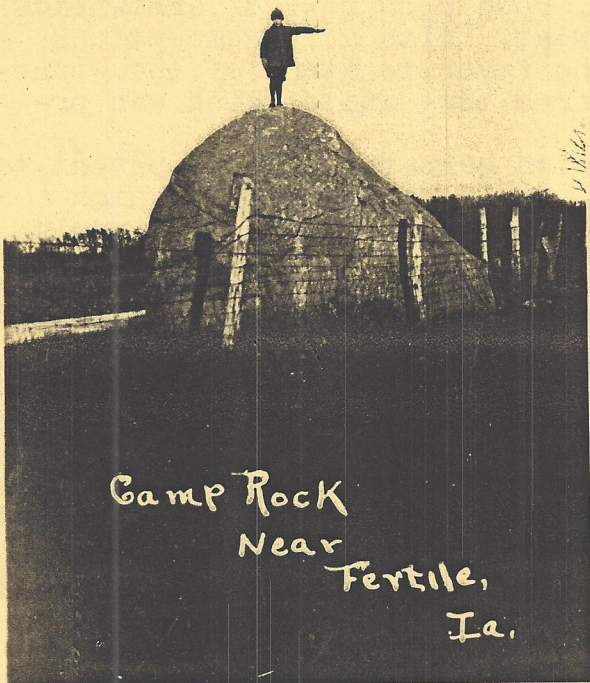


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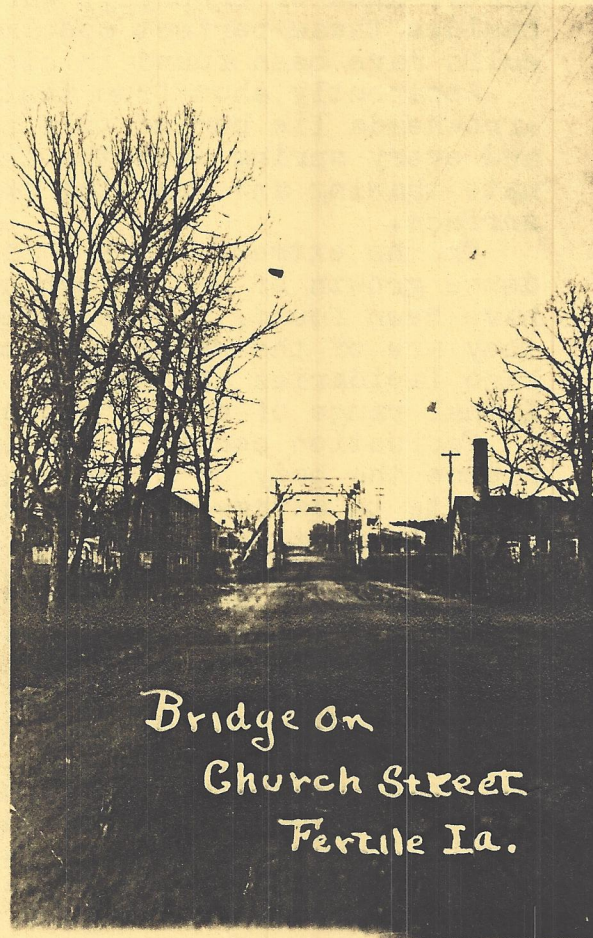


Indian Battleground.  
Near Fertile, Ia.



Camp Rock  
Near  
Fertile,  
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Bridge on  
Church Street  
Fertile Ia.

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Battle of Shungkahdah fought near Fertile in early days between the Winnebago and the Sioux Indians.

There are rolling hills that lie in North-Central portion of the state. They rise at the foot of Pilot Knob and are seen ranging away far to the east. In places they are rough and broken, stone-covered and timber-clad, with forest of Native Oak; but as they roll away to the eastward, their rigorous aspect gradually disappears. Aptly called the "Highlands of Iowa" by the late Doctor Pammel of Ames.

Many years ago the rolling hills were chosen haunts of the Winnebago Indians. At peace with the whites, between them and the Sioux there existed for years the most bitter of animosity. Clashes between the two tribes were frequent and bloody and finally culminated in open war, a war of savagery and barbarism followed by pestilence and famine, grim vestiges of which remain to this day in the lands of rolling hills.

The first or opening battle of the war between the Winnebagoes and Sioux was staged in North Iowa highlands at a point where hills begin to break and creep out over the southern slope of Worth county, six miles east of Pilot Knob near the Village of Fertile. It is known in Indian tradition as the battle of Shungkahdah, and while early history has failed to record it in the annals of long ago, its story is written on the battle ground in cold letters of flint, chert and obsidian.

