

Fertile Reminder

June
1985



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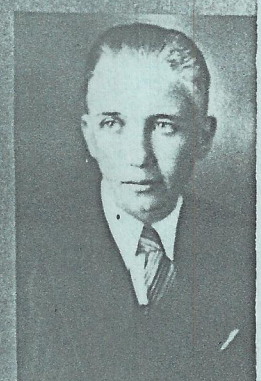
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Worth County Townships

The statement has been made before that on September 1, 1857, when the county of Worth was organized, the county was divided into two townships -- Bristol, all the territory west of the center of range 21, and Northwood, all the territory east of the same point. In August, 1858, the dividing line between these two townships was changed to the line between ranges 20 and 21.

At the January, 1859, term of the County Court, the judge made an order in reply to a petition presented by Eli Wood and others, authorizing the organization of a civil township to comprise all the congressional townships 98, 99 and 100, range 21. This township was to be known as Hartland and the order designated the house of Eli Wood as the place of holding the first election and the time as the third Monday in February, 1859. This area embraced all of what is now Hartland, Brookfield and Danville townships.

On February 7, 1859, the board of supervisors ordered the organization of a civil township to consist of congressional township 98, range 19, and township 98, range 20, to be set off from Northwood Township and to be called Jack Oak township. On March 7, 1859, the court also ordered the organization of congressional township 100, range 19, and all of township 100, range 20, except sections 27 to 34, inclusive, and including sections 1 and 12 of township 99, range 19, as a civil township to be called New Era. However, a petition was presented by Parmenio Bliton and others asking for the restoration of New Era Township to that of Northwood, and upon June 5, 1859, the judge granted this prayer. The township of Jack Oak apparently was never organized, as no further record is to be found relative to it.

Under the date of October 20, 1860, the County Court ordered the townships of Fertile and Silver Lake to be organized, and the first election to be held the following November. This was the last township business transacted by the County Court.

At the September, 1861, term of the board of supervisors a civil township to consist of congressional township 98, ranges 19 and 20, was ordered to be organized under the name of Sunnyside. The first election was ordered held at the house of Peter Crum. This township, though, never completed its organization and remained a part of Northwood.

In June, 1863, the board ordered the organization of Union Township and an election to be held for township officers at the schoolhouse in subdistrict No. 5. Brookfield Township was also ordered to perfect its organization and to hold an election at the home of Martin V. Bentley, in the Village of Glenmary.

In September, 1872, the board adopted a resolution to make the lines and boundaries of the townships in Worth County conform to the congressional lines. Hitherto the boundaries of the civil townships were irregular and of different shape. Two new townships were also ordered to be organized--those of Danville and Deer Creek, the former to consist of township 98, range 21, and the latter of townships 99 and 100, range 19. In June, 1873, congressional township 99, range 20, was ordered to be organized as a civil township under the name of Kensett. At the April, 1877, session of the board, Barton Township was ordered organized from congressional township 99, range 19.

The townships in Worth County were formally organized in the following order and upon the following dates: Northwood Township, Oct. 13, 1857; Bristol Township, Oct. 13, 1857; Hartland Township, Feb. 21, 1859; Fertile Township, Oct. 20, 1860; Silver Lake Township, Oct. 20, 1860; Union Township, Oct. 13, 1863; Brookfield Township, Oct. 13, 1863; Danville Township, Nov. 5, 1872; Kensett Township, Oct. 14, 1873; Barton Township, Oct. 9, 1877; Lincoln Township, Nov. 7, 1876.

Northwood incorporate was separated from the remainder of Northwood Township and made independent April 3, 1876, although the town had been incorporated prior to this date.

The name of Northwood Township was changed to Grove Township on January 7, 1902, by the board of supervisors.

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

FERTILE

Family Worship-Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
NO Sunday School thru summer months.

June 1st-Vacation Bible School pot-luck dinner at noon and Program at 1:15 at the church.

June 3rd-Luther League Roller skating at Roller City. 7:00 p.m.

June 4th-Council meets.

June 9th-Luther League Bible Study at Lindsay & Danielle Jordan's home.

June 13th-FLCW Guest Day.

June 17th-21st-Luther League, Canoe Trip, at Riverside Bible Camp.

June 24th-Ruth Circle, 7:30 p.m. with Ardis Sheimo.
Sarah Circle, 7:30 p.m. with Marcheta Pederson.

