

August
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Fertile Reminder



Mr. & Mrs. Vingil Ovenson will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house at the Fertile Church of Christ from 2-5 p.m. Sunday the 3rd of August. A short program at 2:30. Everyone Welcome.

The Ovenson's were married July 4, 1936. They were married by H.F. Risse at the Fertile Church of Christ. They are Parents of three sons, Larry, Dennis & Roger.

This is a follow up on the story of the Winnebago Indians and their living in Hungry Hollow.

Yes, the Indians did go west past a big rock known as Camp Rock, North of the buildings where Dale Hyde and his family live now.

Several years ago my two Uncles Gurt Orcutt and Albert Orcutt had cabins built and lived South of the Winnebago River. The land then was owned by their brother Will Orcutt. Later it was bought by E.B. Stillman of Clear Lake.

In 1981 a piece of this land was bought by Danny Calgaard from the Stillman Estate. He cleared this land and when he began to till it to plant his crops, he found a number of arrows. He found one piece he didn't know what it was, so he took it to Mrs. Leo Oswald and she being well versed in Indian Relics knew it was an Indian Needle. They used it to sew their animal skin, clothing and moccasins. So this is evidence of many battles fought by the Winnebago Indians and other tribes in that territory.

Danny has all the arrows, needle and other relics he has found there. This land is privately owned and no trespassers are allowed on it due to ruining the crops planted there.

Martin Ouverson was the first White Child born here among the Indians. His Mother was afraid of them. They came to see the baby. Mrs. Ouverson was afraid they would sneak in and steal him. But they finally got her to understand they just come to see him and would do him no harm.

Martins parents names was Halvor and Ingebor Ouverson. And Martin was married to Christine Erickson. They had five Children, Harold, Leonard, Donald, Irene and Edna, and they lived about one mile South of Fertile.

The Indian learned many things from the white man but the white man also learned from the Indian, such as putting a small fish under each hill of corn for a better crop. The white man learned how to make clothing from animal skins and to make moccasins, they also learned how to use a bow and arrow, while the Indian learned that the white man couldn't live on wild game and fish. There were no roads laid out as we have them now. So the white man took a sled and went across country to Mason City and brought the things he had to have, such as flour, sugar and coffee.

Soon the mill here was built and grain was ground into flour. But the Indians had departed long before the vicinity where they lived was taken over by the white man.

Written by
Violet Hall

STORK NEWS

GIRL, June 30, 8 lbs., Stevie Marie to Kenny and Cindy Meier, Blue Grass, Ia. She has a sister Micki Marie, 20 months old. Grandparents are Ron & Millie Beyers, Fertile and Homer & C. Green Meier, Des Moines. Great Grandmother is Selma Beyers, Mason City.

GIRL, July 7, 7 lbs. 14 oz., Trisha Ann, to Ron Roger & Shelly Richardson, Clear Lake. Grandparents are Ron Daniels and Mr. & Mrs. Byron Richardson, Clear Lake. Great-Grandparents are Glen & Marcella Purcell and the Howard Mitchell, Fertile, and Lena Daniels, Clear Lake.

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WANTED -- Bean Walking or Rock picking jobs.

797-2731

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I would like to express my appreciation to my friends in Fertile for the farewell they gave me. Thank you for coming, and for the gifts. Thank you ladies for providing the lunch and serving it. My prayer is that God will bless and reward you for your kindness.

Violet Levang

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LOST !!!

One long haired, gray, small female cat, yrs. old.

Wearing white flea and tick collar that glows in the dark.

Answers to the name of Willis.
Please call 797-2214 -- Joyce Steuer
Last seen 7-3-86.

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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Met at 9:30 a.m. at Fertile Community Center July 1. They toured members' Gardens. At noon they had a sack lunch. Marcella Mitchell and Ruth Wolf served dessert.

They held their business meeting at noon also. Then they continued on their tour of the Gardens.

Next meeting is Tuesday, Aug 12th. Hostesses are: Mildred McGrath and Carrie Luther.

Roll Call was, each member bring a flower from their Garden.

Synneva Hoffman will give a talk on Flower Arrangements and Ruth Rovang on How to Dry Flowers for Winter Arrangements.

We are wondering how many people can remember that at one time Fertile had a weekly newspaper. We have a copy of the Fertile Enterprise found in the belongings of Aimee Nye. It was hand addressed to her father C.A. McEnelly, R.R. The date of this publication is Saturday, July 25, 1903. The paper was published every Saturday with B.J. Booth as publisher and editor. It was entered at the Post Office at Fertile, Iowa for transmission through the mails as second class matter. The cost was \$1.00 per year in advance.

