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Fertile Reminder

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard "Ding" Ouverson will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house at the Senior Citizens Building at Clear Lake from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., Sunday the 14th of September. The couple request no gifts.

Leonard Ouverson and Ellen Mae Westover were married September 13, 1936. They are the parents of a son, Jay and a daughter, Dianne. They have three Grandsons, two step Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren.



"CONGRATULATIONS" Leonard & Ella Mae Ouverson
50th Wedding Anniversary

The Fertile City Council met in regular session August 5 at the Library, Mayor Hoffman presiding. Council members present were Hare, Nye, Sandifer, Kirschbaum, & Peterson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

Council discussed progress on the Fire Barn. Library Board reported on the results of their survey and presented their yearly report. Mayor reported on the county meeting on the disaster warning system that is proposed. Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

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JULY BALANCE SHEET

<u>Expenditures</u>	
Janice Hare	240.71
David Low	303.11
Dick Sheimo	722.76
Ipers - FOAB	259.69
Ipers	171.61
Winn. Co-op Telephone	56.90
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	350.00
City of Fertile	51.00
Waste Systems Corp.	695.20
Interstate Power Co.	635.33
Treas. - State of Iowa	50.68
Stoffes Constr. Co.	16,077.00
House of Sports	13.75
Jordan's	79.35
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe	16.09
Evelyn Knudson	15.08
Better Homes & Gardens	17.87
Christian Bookstore	49.91
One Way Book Shop	4.65
Publisher's Telemarketing	72.65
B. Dalton	91.98
BMC	<u>2,319.59</u>
TOTAL	\$22,518.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,817.89

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Anyone interested in taking Karate Lessons, Please call - 797-2731 or 797-2394 - Age 5 to Adult welcome.

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WANTED! Baby Sitting Jobs for this fall. Full, Part time or Drop-ins - Reasonable Rates. Call Jane Ramon -- 797-2731

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"CHURCH NEWS"

(FERTILE LUTHERAN)

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

Circles

Mary-9/25-9:30 a.m. Thelma Davis
Rebekah-9/25-7:30 p.m. Irene Brakke
Ruth-9/22-2:00 p.m. Zelda Suby
Sarah-9/22-7:30 p.m. Lorraine Bakke

ALCW - 9/11-7:30 p.m. Bible Study

(PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN)

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

Circles

Esther-9/17-1:30 p.m. Delores Nyhus
Ruth-9/16-7:30 p.m. Mary Leuwerke

ALCW - 9/2-7:30 p.m. "Skit"

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There are stories going around Fertile that the Little League is in jeopardy because of a decision made by the city council. This is untrue, utter nonsense! The council is totally behind the Little League.

The council only asked that privately sponsored and operated tournaments for men and women, be the responsibility of the person or persons sponsoring them.

The insurance clause is for the protection of every taxpayer in Fertile. Are you aware that the town is presently being sued for \$50,000.00, as the results of an injury at a previous tournament? Thus the reason for this decision.

The returnable deposit or \$50.00 is to insure that the ballpark and surrounding area is not left in the same mess it was in the past.

If your mayor and council members can spend their time and energy to help you make Fertile what it is, a town that we can be proud of, can't we take the time to find out the truth, rather than spreading falsehoods and alarming your kids with stories that they aren't going to be allowed to have their Little League?

Catherine Kirschbaum

Send all donations & addresses for Fertile Reminder to Mrs. Laurence (Cora) Jenkins. We need to hear from each of you at least once a year in order to continue publishing the Reminder.

We have a good crew working on the paper and would like to thank them. Kay Olson collects Stork news. Articles & pictures & printing of the paper is done by Ruth B. Ouverson. Typing is done by Delores Suby. Cora Jenkins puts on addresses. Florence Nye puts on stamps. Fern Midtgaard & Loretta Nye staple papers together and Dorothy Aspland, Vesta Kuns, & Kay Olson fold & sort. Loretta Nye is also in charge of the Memory Page.

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REMEMBER! Pork Chop Supper date has been changed to Sept. 13th. See Ad for more details.

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CHAPEL HILL "OPEN HOUSE"

The Annual OPEN HOUSE at CHAPEL HILL, located 3 miles north-west of Fertile, will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 7th, from 2:00 to 5:30. There will be a program at 2:30, with devotionals by Rev. John Albrecht of Joice, and music by Gary Froiland's of Emmons, and Orville Gaskeson's of Albert Lea, Mn. Lunch will be furnished by ladies of the area. A special treat will be FRESH APPLE CIDER, with a Cider Press demonstration by Russ Dagget and Curtis Evans. Everyone is welcome.