June 27th-Mary Circle, 9:30 a.m. with LeNora Ouverson at church.
Rebekah Circle, 2:00 p.m. with Alice Kingland at church.

PILOT KNOB

Family Worship-Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
NO Sunday School thru summer months.

June 2nd-VBS Children will share in the Morning Service, Pot-Luck at noon.

June 8th-Hagen ** Geddes Wedding at 2:00 p.m.

June 15th-PKLCW & Joint Circles meet with Breakfast at the church at 9 a.m.

June 17th-21st-Luther League, Canoe Trip, at Riverside Bible Camp.

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Guest Day at Fertile Lutheran Church will be June 13th, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Gerald Johannes from Leland will be Guest Speaker. All are invited to attend.

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Peterson Grocery
Fertile, Iowa
1941

From left to right: Kenneth & Dick Peterson
Tom Brosdahl, Andrew Suby, Ola Haugen and Mrs. Andrew Suby



Dear Ruth & All Who Help With The Fertile News Paper!

We enjoy so much this little paper and especially those pictures of the Little people who went to school while we lived in Fertile.

I have noticed the pictures of many who aren't living now and one of my brother Marvin Hovland who passed away some years ago (Harold would remember him.) The picture of the store and the people were well known in the Fertile area. If you would care to know, we had some "sweet" girls working in our grocery store, like: Marcella Brue Purcell, Edythe Hammervold, Dolly (Helen) Sparby and Eva Nell Faulken.

Our son, Dick is a grown man now, living in Mankato with his wife and family of four.

Kenny is retired from the Post Office and Rural Carrier Postal Work. I am sending some money for postal stamps.

"Greetings to the good people in Fertile"

Sincerely,

*Mr and Mrs Kenneth
Peterson*

Schoolhouse Pictures

Can you pick out the following students in the bottom school picture; Irene and Edna Ouverson, Martie Hjelmeland, Beulah Hovland, Homer (Babe) Hovland:

The Fertile Reminder recieved a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Peterson, former residents of Fertile. We thank them for the pictures of their former grocery store, that stood next to what now the Post Office. We are using them in this issue of the Reminder.

We would like to hear from more former residents & get picture's from them. We return all pictures used. Last month we had pictures from Irene Ouverson Wolter. We also heard from Don Ouverson, telling us how much he enjoyed seeing the old pictures and articles. Don's address is: Don Ouverson, Minnesota Vet's Home, Hastings, Minn. 55033 He would enjoy hearing from old class mates.

ESTATE AUCTION
Saturday, June 15th, 1 P.M.
Antiques & Household
Items from Home of Virginia
Purcell. Sale will be held
at the Purcell Home.
Ray Jennings - Auctioneer

**** Will Baby sit in my home.
797-2451 Joanna Lien ****

Thank you to the Fertile Fire Dept. for bringing oxygen to my home for me on April 27th. I appreciated the quick action.
Reva Nelson

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Arlyn Steen of Thompson, Iowa won the one week Cabin rent at Noka Sypi Resort, at Brainerd, Minn. The winning ticket was sold by Ray Bakke. A profit of \$350.00 was made for the center.

This month the class of 1930 held their 55th reunion in the center dining room. Their pictures are on the front page.

Next month we will feature the class of 1945 on their 40th Anniversary.

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FOR SALE: Portable Singer Sewing
Machine. Good Condition.
Violet Hall, 797-2621
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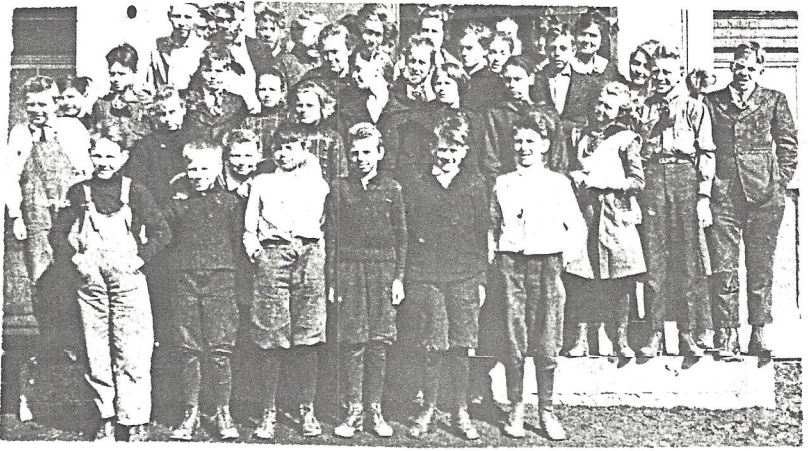
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Cheese will be given away at the community Center June 13 from 1 to 5, same guidelines. Also included, is butter and flour.

