

# Fertile Reminder

October 1987



## HALLOWEEN

October is a busy, fun month with schools well under way--so much to do to get ready for Old Man Winter before he strikes his first cold blow of the season. October is such a beautiful month--what a glorious sight-- see the green colors of spring turn to gold, orange, russet, brown--One by one, the leaves fall from the trees and one is faced with the thought of raking leaves and getting rid of them. The pungent smell of burning leaves lingers long--perhaps if the fire is just right, one might try their luck at roasting a wiener or a marshmallow. One wants to linger longer outside knowing that the nice days will soon be at an end. Our cooking and eating habits change as the days become cooler. We no longer dread to use our ovens or cook stoves and plan tasty oven meals, casseroles, hearty home-made soup, home-made bread--Fall brings so many good things to eat but then I guess that is true of every season.

October brings Halloween--a time the young look forward to "seeing how much loot" they can collect as they go trick or treating. I can well remember when Mary Ann would go--two places were always on her agenda even though they were a ways apart. She would go to Florence Orcutt (Mrs. Frank) where there would be a small brown paper sack filled with a home-made pop corn ball and other goodies--then to Lena Jenkins (Mrs. Frank) where she would get a nickel Hershey bar! Can you remember when you bought nickel Candy bars? Those were the days when one didn't have to impress on the youngsters not to eat any of their treats until they had been examined at home by their parents. Many parents accompany their children around the neighborhood since children can do mischievous things in a group that as individuals they would never think of doing.

Let's hope everyone will have a happy and safe Halloween!

L.V.N.

## QUIZ FOR THE MONTH

Answers found on a back page. The word "Cat" appears in the answer.

1. A vegetation observed in the fall.
2. An omen of bad luck.
3. A kind of seafood.
4. A slang expression of the 20's
5. A kind of tea.
6. Used for fiddle strings.  
A variety of marbles.
8. Description of a timid person.
9. A cartoon Character.
10. A short sleep.
11. Figured in a nursery rhyme.
12. An expression - soft as a ...



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Tom Hahn of Sandnessjven, Norway, came to Iowa on August 18, 1987. He will live with Clet, Carolyn & Greg Nedved for 10 months.

His father, Troels is a Doctor and his Mother, Liv is a Midwife. He has one brother Michael, and 3 sisters Pernille, Louise and Maria.

His favorite sport is Karate. He is a senior at Forest City High School.

Some of the new foods he has tried are, tacos bacon & tomato sandwiches, muskmelon, corn on the cob and kolaches.

Tom has been to Adventureland, Iowa State Fair, Spencer Fair, Pilot Knob and on the Winnebago Tour and has plans to go to Colorado skiing during the Christmas Holidays.

He will be 18, Sept. 30th.

Please feel free to come and visit with him during his stay here in Fertile.

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\* WANTED - BABY SITTING \*  
\* Call Jane Ramon \*  
\* 797-2731 \*

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## STORK NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Ray are the parents of a baby Boy, born Aug. 8, 6 lbs. 5 oz.. He has been named Jacob William. Grandparents are, Mary Treese, and Betty Ray, Merryville Missouri.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS

Oct. 6 - Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Harvard Beets, Tossed Salad, Pudding, Bread & Butter, Coffee & Milk.

Oct. 20 - Potatoes, Meatballs, Cauliflower, Apricot Salad, Ginger Bread, Bread & Butter, Coffee & Milk.

Call Edna Pederson, 797-2669, before noon on Monday.

# 95th Birthday Celebrated by Mrs. Back

CLEAR LAKE — Mrs. Catherine Back, Fertile, who came to Iowa as a widow over 50 years ago Wednesday celebrated her 95th birthday at Clear Lake. Mrs. Larry Ritter held open house for her at the Lake Rest Home in the afternoon. About 36 relatives and friends called bringing flowers and gifts. She also received many cards of congratulations. →

Other patients in the home also were guests. A large heart-shaped birthday cake, silver service and flowers formed the table decorations. Refreshments were served.