B.J. Booth was born in Iowa County, Wisconsin at Pumpkin Ridge in 1855. When thirteen years of age, he came with his parents to Northern Iowa. He was prominently identified with the educational interests of Worth County and for two terms served the position of County Superintendent of Schools.

In the fall of '99, Fertile business men decided the advisability of a Fertile newspaper and as a result the Fertile Enterprise came into existence with J.F. Rhodes business Manager, E.M. Lang and Dr. Phillips associate editors and B.J. Booth editor. Arrangements were made with J.C. Davenport of Clear Lake to do the press work and under this management the paper was run one year at the close of which B.J. Booth became both editor and manager. Two things from the following article - From the first, the sheet met with the support and sympathy of those who were interested in our pretty village both at home and abroad. The paper has never missed an issue and hundreds of copies have been mailed at the Fertile Post Office each Saturday. At first, many of these copies were marked "Sample" but at present the paper goes to seventeen states, two territories and the District of Columbia telling its readers of the business prosperity, beauty and growth of Fertile, which we as a people are proud to call home. It tells of our churches, our schools and all that goes to build up our community. The Enterprise is sent out with malice toward none and good will for all. This paper, as all others, has an influence and that power is without exception is used for what we believe to be for the public good. We ask for your Cooperation and support for the future as we have realized them in the past and trust that the help received and given shall be mutual in building our town up in all things which tend toward the advancement of our business interests. The above quote was written by Mrs. Booth.

We also have another Copy of a double fold newspaper. One sheet is labeled The Hanlontown News and the other sheet is The Fertile News. This paper was postmarked Friday, April 9, 1920 and had been sent to John Fankell. This paper cost \$1.50 per year. This news sheet was published by M.A. Aasgard as owner and publisher. It was entered at the post office as second class matter in Hanlontown under the act of Congress of March 8, 1879. H.K. Lockrem was the local editor.

The two papers had their fair share of advertisements as the papers of today have. They, too, must have had new's reporters who filled in the local people of the happenings and goings on of the local people. They even had advertisements from Clear Lake and Mason City to help with their expenses. The patent medicines were well advertised and from their reports "they could cure many ailments" -all the way from a cold to a severe case of piles! From time to time in the Fertile Newsletter we hope to reproduce some of the old advertisements and the local news of that day as it was read by the readers of that day. Perhaps to many of the Old Timers it will bring a smile of remembrance - to those who are younger, perhaps "I can hardly believe it".

In its early days, Fertile was a little, thriving metropolis. Fertile boasted a Blacksmith Shop, a Furniture Store, a Funeral Parlor, a Drug Store, a Barber Shop, Grocery Stores, Dry Goods Store -- perhaps many others as well. Mrs. Caroline Rye operated a Cafe in the old Post Office Building. The fire department consisted of well bodied men plus pails!

In the early forties, Fertile had three grocery stores, three garages with filling stations, free movies once a week, two restaurants -- These come to mind as I am writing this. We hope you have enjoyed this trip down memory lane.

Loretta Nye

(This is an Introduction to a Feature Item to be printed in future Reminders)