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We would like to Thank everyone for the flowers, cards, gifts, and visits, for welcoming home our new son, Adam Joseph.

Randy, Robin, & Alicia Hanms

FERTILE PRE-SCHOOL, will start Sept. 9th. and will be Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Call 797-2225 anytime.

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§§§§§ GARAGE SALE: Saturday, Aug. 30th, 9:00 - 1:00. - - - - TOM SHEIMO'S §§§§§

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Bus Barn Stall, FOR RENT. \$240 a Year. Call 797 - 2267

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A Very Special Thanks to all who had a part in helping us celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Thanks for the gifts; beautiful cards & remembrances & calls. It was wonderful. Words can't express the way we feel.

*Love,
Virgil and Ruth*

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Government Food Commodities will be distributed SEPTEMBER 11th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Fertile Community Center. They are: Cheese, Honey, & Butter. - - - - -

Federal Surplus Food Guidelines Effective July 1, 1986 are as follows:

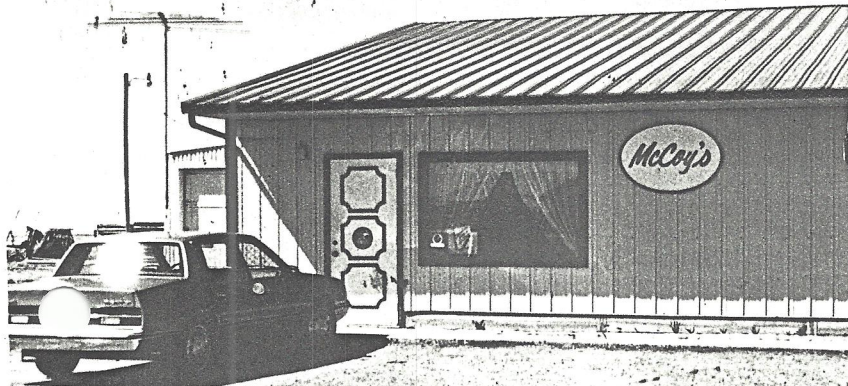
no. household	in Monthly Income	Weekly Income	Annual Income
1	\$ 827.00	\$191.00	\$ 9,916.00
2	1,117.00	258.00	13,394.00
3	1,406.00	325.00	16,872.00
4	1,696.00	392.00	20,350.00
5	1,986.00	459.00	23,828.00
6	2,276.00	526.00	27,306.00
7	2,566.00	592.00	30,784.00
8	2,856.00	659.00	34,262.00

For each additional member add:

\$ 290.00 \$659.00 \$3,478.00

FOR SALE: Rebuilt Batteries. 1 Year guarantee \$25.00 Each.

K & R GAS 797-2267 or 797-2440



McCoy's Green house - Forest City one of the businesses that support our Paper. Please support them.

Watch for date of open house at Brue's Wood Shed Stan & ERMA BRUE

DRY GOODS GROCERIES ETC.

This is the store where you will find a big stock of up-to-date Dry Goods and Groceries and everything else in our line. Our big trade enables us to order goods frequently and hence everything is fresh and new.

SUMMER GOODS!

Our fine line of summer goods has already arrived. Drop in and look them over. The new patterns in dry goods will interest you. Bring us your eggs and butter.

Thompson Bros.

OUTHOUSE BLUES

So much of my early
life was spent
suspended

above that black
and gargoyled
pit

hanging there
in the cold ammonia draft

remembering the horror
stories of a cousin
who disappeared
forever

when he was
grabbed
from

below

(copied)

*Does their poem bring
back a memory or two?*



Luick girls.

A photograph taken the summer of 1910 by Martin Thoe is of Edith Luick Hill at age 12½, Ethel Luick Tuttle, 5½ and Emma Luick Watts, 2½. Parents of the three girls were Willis (Bill) and Nellie Luick.

Ethel brought in the photo and told that Emma was pouting because she couldn't take home the teddy bear she is holding.

Our Stock of Dry Goods and Groceries Is Second To None.

Our assortment of new clean and up to date stock is a source of pride to us and a satisfaction to our customers. Let us serve you with the best the markets afford.

