2219
- PETAL SHOPPE 357-5030
 FREE Delivery to Hosp. 357-5026
 1714 7th Ave. N, Clear Lake
- FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE 797-2437
 Rent the Rug Doctor
- BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2680
- HOFFMAN CRAFTS 797-2714
 701 West Main

- OLD MILL ANTIQUES 797-2490
- PERSONAL TOUCH BEAUTY SALON 797-2422
 Styling for Men & Women
- FERTILE MEATS & GROCERIES 797-2647
 Specializing in Meats
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- RAY SANDIFER--TOM'S SALES 797-2681
- FLOWERS BY McCOY 582-4517
 Flowers for Every Occasion
- JORDAN'S MIDLAND SERVICE 797-2677
 Complete Automotive Service
- FOREST CITY COW PALACE 582-4646
 Auction Every Wednesday

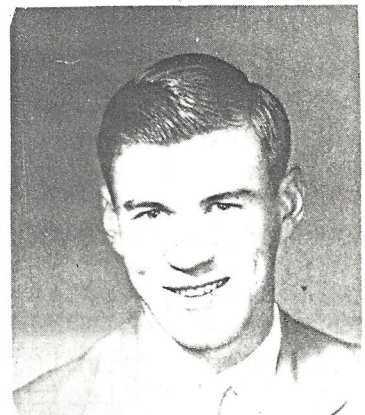
FIRST STATE BANK 896-2265
 Serving North Iowa
 Hanlontown, Kensett & Plymouth
 Main Office - Manly



Troy Hall

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ALIKES



The Fertile City Council met July 10 with Mayor Shropshire presiding and council members Hare, Hare, Schulze and Bailey present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed water intake on Lake St. Council will have street signs put up and stop signs repaired.

Motion to renew city's insurance with Tenold Ins. Agency, carried.

Motion to pay out revenue sharing money for fiscal year 1984-85, carried.

Clerk will check on interest rates for invested money with Manufacturers Bank & Clear Lake Bank & Trust.

Council discussed having Richard Hanner mow.

Motion to have siren in Fertile blow only for fire or other warnings. Carried.

Council discussed fire barn.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

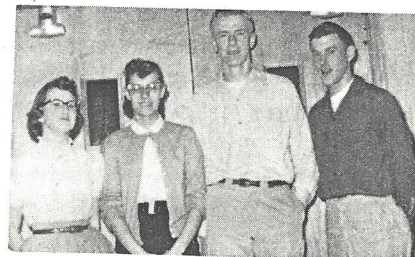
Janice Hare
City Clerk

JUNE BALANCE SHEET

Evelyn Knudsen	213.93
David Low	282.23
Dick Sheimo	485.20
City of Fertile	50.00
Interstate Power	617.33
Waste Systems Corp.	603.00
Winn. RTA	58.00
Ipers - FOAB	137.45
Treas.-State of IA	80.00
Dick Sheimo	3.60
Janice Hare	217.73
Baker & Taylor	59.26
Bound-To-Stay Bound Books	79.58
Mademoiselle	11.97
National Geographic	16.95
House & Garden	19.97
Popular Mechanics	21.97
T. Bouregy	57.00
Fertile Lumber & Hardware	30.33
K & R Gas	30.00
Univ. Hygienic Lab	18.00
Worsley Electric	326.74
Jordan's	92.33

Basic Materials Corp.	197.81
Vesta Kuns	17.50
P. Natural Gas	95.27
Eymann's Impl. Co.	34.30
Barclay Co.	7.45
Leonard Bailey	74.25
B. Dalton	176.14
Ideals	15.95
FmHA (sewer)	18,450.00
FmHA (water)	17,688.00
U.S. Postal Service	110.35
Postmast	18.00
P. Natural Gas	47.53
E. Knudsen	203.84
Better Homes & Gardens	22.31
Christian Bookstore	57.83
T. Bouregy	28.50
Doubleday	13.32
Family Bookshelf	17.94
Fertile Lumber & Hardware	88.57
Vesta Kuns	3.50
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	40,881.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	48,057.92

1957



Mixed Quartet: Judy Suby, Judy Haugen, Dennis Haugen, Eugene Hall.



Key Aspland



Janice Zirbel



Merle Tuttle

The Creamery

invites you to help us celebrate
our new breakfast menu and
announces our new hours. **Wed.**

August 15, We will be serving
free coffee and fresh donuts
5:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME



New Hours

Mon. 5:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tues. - Thurs. 5:30 a.m. - midnite
Fri. 5:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Sat. 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served till 10:00 a.m.
and Noon specials daily.

