

November  
1985

# Fertile Reminder



**NEW MINISTER** of Fertile and Pilot Knob Lutheran churches is the Rev. Orville Walters and his wife, Naomi. Pastor Walters was installed Aug. 18. Prior to coming to Fertile, he served the Lutheran church in Estelline, S. Dak. The Rev. and Mrs. Walters also served as missionaries in Madagascar for 21 years. A native of Viroqua, Wis., Pastor Walters is a graduate of Augsburg College and Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. The Walters have seven children and 18 grandchildren.

WELCOME TO OUR TOWN

Fertile Community Center  
August 1984 to August 1985

EXPENSES

Gas	\$3,921.43
Lights	1,059.67
Phone	150.95
Repair	575.57
Insurance	556.00
Sewer & Water	339.00
Misc.	265.05
Cookbooks	746.46
	<u>\$7,613.13</u>

INCOME

Rent (includes Sr.Citizens, Bus Barn Preschool, Dining room & Clubs)	\$3,650.00
Turkey Supper	1,100.00
Craft Day	300.00
Sweetheart Dance	1,202.08
Variety Show	481.00
Vacation Raffle	534.00
Interest	734.57
Cookbooks	215.00
	<u>\$8,216.65</u>

Total Income	\$8,216.65
Total Expenses	<u>7,613.13</u>
Balance	\$ 603.52

REMEMBER the following events

- Saturday, November 9th - 5th Annual Turkey Supper - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 23rd - 5th Annual Craft Fair - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 14th - Christmas Program & Santa Claus - 7:30 p.m.

HAPPY 23rd ANNIVERSARY  
Art and Shirley

GOVERNMENT COMMODITIES

Thursday, November 7th, 1:00 to 5:00.

Same Guidelines  
Cheese, Flour, Honey

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WANTED - Baby sitting evenings.  
Jody Kleveland - 797-2769

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A Belated "Happy Birthday" to Glea  
Hall on his 80th birthday.

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The Fertile Garden Club held their  
Guest Day, Oct. 8th at 2 p.m. at the  
Fertile Community Center Dining room.

Penny Miller, our Vice President,  
opened the meeting by welcoming our  
guests and members.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
was led by Penny Miller. 18 members  
answered roll call on "share something  
from your garden."

Thought for the Day by Marcella Mit-  
chell.

The program for Guest Day was arrang-  
ed by Marian Pitkin and Penny Miller.

Jerry Hill, Pilot Knob Park Ranger,  
showed slides and gave an interesting  
talk on Pilot Knob State Park, which  
was enjoyed by all. A question and an-  
swer session followed.

Mabel Haugen, from the Petal Shoppe,  
in Clear Lake, gave a lesson on "Get-  
ting Plants Ready for Winter," and  
demonstrated making Welcome Swags out  
of Indian Corn to hang by your door.  
The Welcome Swags and bulbs donated by  
Marian Pitkin were later given away as  
door prizes.

Ethel Tuttle and Violet Hall were in  
charge of the Guest book. About 50  
guests and members were present. Some  
were members of the Blossom Belles Gar-  
den Club of Hanlontown and the Ventura  
Garden Club.

Door prizes were won by Robin Harms,  
Audrey O'Leary, Ruth Johnson and Ade-  
line Spencer.

Penny Miller led the group in singing  
the Table Prayer and lunch was served  
by the hostesses, Fern Midtgaard, Edna  
Peterson, Arlene Lee and Mildred  
Grath.

Marcella Mitchell, Sec.



Love You Always  
Teresa, Scott, Tara,  
Roger, Tracy, Danielle,  
Mona, Dave, Hannah .  
Oct 20th



6<sup>th</sup> graders  
1956

Can you name  
them?"