We pay highest market price for poultry, eggs and produce.

Sheimo & Jones

Fertile, Iowa

Local News Items
July 25, 1903 - April 1920

Rev. C.F. Schmidt and son Clare autoed to Mason City Saturday.

Esther Elthon spent several days last week visiting friends in Lake Mills.

Ada Elthon, who is attending high school at Clear Lake, spent Monday with home folks.

Emma Brown and Mrs. Paul Humphery were having dental work done in Mason City.

The Misses Baker and Hanson and Mrs. Beery, Fertile teachers, spent Saturday in Mason City.

Prof. Willert Anderson and wife of Jessup, Iowa, visited here over Saturday and Sunday at the home of the lady's parents Rev. and Mrs. Hjelmeland.

A flurry of snow on Saturday and again on Monday has made April like a winter month. Today the weather is quite cold and a furnace fire is a necessity. If this continues, it will be hard to make the coal pile carry us through.

Lord Mestad, Clarinda Halvorson, Ila Purcell, Lila Sheimo and Doris Fankell, students at Cedar Falls, spent the Easter Vacation at their respective homes. Idona Oswald, who is attending school at Waterloo, also spent Easter at her home north of town.

Frank Jenkins autoed to Joice Monday evening.

Cecil Carr Commenced work Monday at the Ouverson and Brenden garage.

Bud and Gladys Jenkins left Saturday for Joice to spend their Easter vacation with relatives.

Nels Ouverson and George Folken leave Sunday evening for Cleveland, Ohio where they go to bring back two new Cleveland cars for the Ouverson and Brenden garage.

Peter Ouverson and family with grandma Daley drove to Kensett on Sunday and made Mrs. Bjorgo a short visit. Little Anna and Ora Ouverson remained for a week very much to the joy of the little girls and Cousin Ina.

Last Monday morning when harvest was in full blast and the farmers as busy as could be, we noticed that a team from the country was tied to almost every post on main street. Harvest or no harvest our business keeps moving on. Only those who watch the teams have any idea of the traffic done in Fertile.

Our neighbors northwest of us have done quite a lot of tileing this season. Charlie McEnelly has just finished laying a carload on his farm. Nels Fjeld has had two carloads laid on his and together Messrs. Seglem, Finsass, A.A. Johnson, N.E. Fjeld and Jim Purcell have used two carloads. These farmers expect to soon balance the cost involved by better production. Tiling has become quite an industry in Northern Iowa.

The body of the Dan Watts house is to be a cream, not green as stated last week but the trimmings are to be two shades of green. Nolte, not White, is the painter.

Weather - July 25, 1903

Worth County - Good week for corn on high ground; low land very wet and grain badly blown down; dry weather much needed.

Steam Thresher for Sale.

I will sell my threshing outfit consisting of one Avery Separator and Giser 16-horse power engine or will sell either separator or engine separately. All in first class shape and good working order.

Nels A. Fjeld
Joice, Iowa

A lot of people who were going to make their fortune by moving to the cities, are being notified to pay rent of \$65.00 a month for a box like apartment, or get out!

If you are planning to camp at Fertile, write to James Kirk and make arrangements to rent tents, camp chairs and cots.

The best time to cure a cough or cold is when you are first affected. A pleasant and sure remedy for sore throat, weak lungs, bronchial soreness, coughing spells, etc. is Gooch's Mexican Syrup for coughs and consumption. Be wise in time and keep a bottle in your medicine chest, always handy for immediate use, remembering the old adage, "A stitch in time saves nine". It is a true lung tonic and sells for only 25¢

How many of these items ring a bell??



*Picture taken in old telephone office - Sept. 1, 1960
Nels Lyeld, Myra Smith
Aimee Nye*

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An election of the stockholders of the Fertile Central Switch Co., will be held Monday, April 12, 1920, from nine o'clock a. m. until noon of said day, at the Fertile Lumber Co's. office at Fertile, Iowa, for the purpose of voting on the proposition to sell the central office building, switch board, and the telephone lines connecting Hanlontown Iowa, and Ioice, Iowa, with Fertile switch board.

ROY LARSON, Secretary.



Aimee Nye looking out of telephone office. Notice Lew Gallekson Hamburger & Lip on side - also known as Popeyes!!

FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters of Worth County:

I here announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Worth county, subject to the decision of the voters at the Republican primaries to be held June 7, 1920.