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Thanks to everyone for their cards, visits, prayers and gifts all 3 times I was hospitalized. It was much appreciated.

Harold "Bill" McAuley
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The Fertile City Council met May 7 with Mayor Shropshire presiding and council members Hare, Petersen, Schultze, Hall & Bailey present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed mobile home ordinance.

Decision to repair popcorn popper at the ball diamond.

Council will check to see if there is insurance coverage for sheep at the lagoon.

Clean-up Day in Fertile will be May 18.

Complaint received on old cars in town. Owners will be notified.

Council discussed unuauual amount of fire calls with no response from caller. Phone company will be contacted to see if they can see who is causing this problem.

Motion to pay \$4.50 per hr. for cutting small trees along south stream in the park. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

The Fertile City Council met in special session on May 21, 1985 with Mayor Shropshire presiding & Council member Hare, Hall, Petersen & Schultze present. Also present was Tom Kirschbaum.

Council considered Sunday liquor license for Creamery Restaurant & Lounge. Hours on Sunday will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Motion to approve the application. Carried.

Discussion on parking problems near the Creamery.

Meeting adjourned.

APRIL BALANCE SHEET
Expenditures

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| Dick Sheimo | 337.95 |
| Evelyn Knudson | 207.51 |
| Janice Hare | 216.88 |
| David Low | 281.13 |
| Peoples Natural Gas | 211.08 |
| Treas-State of Iowa | 86.38 |
| Ipers | 100.87 |
| Waste Systems Corp. | 603.00 |
| Ipers - FOAB | 150.20 |
| Winn. RTA | 186.83 |
| City of Fertile | 51.00 |

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| Interstate Power Co. | 607.98 |
| Cerro Gordo Fireman's Assn. | 5.00 |
| Larsen Plmg. & Htg. | 37.77 |
| Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe. | 9.46 |
| Burtness Plmg. & Htg. | 104.67 |
| K & R Gas | 30.00 |
| Jordan's | 82.51 |
| Fertile Meats & Groc. | 9.72 |
| Glenn Tenold Ins. Inc. | 1,127.00 |
| T. Bouregy | 42.80 |
| Christian Bookstore | 55.18 |
| World Book | 18.95 |
| Better Homes & Gardens | 17.77 |
| Doubleday | 18.04 |
| Family Bookshelf | 4.94 |
| Organic Gardening | 12.97 |
| Better Homes & Gardens | 23.97 |
| Iowa Dept. of Revenue | 12.55 |
| IRS | 54.85 |
| Janice Hare | 10.35 |
| Vesta Kuns | 15.00 |
| Total | 4,733.91 |

TOTAL RECEIPTS 16,360.56

GIRL'S LITTLE LEAGUE

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| June 11th | 6:30 p.m. | Lake Mills (Home) |
| June 12th | 6:30 p.m. | Kensett (Home) |
| June 19th | 6:30 p.m. | Northwood (Home) |
| June 20th | 6:30 p.m. | Hanlontown (There) (Little Girls Only) |
| June 25th | 6:30 p.m. | Hanlontown (Home) (Little Girls) |
| | (Big Girls) 7:30 p.m. | Emmons (Home) |
| June 26th | 6:30 p.m. | Plymouth (There) |
| July 2nd | 6:30 p.m. | Forest City (Home) |
| July 15th | 6:30 p.m. | Northwood (There) |

Teddy Bear Learning Center has openings for more children. Will also take school age children. Lots of TLC. Drop-ins welcome. Call 896-2445.

Thank You to everyone who remembered me with cards, visits, prayers, flowers, and telephone calls while I was at Mercy Hospital.

Geneva Haugen

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS ARE WEDNESDAY - 11 AM TO 6 PM; FRIDAY - 1 PM TO 5 PM ;
SATURDAY - 9 AM TO 11 AM.

THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th AT 10 AM.
FOR CHILDREN AGES PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 4th GRADE. OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS
"WHERE THE RAINBOW ENDS". THE PROGRAM WILL LAST 5 WEEKS.