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& Salad Bar - 5:30 to 9:30

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#### FERTILE REMINDER

The time has arrived for us to decide whether or not we should continue publishing the Reminder. We print 320 copies each month. We have spent \$300 to repair the copier this year. Other expenses each month are \$40 for postage, \$10 for typing, and \$7 for hand delivery. It takes a bottle of toner every two months at a cost of \$30, plus fuser oil at \$40 a year and our paper which costs \$16 a month. We have recieved donations from 110 families, plus each business that advertises pays \$2 each month. We also recieve \$15 per month from the City to publish the council news and balance sheet.

We appreciate hearing from many former residents and they have all been great to send in donations each year. It is our local families we need to hear from. It's your decision. Let us know if you want the paper.

Special thanks go to Dick Sheimo for cutting all the brush around the Community Center and the bus barn and to Randy and Laura Shropshire for mowing the yard all summer. Also to Craig Hansmeier for donating all his labor to repair the gym roof, and to Verna Hallman for donating half of the cost for cleaning the center. To Eileen Schissel, Diane Burthess and Carolyn Nedved for helping me with the Clothes Closet.

Ruth B. Oувerson

The Reminder thanks Charlie (Max) Nye and Frank Sheimo for the new paint job on the Fertile sign on the highway. Take the time to thank them. There are many ways to improve our town if we each took a little time to do it.

Don't forget election day coming up!

I Loren Hoffman would appreciate your vote for the position of Mayor of Fertile. Working as a team is what it is all about and I would like the opportunity to be part of that team.

Loren Hoffman

# STRAIGHT TALK

Submitted by  
A.A. Luther

## It's Time To Take Away The Government's Credit Card

Detroit

A couple months back, I was told that newspaper readers wanted to hear some

words of wisdom from a businessman. It was figured that it would be a nice change of pace from the professional columnists who cover the business scene. I finally agreed — if only because I suddenly realized that Art Buchwald had become my favorite business writer!

So here I am, pen in hand, ready to have a go at it — but only about eight times a year since I don't want to bore you. I do this with some trepidation, by the way. Last year when my autobiography was published, Mario Puzo, of *Godfather* fame, approached me at a publisher's party and said, "Hey, kid, you stay out of my racket, and I'll stay out of yours — OK?"

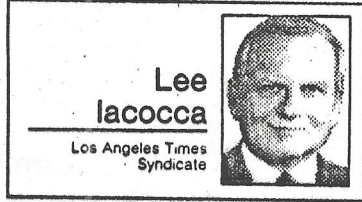
Well, have no fear, a Pulitzer Prize winner I'm not, but I do have some strong views (some even say radical) on how and why America is on the skids when it comes to competing with the rest of the world. In a 40-year business career, the last seven of which have been mind-boggling, I have always felt that Americans could always muddle through. Now for the first time in my life, I'm not too sure.

You see, about five years ago when Chrysler was going down the tubes, I started yelling to anyone who would listen that it wasn't just Chrysler that was in trouble — it was the whole country.

Chrysler is stronger than ever today, partly because of the upturn in the auto market and partly because of our government loan guarantee. But the real reason Chrysler is alive today is people — people who faced up to the company's problems and accepted sacrifices to see the company through.

We called it "equality of sacrifice," because we found that when everybody bled equally, they bled willingly. Pay cuts, long hours, reduced benefits — that's all we had to offer; but those sacrifices were made willingly because nobody liked the alternatives.

Chrysler may be out of the woods, but



America isn't. America's economic problems get worse every day, because we haven't yet faced up to reality and made the sacrifices necessary to lick our problems.

Nobody wants to face the facts. We are spending ourselves silly. We're not paying our way. We're all looking for the free lunch.

So let's look at the record as we approach the halfway mark of the roaring '80s.

We began the decade with an annual budget deficit of \$74 billion; halfway through, we've tripled it to \$222 billion. In 1980, we had a trade deficit of \$24 billion. In 1985, we are in the hole \$150 billion, with no end in sight.

We started the decade with a national debt of \$1 trillion (by the way, it took us 205 years to get there). Now, in just five years, we've doubled it to \$2 trillion and could easily go to \$3 trillion by 1990.