5th grade



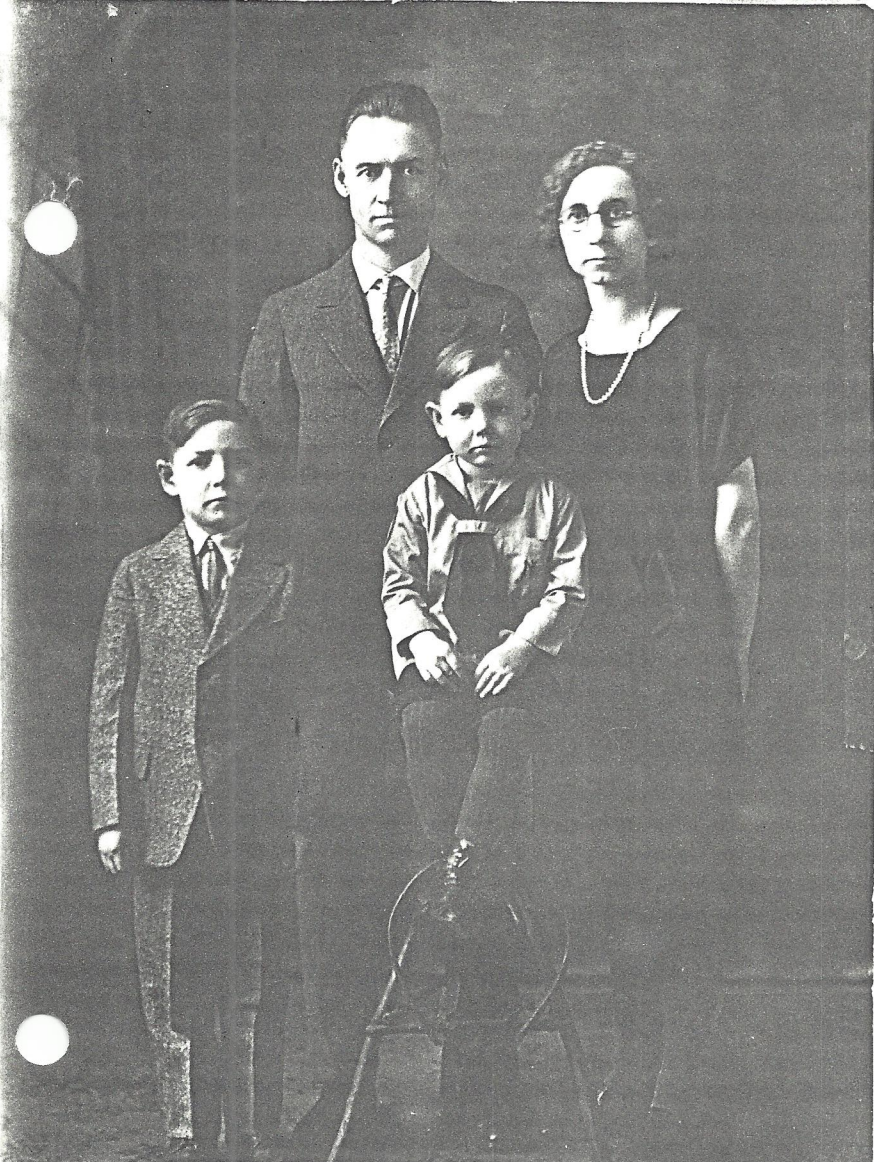
25th Reunion

The Class of 1946 held their 40th Anniversary at the Sheraton Inn, Mason City, on Friday night June 13th.

On Saturday noon they met for lunch at the Fertile Creamery. All attended the social hour and Alumni Banquet held in the Fertile Gym in the evening, afterwards they were guests in the Virgil & Romane Lovik home.

Members of the Class attending were:

- Anna M. (Sanderson) Spangler - Armonk, New York
- Don & Norma (Holtan) Wakeley - Bellevire, Washington
- Larry & Phyllis (Lindquist) Purcell - Boone
- Norma (Oswald) VanDenBosch - Ames
- Virgil & Romane (Humphrey) Lovik - Joice
- Dean & Carol Haugen - Fertile
- Pat & Phyllis Nissen - Clear Lake
- Dick Combs - Stateboro, Georgia
- Russell & Ardella (Brosdal) Osnes - Minneapolis, Minn.
- Dorothy (Elthon) Davis - San Clemante, California



Vern C. & Aimee Nye - C. Norman & Max Nye - 1924
 Vern C. Nye passed away in 1927