Her four children, Mrs. Vern (Mary) Hennis, Theodore Back, both of Clear Lake; Mrs. George (Petria) Zirbel, Fertile, and Christina Olson, Joice, were present for the party.

"Grandma" Back, as she is known, was well remembered for her many braided rugs she made for many years. She gave this up when she was 91. Now she still keeps her hands busy by knitting. She is in good health and is up every day at the rest home where she lives.

Mrs. Back was born in Denmark on Oct. 5, 1860. After her husband's death she left her home at Omaha with her small children and settled on a farm south of Fertile. Later she moved to Fertile where she lived alone until the last few years.



Oct 1955 "GRANDMA" BACK

Kellogg photo

## WHERE DID THEY GO?

The years go by, the days are spent,  
Sometimes we wonder where they went,  
Flowers still bloom and songbirds sing,  
A life well lived with joy will ring.  
So take each day and live it well  
And then your countenance will tell,  
You lived your life in sweet content  
And never wondered where it went.



LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS:

Wednesday 11 AM - 6 PM  
Friday 1 PM - 5 PM  
Saturday 9 AM - Noon

New Books:

Craven Legacy - Constance Heaven  
Man in the shadows - Caroline Crane  
Silver touch - Rosalind Laker  
House on Bostwick Square -  
Velda Johnston  
Parson's daughter - Catherine  
Cookson  
Love's unfolding dream - Janette Oke  
Papa's place - Margaret Jensen  
Silk vendetta - Victoria Holt

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all our friends and relatives for cards and gifts received for our 50th anniversary. Also those who attended our Open House and Mary Circle for serving lunch. This day we shall always treasure.

Harvey and Evelyn Knudson

I want to win!  
But if I don't win, let them know I tried!

WEE GOBLINS A-KNOCKING

There's a soft knock, knock, knocking,  
And I hear a giggle outside  
I am ready with goodies  
And fling the door wide.  
Three wee goblins with bright round eyes  
And Mom's shoes on their feet,  
Totter there shyly, then whisper,  
"Twix or Tweets."

Answers to the quiz

- 1. Cattails; 2. Black Cat; 3. Catfish;  
4. It's meow! 5. Catnip; 6. Cat gut;  
7. Cat's eye; 8. Pussycat; 9. Felix,  
the Cat; 10. Catnap; 11. Cat & Fiddle;  
12. Cat's paw.

POP CORN

When the evenings get longer and there is a nip in the air, our thoughts often turn to a big bowl of pop corn. Pop corn is one of the oldest foods known to man. Archaeologists have found ears of pop corn which could be 5,600 years old.

Pop corn is a New World invention. Europe knew nothing of this delicacy until Columbus returned from his adventures. Explorers, like Cortes, saw the natives not only using pop corn as a source of food, but as decoration for ceremonial clothing. Colonial women served pop corn with sugar and cream for breakfast - our first puffed cereal!

Pop corn is nutritious, low in calories, high in fiber and one of the most widely eaten snack foods around. Approximately 70% of the pop corn is eaten in the home and about 30% outside the home. Unpopped pop corn accounts for about 90% of sales for home consumption.

Happy Pop Corn eating!

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The Fertile Pork Chop supper Sept. 19 served 210 people and Dawn Nielsen of Joice was the winner of the television drawing. A profit of \$911 was made and this will be used toward the expense of replacing the gym roof. Other fund raising project was a Brunch held in July where a profit of approximately \$590 was made. The next project will be the annual turkey supper Nov. 14th. The Community Center has also received a grant from the Hanson Foundation of \$1,000 and from the Winnebago Foundation \$500. This will be applied toward the gym roof expense which will cost \$4,900.

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Just a reminder that if you have not sent in your donation to receive the Reminder, please do so that you may continue receiving it. You may send it to Mrs. Max Nye, Box 57, Fertile, Iowa 50434

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The Council members whose term expires at the end of this year are Fred Hare, Cliff Peterson, Max Nye, and Mayor Loren Hoffman. At this time nomination papers have been taken out for Loren Hoffman for Mayor and Lonnie Bailey for council member.