So the truth is, we are going broke, and not very slowly. Oh, we won't go bankrupt — Chapter 11 would be too embarrassing for the nation. And we won't default on our loans, because we're too proud for that. But make no mistake about it, we are going to saddle the next couple of generations with the task of digging their way out of the hole we left them in.

Where do we want to go from here? Do we want to go even deeper in debt, or not? Do we want to continue the de-industrialization of America and ship our higher-paying jobs overseas, or not? Do we want to compete, or not? Those are pretty fundamental questions. They need to be answered. The American people need to face up to some alternatives.

I believe that the growing national debt is a scandal. We have to do something about it before it breaks our backs. We need more tax revenue and we need less spending — defense and non-defense — period. Everybody has got to come to the table and give a little, and I mean everybody — big business, small business, unions, the Army, the Navy, you and me.

I believe we need a trade policy to level the playing field that American businessmen and American workers compete on. The "policy" we have today of free trade simply isn't working because nobody else plays by those rules. All this talk about

starting a trade war is hogwash. The war has been raging for the past five years, and we're losing it — at the rate of \$13 billion a month.

I believe we need a plan to revitalize American industry before it is too late, and I am not just talking about smoke-stack industry. We are losing across the board now — high-tech, low-tech, agriculture, you name it. Only the so-called service industries seem to be enjoying growth.

I believe we ought to have an energy policy, and we don't have one. We are setting ourselves up for the next oil crisis, whenever and however it comes about. We have been down that road twice before. Don't we ever learn?

Up to now, I have been polite (at least by my standards) in what I have had to say on these subjects; but I would like to see more people get as alarmed as I am, and I would like to see the administration take off its rose-colored glasses, and I would like to see senators and congressmen put on their "American" hats instead of just their "state" or "district" hats.

I probably sound like a doomsayer, but I'm not. I like to think I am a realist. All I really want to see is the hard questions surfaced instead of evaded and ignored. Democracies are built on debate and dialogue. That's what makes them work, lots of give and take. But now it seems all we do is finger-point.

Do we need some huge crisis to make us close ranks? What happened to the spirit of compromise? It seems all we do is choose sides.

We'd all better meet in the middle somewhere. That's how we have always survived in this country — by meeting in the middle and pulling together and sharing the pain and sacrifice — fairly and equally. That's our heritage in America.

Let's not talk about waiting for 1986 or 1988, or the year 2000. How about some action in the next six months? That great philosopher, Henny Youngman, once said, "I have this doctor. He gave me six months to live. I said I couldn't pay my bill. He said I'll give you another six months!"

I'm afraid that's been our whole approach in this country lately; the bill is \$2 trillion.

No truer words were ever written or spoken. Some of the farmers are feeling the pinch now, this will continue for some time. Washington seems to feel that there is no money help necessary. Wash out!! One million workers will be out of jobs each year for the next 3 years. The same story will repeat.

# FERTILE CRAFT FAIR

Sat. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fertile Community Center.  
8:00 Am. to 3:00 pm.

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| Handmade Craft Items                    | Cabbage Patch Clothes    |
| Hand Painted Pictures<br>by Elaine Hall | Bake Sale                |
| Wood Items                              | Christmas Decorations    |
| Plaster Craft                           | Demo. in Making Rosettes |
| Homemade Lefse                          |                          |

## Special Guest!

Jean Thune will be selling her cookbook & signing them. She also writes a column in the Globe Gazette "Kitchen - Kapurs".

Also will be serving Lunch!

Homemade Turkey Noodle Soup

+

Chili

All you can Eat For \$1.00

Also Homemade Pie, Bars, Rosettes.

The October meeting of the City Council was held Oct. 1st, with Mayor Bailey presiding. Council members present were Hare, Hall, VanDenBosch, Peterson & Schultze.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

Council Discussed asking property owners along the south side of Hwy 9 if they would favor voluntary annexation into the city limits. VanDenBosch will talk to them.