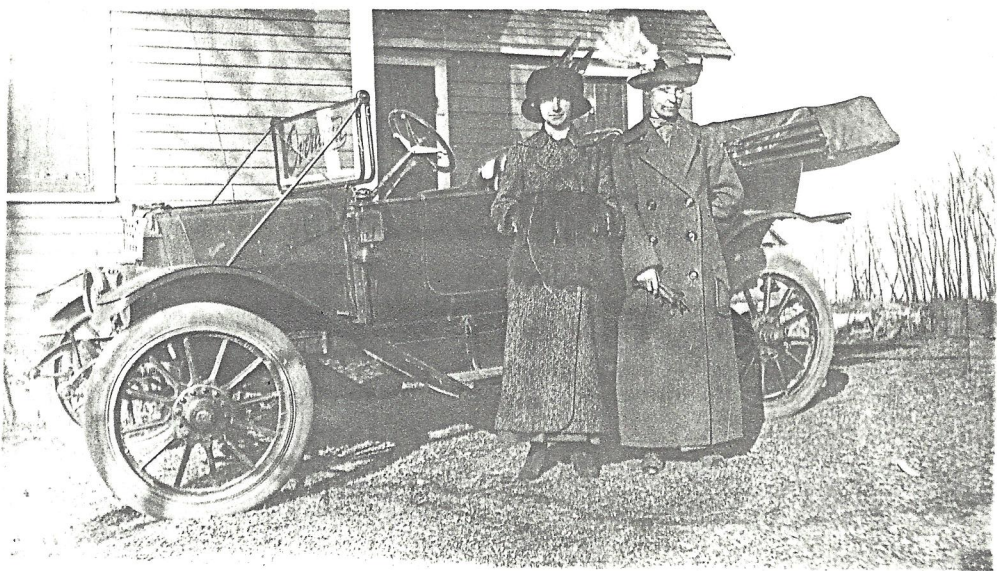
C. Norman Nye
 Aimee Nye
 Max Nye



Tin Type Wedding Picture
 of Mr. & Mrs. Charles
 McEnelly. Parents of
 George, Aimee & Mary
 (Mayme) McEnelly.



Mary (Mayme) McEnelly
 Purcell
 George McEnelly
 Aimee McEnelly Nye
 Mother of Mr. & Mrs. Charles



Notice fancy automobile
 Aimee Nye
 Mary (Mayme) Purcell

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on July 1 with Mayor Hoffman presiding. Council members present were Hare, Nye, Kirschbaum & Peterson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on proposed addition to Fire Building. Proposal of Fertile Lumber and Hardware was signed.

Council discussed vandalism in the park. Reward of \$25 is offered for the names of the people spray painting on any property in Fertile. Signs will be made to control littering in the park. Council asks that anyone catching fish they don't want would throw them in the river. Please do not leave them in the park.

Motion to purchase box fan for water treatment plant. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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The Fertile City Council met in special session on July 8, 1986. Mayor Hoffman presided and council members present were Nye, Hare, Peterson, Sandifer & Kirschbaum.

Mr. Street of Watertower Paint & Repair showed video film of the interior & exterior of the water tower. He gave four proposals for the maintenance of the tower.

Motion to sandblast and paint inside of the tower and also paint the outside of the tower. Carried. Council chose white paint with red letters & red top.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be held Tues. Aug. 5, 1986 at 7 p.m. at the Library.

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JUNE BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Janice Hare	240.71
David Low	303.11
Dick Sheimo	703.10
Evelyn Knudson	231.12
Leilani Knudson	41.68
Loren Hoffman	325.00
Dick Sheimo	12.00
Postmaster	20.00
Ipers-FOAB	258.30
Ipers	170.69
Winn. Co-op Telephone	60.18
Peoples Natural Gas	71.86
Vesta Kuns	29.75
Jordan's	39.28

K & R Gas	42.50
Larsen P & H	23.46
City of Fertile	51.00
House of Sports	21.28
Worsley Electric	36.35
Waste Systems Corp.	695.20
Max Nye	5
Interstate Power Co.	652.42
Val Ccm	34.98
B. Dalton	237.35
World Book	20.95
NCRLS	2.75
Christian Bookstore	126.00
Country Home	15.00
Ideals	15.95
Evelyn Knudson	12.47
Szymanski, S.I. Inc.	206.50
Steffen Constr. Co.	1,839.00
Treas. - State of Iowa	89.07
Janet Burtness	5.00
Loren Hoffman	9.92
Peoples Natural Gas	48.06
Ray Schmidt	300.00

TOTAL \$ 6,997.19

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$14,616.51

GIRL, July 10, 7 lbs. 5 oz., Kylie Jo, to Mark & Chris Anderson. Grandparents are: Doris Anderson, Fertile, Fran Appelby, Anamosa & Paul Appelby, Cedar Rapids.

BOY, July 17, 8 lbs. 1 oz., David George, to James & Vickie Graf, Mason City. Grandparents are: Bob Tuttle, Mason City, Mrs. Jean Roberts, Clear Lake and Mr. & Mrs. Art Graf, Mason City. Great-Grandmother, Ethel Tuttle, Clear Lake.

BOY, July 18, 6lbs. 15 oz., Adam Joseph to Robin & Randy Harms, Fertile. Grandparents are: Larry Tuttle, Lake Mills, Pat Tuttle, Fertile & Betty Harms, Hanlontown. Great Grandparents are: Ethel Tuttle, Clear Lake, and Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Reindl, Manly.