Thanking you for past favors I remain,

Yours truly,
H. A. GULLICKSON

DIRECTORY

Fertile Lodge No. 325, Knights of Pythias, meets first and third Saturday nights in each month.
E. M. Lang, C. C.
J. R. Jones, K. of R. and S.

that you have an opportunity of hearing

J. H. BRYAN

in his

Bible School Institute

the opportunity will be given

at the

Fertile Christian Church

Program.

- Saturday, 8 p. m., A piece of chalk.
- Sunday, 10:30 Bible School Mathematics.
- Sunday, 1 p. m., A chalk talk to children.
- Sunday, 3 p. m., Seven Lamps of Teaching.
- Sunday, 8 p. m., What is the Bible?
- Monday 8 p. m., That Boy and his Pa.

This last evening will be popular lecture. It will contain
A Dozen & One good Laughs
and
A Bushel of Facts
worth remembering. We want you to come.

CHURCH.

Fertile Christian Church, holds services every Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meetings Thursday evenings at 8:30 o'clock. Y. P. S. C. E. meets Sunday evenings at 6:30 o'clock in the lecture room of the church.
Rev. Stephenson, Pastor.

More from the Fertile Enterprise

THE FERTILE ENTERPRISE

Fertile, Worth County, Iowa, Saturday, October 12, 1907

Life on a Homestead

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An interesting letter from Mrs. Emma Luken-Kirk, telling of life on a North Dakota Homestead. at Hettinger, N.D.

We arrived at our claim Sunday evening, May 12th; and took up our abode in our sod shack. We found it pretty hard to satisfy our appetites the first few days as we had about consumed all the ready provisions during the two and a half days journey overland. Had to go one mile after water for the house and for water for the team, cow, and chickens. Our spring rains began May 15th. They usually begin a month earlier. We had on an average one good shower a week this spring. Now we have a shower occasionally. So we have had plenty of rain.

The wind is one disagreeable feature of the climate in the spring. Perhaps it is because we have no frosts that it is so noticeable. It seldom blows more than a day at a time. These winds are what cure the grass and grain on the ground. Grain here does not get rusty.

We have lots of sunshine. When it rains it clears off very quickly. The climate certainly is fine. The air seems so pure and exhilarating. At present it is all climate; we had plenty of weather this spring. With the exception of two electrical storms we have had no storms this summer; have had some hard straight winds unaccompanied by rain.

The soil is fertile and far exceeds our expectations. The prairies are covered with buffalo grass. The soil that yields buffalo grass, when properly cultivated, is very productive. This grass is very nutritious and fattening. It is for this reason the ranchers have sought the Dakotas. Their territories are now cut off by the incoming homesteaders; consequently they are disposing of their stock as fast as they can.

The crops that were put in early this spring are excellent. Travelers said they looked better than in the Red River Valley. Everyone seems satisfied that the soil is all right. We feel as one person expressed it, when asked how he liked Dakota. He said: "I like the soil, I like the climate, but it never rains." It was pouring down when he said it, and had been for two days previous.

We are from 5 to 7 miles from three lignite coal mines. At two, you can get it by digging it; the third one is leased and coal sells for \$3.00 per double box load. One box being equal to one half box of soft coal. This coal is excellent; burns without soot and is very clean to handle. It holds fire a long time.

There is no reason why people should freeze to death with such facilities near at hand; the greater wonder is that more do not, for many homesteaders winter in a shack with one thickness of boards covered with tar paper.

The winters in this part of North Dakota, as a rule, are very mild. Those who were here last winter say they had but two hard snow storms, and fair weather until after Xmas. The ranchers say it was the hardest winter for many years.

The homesteaders are of all nationalities, but the Scandinavians seem to be the majority. They all came prepared with provisions, machinery, etc. The way they are breaking the sod, (a good many having 100 acres already) shows they have full confidence in their undertakings.

A sod shack is a typical homesteader's home, although many have board shacks. The former proves the most satisfactory in regard to heat, cold, fire and cheapness. When a sod shack is plastered outside and inside, it is very comfortable and sanitary, and its real make-up cannot be detected.

Last year ranchers and a few homesteaders were the only inhabitants of Adams county. Now it has a population of 4,000 or about 1,500 voters. As a result, schools and churches have been established. There are at present six schools in operation and more are being organized. Our nearest school is two miles, but hope to have one near before long. There seems to be a general favor of putting in the Central School System.