Discussion on street repair.

Council received resignation of Ruth B. Ouverson from the library board effective Nov.11, 1985. Mayor Bailey appointed Evelyn Elthon to replace her.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be held Nov. 5th at the library.

Remember to vote in the City Election on Tuesday, November 5th.

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Thank you to everyone who made my Birthday such a pleasant day. Thanks to all who helped in any way...kitchen, program or otherwise and to Pastor Ganz. The day will always be remembered.

Ethel Tuttle

SEPTEMBER BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Evelyn Knudsen	246.55
Janice Hare	240.97
Dick Sheimo	674.86
David Low	303.45
Peoples Natural Gas	44.85
Feed-Rite Controls	225.41
Waste Systems Corp.	603.00
Interstate Power Co.	593.66
Jordan's	62.85
City of Fertile	51.00
Burtness P & H	32.55
Worsley Elec.	214.91
Matt Parrott & Sons	17.07
Sa-So, dic.	699.60
Winn. Co-op Telephone	67.56
Treas - State of Iowa	100.58
Fertile Lbr & Hdwe	24.61
Fertile Comm. Center	180.00
Fire Chief Magazine	18.00
Christian Bookstore	11.16
Doubleday	8.02
Family Bookshelf	15.14
Better Homes & Gardens	18.91
T. Bouregy & Co.	42.80
NCRLS	55.50
B. Dalton	132.58
Demco	155.38
Mademoiselle	15.00
Ipers - Foab	253.48
Ipers	169.89
Fertile Sr. Citizens	100.00
Chemical Dependency Center	50.00
Butterfield & Co.	250.00

Total 5,679.34

TOTAL RECEIPTS 4,678.34

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FRONTIER TOWN—Fertile was a frontier village when this photo was taken, in 1875. Willows had been cleared from the dike beside the dam (center to right), providing a view of William Rhodes flour mill, extreme right; the log cabin which

was his home, next to the mill; the general store, right center, which was moved and is now the locker plant, and the Sagen hardware, left center.



SPECIALS

Create-a-Soup Mix	Beef, Chicken, French Onion	Save 40¢ ea	\$5.49
Brown Gravy Mix	New Low Salt Formula		\$5.49
Gourmet Cheese Sauce		Save 40¢ ea	\$5.49
Degreaser for Laundry Use	1 qt.	Save 40¢	\$4.39
Furniture Polish with Lemon		Save 50¢	\$4.39
Medicated Ointment	5 oz	Save 50¢	\$4.39
Will Power - No Phosphate	Laundry Detergent - 10 lbs	Save \$1	\$13.25
Will Power Prewash Stain Remov		Save 40¢	\$3.59
Childrens Chewable Vitamins	- 100 tab.	Save 60¢	\$3.59
Calcium Magnesium	- 375 mg - 100 tab.	Save 70¢	\$6.79
Senior Multi Vitamins & Minerals	- 85 caps.	Save \$1	\$4.39

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STORK NEWS

Sept. 22nd, a 9 lb 9 oz Girl to Harold & Linda Brunsvold, Kensett. Grandparents are Curtis & Gwen Ouver-son, Fertile, Mrs. Agnes Brunsvold, Manly. Great Grandparents are Helen Ouverson, Fertile and Anna Lein, Joice.

Oct. 13th, a 8 lb 9 oz Girl to Roger and Tracy Hennigar. Grandparents are Art and Shirley Hennigar, Fertile and Larry McIlrath, Mason City, and Sharon McIlrath, Ventura.

THE QUIET PLACE

I like to find a quiet place  
Amidst the work and pressing pace  
and shift my thoughts to God and Grace  
Then struggles, cares and fears release  
He speaks in Love, he gives me peace  
Fresh courage comes, my tensions cease.  
I love to find this quiet place.



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