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CHURCH NEWS

FERTILE LUTHERAN

Worship - 10:30 a.m.
S.S. - 9:15 a.m.

(NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!!!)

CIRCLES - "Visitation"

ALCW - 8/14-9:30 a.m. Bible Study Lesson

PILOT KNOB

Worship - 9:00 a.m.
S.S. - 10:15 a.m.

(NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!!!)

CIRCLES

Esther-8/20-12:00 Noon Pot Luck at Church
Ruth-8/19-7:30 p.m. - Sharen Rieffer
ALCW-8/5-1:30 p.m. - Good Samaritan Center
Coffee at Bungalow Cafe

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"CONGRATULATIONS" to Virgil and Ruth Ouverson who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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Remember the Pork Chop Supper, August 23. Serving time is 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Menu is: Grilled Chops, Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Buns, Bars or Cupcakes, Cold Drink & Coffee. All Proceeds go to support the Community Center.

A drawing for a 19 inch Color TV will also be held at 7:30, Aug. 23rd. One dollar donations are being accepted for a chance to win. Raffle Tickets are available now and will also be available at the Pork Chop Supper.

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"PLEASE" -- Turn in all Articles for the Fertile Reminder, BEFORE the 20th of each Month. All items to be typed are to be given to Delores Suby. Other Articles & pictures should be given to Ruth B. Ouverson. The Stork News is to be given to Kay Olson.

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WANTED: Baby Sitting Jobs for this fall. Reasonable rates -- Call Jane Ramon 797-2731

SMALL TOWN

Our little town is really small
When men and boys can't play ball.
First we lost our Bank, Stores, and
even our School,
But, Council, why lose a sport
with your last rule?
With your Firmly-made decision
That Ball Games were of derision
Our little town is smaller yet
And I'd wager a little bet:
That we'll make another trip to Forest City
With our money, gas, our pride and pity.
Our little town is really small
When men and boys can't play ball.

Jan Grossnickle

This poem refers to the City Council's decision, that any persons sponsoring softball tournaments must have a certificate of Insurance plus a \$50.00 Deposit prior to games. It is my understanding that this is an un-insurable event; thus softball tournaments have virtually been ruled out -- due to various reasons.

For Sale. 2 Load's of
Corn Cobs - make a offer
Ethel Tuttle
797-2648



4th grade

Mrs. Bauer teacher

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Support these Merchants. Their ads make it possible for us to publish the Fertile Reminder. We also need to hear from each of you to pay the postage for mailings.

LARSEN'S PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2219

JORDAN'S MIDLAND SERVICE 797-2677
Complete Automotive Service

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

PRONTO MARKET 797-2220
Gas and Groceries

PERSONAL TOUCH BEAUTY SALON 797-2422
Styling for Men & Women

K & R SERVICE 797-2440

RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES 797-2681

FERTILE FEED SERVICE 797-2242
Complete Livestock Needs
Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food

WORSLEY ELECTRIC 797-2494
Katolight Generators
Sales & Service

FLOWERS BY McCOY - Forest City
Flowers for all occasions 582-4517

FOREST CITY COW PALACE 582-4646
Auction every Wednesday

*Wanted - Custom Windowing
Hay and Oats
Dean Quinerson
797-2716*

J & W UPHOLSTERY 797-2457
Upholstery-Fabric-Supplies
Jean & Wayne Roberts

FIRST STATE BANK 896-2200
Serving North Iowa
Hanlontown, Kensett & Plymouth
Main Office--Manly

CREAMERY RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 797-9685
Specializing in Good Food

PETAL SHOPPE 357-5030
FREE Delivery to Hospitals 357-5026
1714 7th Ave.N, Clear Lake

LIBRARY HOURS:

Wednesday - 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Friday - 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to NOON

The Fertile Library Board has completed our telephone survey. We want to thank everyone who took the time to answer our questions. We received many complimentary remarks for our library and librarian.

Fertile Library Board

The Library checked out 10,083 books and magazines the past year.

We would like to welcome a new member to our board, Shari Hoffman.

NEW BOOKS

Rice diet report - Judy Moscovitz

Last of the breed - Louis L'Amour

Secret of the east wind - Carole Page

Tennessee! - Dana Ross

A matter of honor - Jeffrey Archer

Wanderlust - Danielle Steel

Lord of the dance - Audrey Greeley

Act of will - Barbara Bradford