If one has time to tarry in the rolling hills of this thrilling drama staged by the savage men who fought hand to hand with clubs of stone, for there, in rich profusion he shall see the relics of primordial war.

Possibly nowhere in the United States will the traveler find another spot so right in stone relics of the American Indians as on the old battle field of Shungkahdah. Within an area of less than 300 acres, collectors and connoisseurs of savage all have found more than 600 perfect arrowheads, darts, axes of prophyry, war clubs of fieldspar, green-stone and chert. Besides these perfect specimens almost like number of imperfect ones or culls have been found in close proximity to the battlefield.

Apparently shot from taut strings of powerful bows, large numbers of arrowheads lie buried to a considerable depth in the lush black loam soil and every spring when the snow had melted on the battle field the alternate thawing and freezing and heaving frost tends to lift them to the surface.

On the extreme eastern margin of the field at a once covered with a dense growth of underbrush and small trees, rows upon rows of arrowheads have been found, all pointing to the northwest. With a few exceptions they are of the whitest Wisconsin flint, the favorite stone of the Winnebago lapidaries and were no doubt brought from that state which was original range of early "innebagoes".

Perfection contour, needle pointed and with serrated edge competent to pierce the body of a horse and rider alike, their workmanship is high tribute to savage skill. Their position in even rows in the soil would indicate that they had been shot in whistling volleys by the Winnebagoes from a point to the southwest and that the Sioux Warriors were fighting under cover of the leafy ambushade there cannot be a shadow of a doubt. And there is lucid proof that the arrows so plentifully strewn over a portion of the western half of the field were shot from bowstrings of stealthy Sioux. For here unlike those found in and about the timbered portion of the eastern part of the field, the arrowheads do not lie in rows, but are scattered about as if shot at random or by desultary firing. For most part they lie with point toward the southwest showing they were shot from the direction of the thicket where the Sioux are believed to have been in ambush. With few exceptions all those known to have been found on this part of the field are almost transparent Chalcedony, a stone highly prized by Sioux arrowsmiths of 150 years ago.



As we begin a new year publishing the Fertile Reminder, we hope to hear from more of you with articles or pictures for us to use. We ask that any news items or ads be given to Delores (Mrs. Boyd) Suby by the 20th of each month. Articles and pictures should be given to Ruth B. Ouverson by the same date.

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Housework is something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it.

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Overeating will make you thick to your stomach.

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It's a smart husband who buys his wife such delicate China that she won't trust him to help with the dishes.

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#### FAITH IN ACTION

It's not easy  
to apologize  
to begin over  
to be unselfish  
to take advice  
to be considerate  
to endure success  
to keep trying  
to forgive & forget  
to shoulder a deserved blame  
to recognize a silver lining  
But this is faith in action.

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#### COMMUNITY CENTER

We apologize for the temperature in the gym the night of the Christmas Program. It was very cold. We found out later that there was ice in the pipe and the heat was not coming thru. We have decided that next year Santa Claus will appear in the dining room on Sat. at noon. We will serve a noon lunch and not have a program, as our sound system also needs to be replaced.

Next money raising event for the Community Center will be the Sweetheart Dance. Ray & Lorraine Bakke are in charge. They do a great job every year.

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Alumni Banquet will be held in June. The date has not yet been selected. It will be either the 7th or 14th. Keep these dates in mind. Officers are:

Harlan Rodberg, President  
Jerry Ouverson, Vice-President  
Gail Zirbel, Sec. & Treas.  
Erma Brue, Recording Sec.

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Do you realize that the good food you wasted at every meal counts up by the end of the week? And the few swallows of milk left in the glass and tossed down the drain add up to quarts in a short while.

Stop to think how far that same money would go if it were given to your church offering or to a mission offering or to your local groups feeding the poor. When half the people in the world are starving, it is food for thought. God Forgive Us.

#### NOTICE!

I am delivering both the Mason City Paper and the Des Moines Register. I apologize to those who were inconvenienced during the extreme cold and the days I was ill. Thank you for understanding. I am also in need of a substitute carrier. If interested call 797-2290.

Sally Norgaard

Thank you Fertile Fire Dept. for your quick response to my house on Nov. 17th.

I also want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards & visits both times I was hospitalized. I really appreciated your thoughtfulness. God Bless you all.

Arlene Lee

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The Fertile Little League will be having a Pancake Feed on Saturday, February 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Lunchroom of the Fertile Community Center. Cost will be \$2.50 for Adults and \$1.50 for Children 12 and under.



