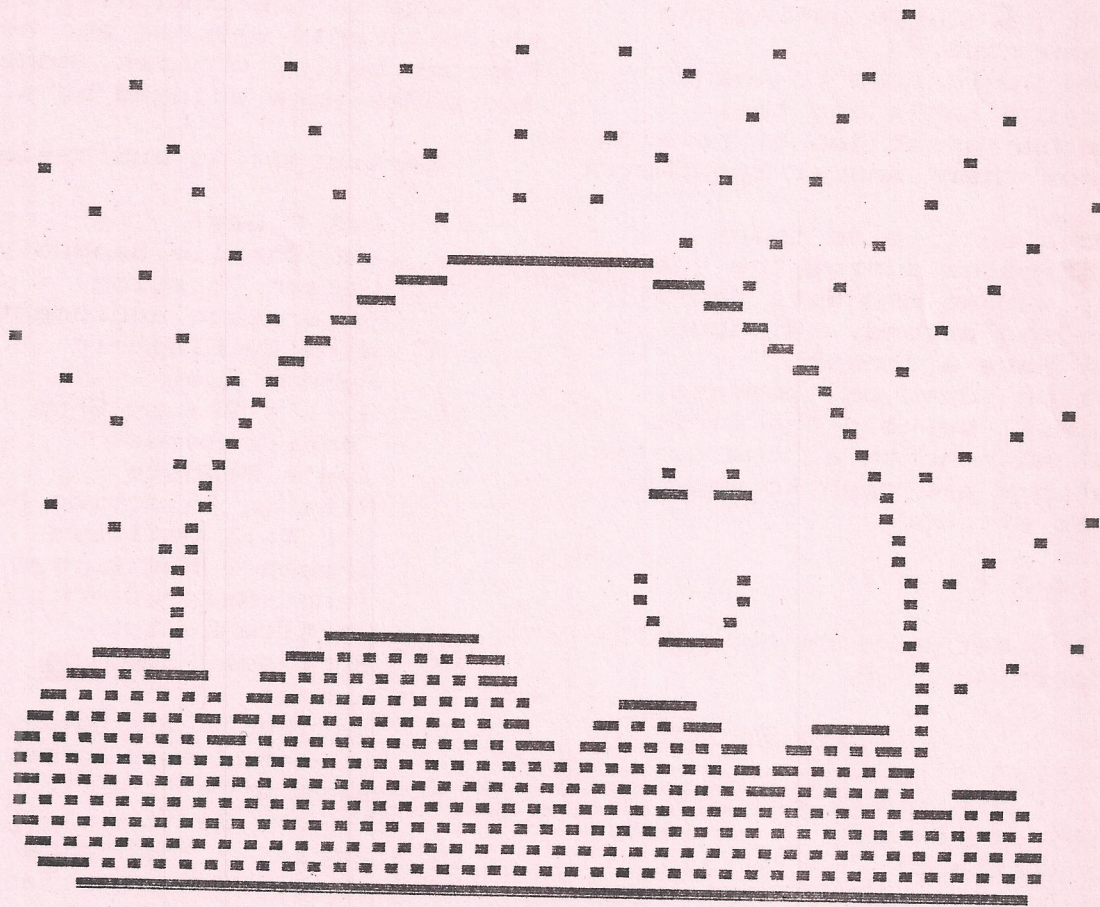


Fertile Reminder



May 1988

Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder

Happy Mother's Day to each of you! The days pass so quickly and the next thing we know it is time to gather material for another reminder.

Those of us who work on the paper, know that it is the "old stuff" that people in our community enjoy seeing and reading about.

Amos Miller of Westfield, Indiana has given us to use, three copies of the Fertile United Service Women paper that were published during World War II by wives, mothers and other interested persons and sent to the service men from our community each month. Two people would help get the paper ready and it was no small task to keep the addressess current with the many who were in the service and on our mailing list. I am certain that some of you who received the letters then will recall some of these happenings as you re-read bits of this and that from our paper of long ago. The following is a letter written by Edith Ouverson in July, but I don't know what year.

We hope you will enjoy rereading some of the happenings of more than forty years ago as we include them in our bulletin to you. The letters were sent until the time came when there were no more boys in the service and the group of woman ~~disabled~~ *disbanded*.

L.V.N.

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No. 4 Fertile, Iowa July

Dear Boys:

Here it is the middle of July and time for another news bulletin to be on its way.

There's a storm brewing and so our lights--can you guess? Sure, off and on and I'm not a very good owl, but I'm sure they will settle down so that I may finish this letter to everyone of you and all others who may chance to read it.

Tuesday evening we had our regular monthly U.S.W. meeting and how good it is to have letters from you to read.---Yes, time passes swiftly in many ways, and again it goes with laden feet--when days stretch into weeks and weeks into months while waiting for a letter, and what joy

when that letter comes be it ever so so brief. Mail both on the battle front and home front helps to keep that "chin up". So here's a hearty "Hello and Greetings."

It's some storm and how--wind, rain, thunder, and lightning.

As Mildred stated in the last bulletin she would start the ball rolling; well, I am next in line to give it a push, so here's hoping the bulletin meets with your approval--write me your reaction, no matter what they may be.

Yes, it's true you're scattered to the four corners of the earth, but we can all be together in spirit and so, until we meet again, good night and my sincere prayers that no matter who you are or where you are that God will watch over guide, protect and keep you, that He will give you courage and the strength to meet each new hour and that soon you too shall be back in your old home town. The storm has passed and the rainbow is a beauty.