Early this spring, Hettinger County was divided, the southern half was called Adams county. was then organized, county officers appointed by the governor and business begun. A permanent house will be built as soon as the supplies can be brought by rail.

The county seat, Hettinger, was located on the Milwaukee survey. This spring a few tents marked the location of Hettinger, now it has somewhere near 50 buildings.

(life on a homestead, continued....)

The hauling of building material 60 to 70 miles has greatly handicapped the growth of this prosperous little town. It is the opinion of many that Hettinger will be the largest and best town between Aberdeen, S.D. and Miles City, Mont. It is composed of business men who are doing their best to make and keep a clean town.

The grading is practically done as far as Hettinger; rails are being laid at the rate of 30 miles a day. We expect to see the steam giant "pull in" to Hettinger about October 15th, if sooner.

The Milwaukee is building through a line to the Pacific coast. The building of this line means a duplicate of the wealth and prosperity that is found along the Northern Pacific and the Soo in the Western part of the state and the Great Northern in the North. Land is no longer of a doubtful value. Its value is assured. These are the views expressed by W.C. Gilbreath, Commissioner of Agriculture of North Dakota.

We are located four and one-half miles from the county seat, Hettinger. We have a good piece of land, and are very much pleased with our surroundings. Real estate men claim, that when homesteaders get their patent, land will start at \$20 per acre.

Since we arrived on our claim it has been decided by the department that we can commute for 50 cents per acre, as this was once a part of the Sioux Reservation.

We have enjoyed our experience at homesteading very much. A great deal like "camping out", although we have lived in our shack and kept our provisions in the tent.

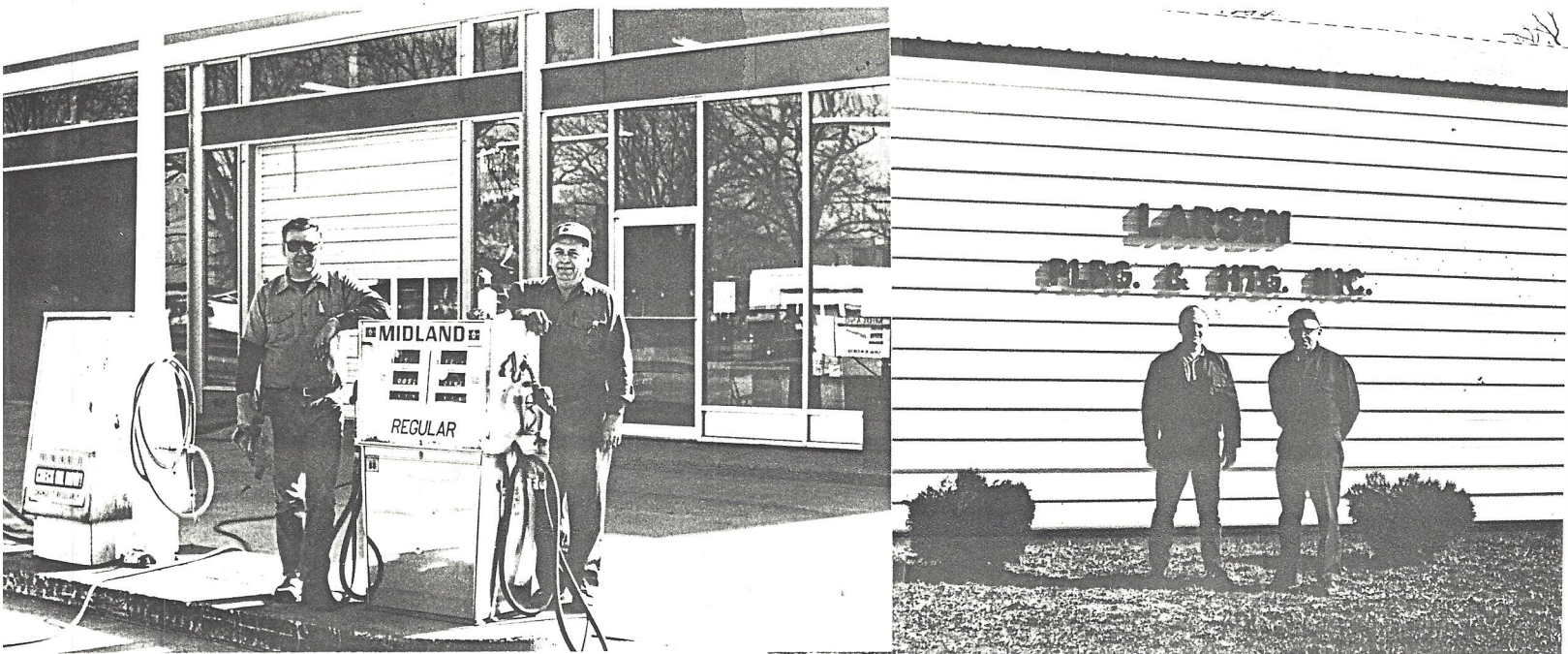
We have had plenty to do, but rather enjoyed it. We think it will prove a great benefit to us, both physically and financially. We have now a house, barn, chicken coop, root cellar and coal house, all of sod, which means a lot of hard work. We also have two wells. We have six acres of oats, four of flax, besides a big garden.