NEW BOOKS:

MY MOTHER'S KEEPER: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BETTE DAVIS WRITTEN BY HER
DAUGHTER B.D. HYMAN.

TREASURY OF CROCHET TECHNIQUES AND PATTERNS - BETTER HOMES & GARDENS.
BANNAMAN LEGACY - CATHERINE COOKSON.

JUBAL LEGACY - LOUIS L'AMOUR

IF TOMORROW COMES - SIDNEY SHELDON.

A CREED FOR THE THIRD MILLENNUM - COLLEN McCULLOUGH

MISSISSIPPI - DANA FULLER ROSS

RICH IS BEST - JULIE ELLIS

GLEE CLUB 1950



1st Row; D. Howland, M. Coltvet, V. Myhre, I. Oakland, L. Pederson,
F. Amundson, D. Lovick, E. Suby, D. Parker, M. Purcell,
2nd Row; Director Mrs. Wistey, P. Burke, M. Bjelland, J. Ouverson,
S. Elthon, K. Pierce, B. Fjeld, M. Heperly, A. Elthon, J. Burtness,
3rd Row; M. Bjelland, M. Elthon, B. Bjelland, D. Morem, D. Thovson,
D. Jordan, D. Hansen, B. Torkelson, B. McClain, M. Johnson,

GIRLS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Sponsored by Fertile Creamery & Lounge

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| June 4 | 3 vs.1 4 vs.2 | 7:00 p.m. Follows* | Manly |
| June 11 | 2 vs.3 1 vs.4 | 7 p.m. Follows | Plymouth |
| June 18 | 3 vs.4 1 vs.2 | 7 p.m. Follows | Fertile |
| June 25 | 4 vs.2 1 vs.3 | 7 p.m. Follows | Manly |
| July 2 | 1 vs.4 3 vs.2 | 7 p.m. Follows | Fertile |
| July 9 | 2 vs.1 4 vs.3 | 7 p.m. Follows | Plymouth |
| July 16 | 1 vs.3 2 vs.4 | 7 p.m. Follows | Manly |
| July 23 | 3 vs.2 4 vs.1 | 7 p.m. Follows | Fertile |

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| 1. Chips | 3. Creamery |
| 2. Rail | 4. Jakes |

BOYS LITTLE LEAGUE

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| June 3rd | 6:30 p.m. | Emmons (Home) |
| June 6th | 6:30 p.m. | Manly at Fertile (PeeWees) |
| | 7:30p.m. | Garner at Fertile (Midgets) |
| June 10th | 6:30 p.m. | Forest City West (here) |
| June 13th | 6:30 p.m. | Fertile at Lake Mills West |
| June 17th | 6:30 p.m. | Northwood West (here) |
| June 20th | 6:30 p.m. | Manly (here) (PeeWees) |
| June 24th | 6:30 p.m. | Fertile at Emmons |
| June 27th | 6:30 p.m. | At Garner (Midgets) |
| July 1st | 6:30 p.m. | At Lake Mills West |
| July 3rd | 6:30 p.m. | Manly (here) (PeeWees) |
| July 8th | 6:30 p.m. | Northwood West (here) |
| July 11th | 6:30 p.m. | At Garner (Midgets) |

The Fertile Garden Club held its yearly plant & bake sale Tues, May 14th at the Community Center. There were fifty guests plus nineteen members in attendance. Each guest received a potted petunia of her choice. Two door prizes were presented to lucky patrons. A free lunch was served to everyone including delicacies from each member's kitchen. The club officers were hostesses.

The next meeting is Tues, June 11th at the Community Center with Alice Kingland & Evelyn Knudson as hostesses.

May 23rd, Garden Club volunteers, Marcella Mitchell, Edna Pederson and Harriet Ouverson spaded the ground, selected the flowers and transplanted them in the areas of beauty surrounding the picturesque "Chapel Hill" located one-half mile West of Fertile on No. 9, then 1½ miles North, ¼ mile West and up the silent trail to the quaint little church extending tranquility in its elevation over Joice, Hanlontown, Fertile and even Pilot Knob. The vast beauty is breath taking!

Perennially nested just east of the church are a dozen graves marked by aging stones. If you wish to feel the nearness of God - visit this site. This inspiring plot is sponsored by the Worth County Historical Society. There are pictures for sale to preserve your memory. You may even tug on the rope to set in motion the tones of an authentic country style bell, tearing on the heart strings of your soul.

Harriet Ouverson
Reporter

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