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Janice Hare  
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Evelyn Knudsen	223.79
Dick Sheimo	729.47
Waste Systems Corp.	603.00
Interstate Power	586.63
Winn. Co-op Telephone	22.39
Treas - State of Iowa	97.79
Ipers	159.04
Ipers - FOAB	237.30
City of Fertile	51.00
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	71.06
Anchor Publishing	97.50
U.S. Stamped Envelope Ag.	121.50
Jordan's	135.95
Univ. Hygienic Lab.	24.00
Minn. Valley Testing Lab.	29.00
Burtness P & H	12.48
K & R Gas	36.25
Peoples Natural Gas	112.24
River City International	203.46
Christian Bookstore	48.77
B. Dalton	82.05
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Fins & Feathers	12.95
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National Geographic World	9.95
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Meeting called to order by Mayor Hoffman. Council members present were Schultze, Peterson, Hare, Kirschbaum and Sandifer. Also present were Sherrie Hoffman, Max & Jerry Nye.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor appointed: Ray Sandifer-Mayor Pro Tem. and Kirschbaum-Water Comm., Sandifer-St. Comm., Hare-Park Comm., Peterson-Sewer and Schultze-Pest Comm.

Report on sewer lagoon pump being repaired.

Letter received from Fertile Feed with questions regarding annexation.

Council discussed budget preparation. February council meeting - Feb 4 - was set as the revenue sharing hearing and also as the budget preparation meeting. Motioned and Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Interstate Power Co.	597.94
Winn. Co-op Telephone Assn.	158.79
Treas - State of Iowa	81.23
Ipers	167.81
Ipers - FOAB	250.38
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	210.57
Co-op Services	35.35
G & H Motor Parts	59.90
Richard Alton	96.00
Leonard Bailey	115.00
Lonnie Bailey	100.00
Allen Berg	97.00
Lester Burtness	96.00
Loren Hoffman	56.00
Tom Morse	98.00
Harry Shropshire	30.00
Henry Thompson	89.00

Tom Monsen	52.00
Jerry Nye	48.00
Eugene Hall	218.00
Fred Hare	200.00
Jean VanDenBosch	70.00
Cliff Peterson	140.00
Mark Schultze	140.00
JoAnn Bailey	355.00
Burtness P & H	18.50
Ray Bakke	25.00
Fertile Meats	78.07
Worsley Electric	215.02
Christian Bookstore	43.15
B. Dalton	109.24
T. Bouregy	42.80
Home Mechanix	11.94
Redbook	17.97
Randy Ouverson	5.00
Total	\$5,999.76

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Open house Bridal Shower for Cely Evenieo Bride of Donnie Olson, will be held Sat. Feb. 8th 2:00 p.m. at Church of Christ.

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The annual Sweetheart Dance to raise money for the Community Center will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 21st at the Surf Ballroom from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with Mal-eks Fishermen providing the music. Price of the tickets will be \$4.00 per person. Letters will be coming out with your tickets - if for some reason you don't receive them please contact us at 797-2761, and we'll see to it that you get yours.

Ray & Lorraine Bakke  
Chairmen

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There will be no Government Commodities for the month of February. The first week in March, Cheese, Butter & Honey will be given away. Watch papers for the Date.