Our children are thoroughly enjoying themselves and so interested in everything. It has been a good nature school for them, as we surely have been akin to nature this summer. It is comical to hear our little three-year-old talk about buttes, coyotes, railroad camps, etc.

We are glad we have come and wish many more could have had our experiences. I have not written this to the interest of any land company or to praise up the country, but have given my candid opinion of the same.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Emma Lucken, Kirk

(copied from the FERTILE ENTERPRISE NEWSPAPER, October, 1907 by Linda Suby O'Neil daughter of Iva Kirk Suby, who was 5 years old when she and her family homesteaded at Hettinger, N.D.)



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Jordan's Co-op

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Grilled Pork Chop Supper

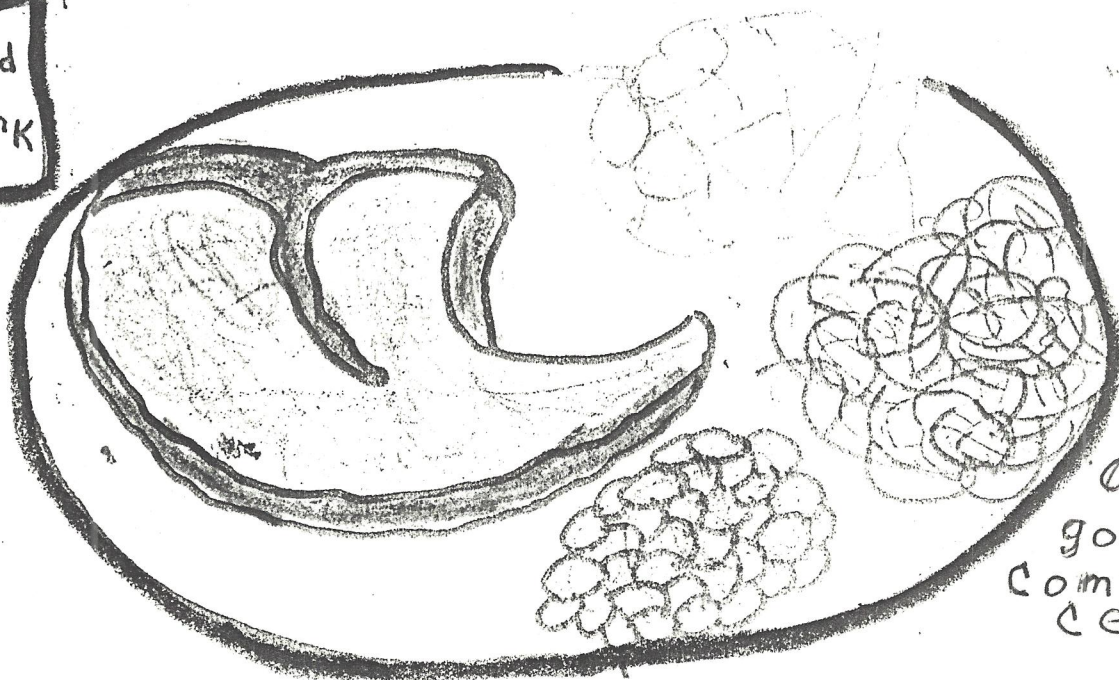
When: Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1986

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Fertile Community Center

Cost: \$5.00 in advance
\$5.50 at the door

Menu: Pork chop, potato salad, baked beans, Cole Slaw, buns, bars, Cold drinks, coffee



all proceeds
go to support
community
center

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.

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