Sincerely,
Edith Ouverson

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Stork News

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson of Mason city are the parents of a baby boy born Aril 3. He has been named Jacob Peter. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keough Sr. of Fertile.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Shropshire are the parents of a baby girl born April 8. She has been named Amanda Leah Nelson. She joins a brother Ryan 2 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nelson of Fertile, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shropshire of Clear Lake. Great Grandparents are Leverne Nelson of Fertile, and Mrs. Carl Vaage of Forest City.

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Garden Club

Fertile Garden Club will hold their plant and bake sale at 1:30 PM on May 10 at the Fertile Community Center.

Every guest will get a door prize.

I wish to thank my relatives, friends, Pastor and Mrs Ganz, and the prayer group who served the lunch and for the flowers, cards, and gifts I received on my 85th birthday. Everything was beautiful. May God bless you all.

In Christian love,
Violet Hall

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March Balance Sheet

Evelyn Knudson	263.60
David Low	301.89
Dick Sheimo	395.02
Janice Hare	239.73
Peoples Natural Gas	385.31
Waste Systems Corp.	700.63
Ipers	117.27
Treas.-State of Iowa	89.42
Winn. RTA	33.09
City of Fertile	51.00
Interstate Power Co.	563.86
Manly Ins. Agency	155.00
Larsen P. & H.	113.69
Fertile Reminder	90.00
Evelyn Knudson	30.00
Feed-Rite Control	10.00
Butcher's Steakhouse	111.31
Co-op Services Inc.	30.18
Vesta Kuns	19.00
Baker & Taylor	23.50
Christian Bookstore	40.23
Better Homes & Gardens	20.13
True Story	9.97
National Geographic	18.00
Consumer Reports	18.00
Redbook	9.97
Woman's Day	9.97
State Library of Iowa	5.88
Dept. of Natural Resources	60.80
Peoples Natural Gas	192.97
Total	<u>\$4107.46</u>
Total Receipts	\$4107.74

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Council News

The Fertile City Council met April 5 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Burtness, Bailey, and Petersen present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petersen reported on several grants that can be applied for for park equipment. Motion to proceed with grant application. Carried.

Application for legion license, Sunday license, and cigarette permit were received from Creamery Lounge. Motion to approve all three. Carried.

Sign post on West side of road coming into Fertile from the north will be repaired.

Several complaints were received and discussed by council. Motion that those causing the problems be notified by mail to correct them.

Request to oil streets from blacktop on Hill St. to Fertile Feed Service's property.

City's insurance renewal for the year was presented. Motion to approve the renewal. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Next council meeting will be Tuesday May 3, 1988 at the Library.

Meeting adjourned
Janice Hare
City Clerk

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Familiar Scenes about the Town

The hurried gathering at the post office when the mail comes in.

The Saturday evening band concerts, the horns blowing to show approval (or otherwise). The hurrying of the children, the groups of men discussing the past week's activities and of course the visiting of the ladies--a typical Saturday evening in Fertile.

Charlie and the dog out for a walk--the drone of the lime crusher; the lime trucks with loads of lime for our farmers fields--Ed Shinn rushing out to answer the call of "fill'er up" and on the side, "2 gallon, please"(or is it 3?).

The carpenters and their building at the lumberyard.

The rush to cafes and stores when word gets around that there's candy or bananas in town--the group that gathers Friday evenings for their roller skating parties. (By way of explanation--the cars are pooled and rides are shared. Why? To help combat the growing problem of juvenile delinquency.) Incidentally, "June and Johnny's" (remember their famous hamburgers?) is now under a new management.

Answers to quiz

1. Ginger
2. Flour
3. Sage
4. Salt
5. Butter
6. Soda
7. Baking powder
8. Mustard
9. Nutmeg
10. Allspice
11. Tea
12. Cornstarch
13. Shortening

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AT2 Donald and Cely Olson of LaMesa, Calif. are the parents of a baby boy born April 21. He weighed 6 lbs 11 oz and has been named Kenneth Peter Casper. He joins a brother Adam. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Red) Olson of Fertile, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Evenido of the Phillipine Islands. Great Grandparents are Mrs. Dorothy Aspland of Fertile and Mrs. Casper Olson of Thompson.

Due to new regulations that go into effect May 1 on underground tanks we have decided to close our pumps. Harold will continue to operate his tank wagon service as he has for 31 years.

We have enjoyed being in business and meeting so many great people. Some have been our customers for 30 years and seem like family. We will greatly miss all the young people we have been able to talk to thru the years. Many had their first job here on Saturdays and during the summer. We hope they will still stop to see us.

Thank you to all our station customers for the past many years.

Harold and Ruth Ouverson

Coming Soon!

A Sunday Brunch at the Community Center on May 15 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. All proceeds go to the Community Center.

Adults are \$4.00 and children ten and under are \$2.50.

The menu includes egg casserole with meat, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit bowl, juice, and coffee.

Join the fun of visiting with friends and neighbors before church.

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Remembering Buxton

A slide show, "Remembering Buxton", will be held at the Worth County Historical Society's meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 8:00 p.m. at the Joice Public Library. The public is invited to attend for no charge.

Buxton, a unique part of our Iowa heritage, was one of more than one hundred coal towns in Southern Iowa in the early 1900's. It is now gone but many who lived there as children remember it as utopia. Half the townspeople were black and half were white. The two races apparently lived together in an atmosphere of tolerance and harmony.

The film was prepared by Dorothy Schwieder, Associate Professor of History, and Elmer Schwieder, Professor of Family Environment, at Iowa State University.

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The above children are the \$5 and the \$1 winners in the Easter Egg Hunt.