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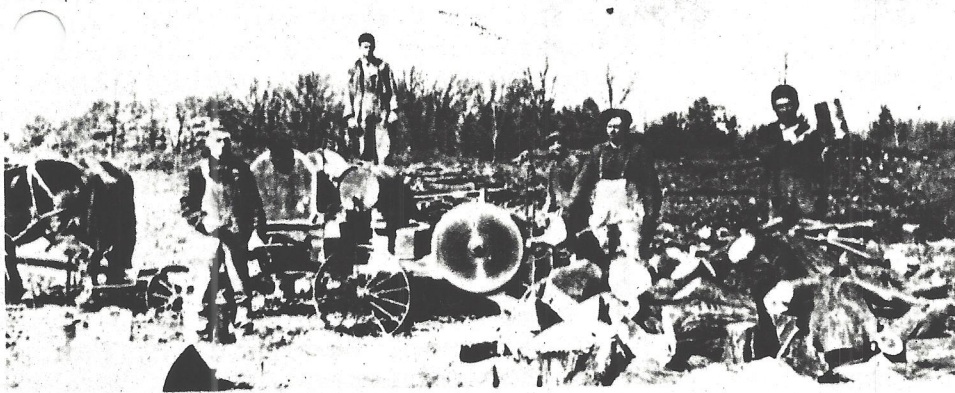
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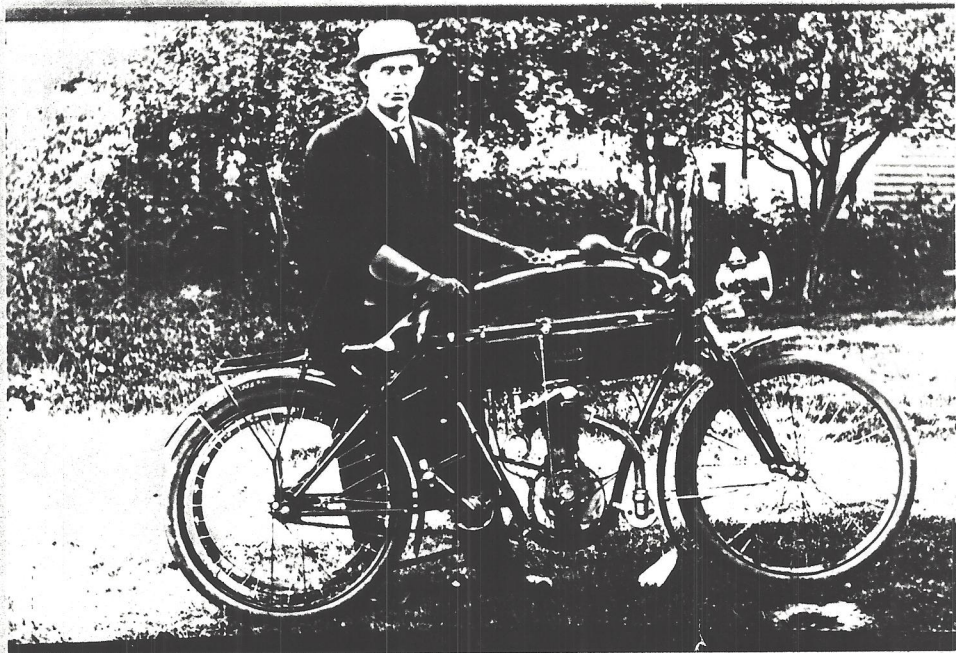
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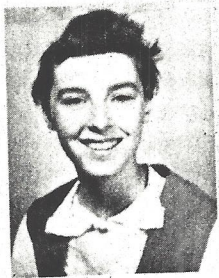


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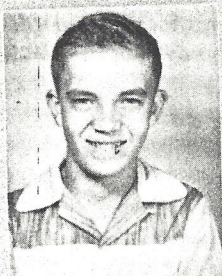
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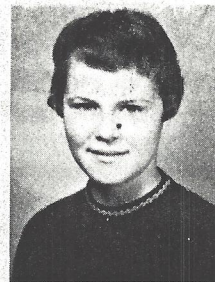
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Larry Odverson



Doug Odverson



Susan  
 Purcell



Betty Jo  
 Davis

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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

RIVERSIDE CAFE 797-2645  
Daily 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday Night Fish or Chicken  
& Salad Bar - 5:30 to 9:30

WORSLEY ELECTRIC 797-2494

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

FOREST CITY COW PALACE 582-4646  
Auction every Wednesday

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

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

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Specializing in Good Food

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

The Fertile Little League had a chili & Turkey noodle supper in December. They had drawings during the evening. The following were winners: Jay Burtness-liter of Pepsi, Isaac Melien-Candy Snowman, Molly Almelien-\$5 gift certificate from Cashwise, Emily Kragel-2 lbs. Ground Beef from Bowens, Eric Kragel-doz. doughnuts from Donut Shop, Matt Peterson-Pizza from Charlies, Carol Kleveland & Jan Buchanan-Smorgasbord from Bungalow Cafe, Jody Kleveland, Jane Ramon, Patty Zobel, Barb Seglem Abbey Peterson, Dean Haugen, Nancy Faber, Edna Pederson, Karen VanDenBosch, Darin Peterson all won Personal Pan Pizza's, Vickie Bailey & Bev Peterson-small Pizza's from Pizza Hut, Carolyn Nedved-Meal from Butchers Steakhouse and Ruth Overerson-\$5 at McDonalds.

The money made at the supper is to help buy a popcorn machine and uniforms. \$250.00 was cleared.

A special thanks to Ruth B. Overerson, Fertile Church of Christ, Butchers Steakhouse and all the Little Leaguers' Parents for their donations.

#### STORK NEWS

Boy born Nov.6 to Mr.& Mrs. David Allen Brue, St.Paul. His name is Joshua David. Grandparents are David Brue, Salina, Kansas and Mrs. Richard Patrick, Brandon, Minn. Great Grandparents are Mr.& Mrs. Stanley Brue and Mrs. Hollis Burke, Clear Lake.

Boy born Dec.29 to Kris & Darla Bowers, Edgewater, Colorado. His name is Josiaha Dylan Bang Bowers. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Bang, Joice.